

who have come to me as inquirers are still unsaved ; but many others have felt the power of God's truth, and obviously yielded to his claims ; some have shown it in peaceful or triumphant death-beds ; others are daily exhibiting it in their lives ; a large proportion of the active, growing and most esteemed part of the present membership of this church have been brought into it under my ministry. My experience here, as elsewhere, has convinced me that the salvation of no one is to be regarded as hopeless, and that the plain forcible presentation of Gospel truth, is God's chosen instrumentality for saving men and fitting them for heaven. If any person is here to-night, impenitent, unsaved, without hope, the reason is not in God but in themselves.

3. A third conviction, equally clear and deep, which has largely influenced my public and private teaching, is that faith without works is dead and utterly worthless. Hence I have preached the moral law as the christian's rule of life, and insisted upon the culture and manifestation of a Christ-like character and disposition, as the only reliable evidence of regeneration and discipleship. Religion is neither a dogma, a form, nor a feeling, but a life,—a life devoted to God's glory and governed by his precepts. The Bible requires that believers should manifest their faith by a separation from the world, and a consecration to those objects for which our Lord came from heaven to earth. The fruit of faith is holiness, whereof the end is immortal life. As a fact, Christ's true disciples have always been separate from the world. Regeneration makes a tremendous difference—changing the motives, directing the current of the thoughts, breaking the power of selfishness, giving tenderness to the heart and the conscience, leading to such views of God's glory and such an impression of Christ's love, that thenceforth man's highest aim is to please not himself, but the Lord that redeemed him. It is by the holiness and