means and opportunities to do good, never did it.  
 “And eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou  
mayest see.”  
 The application of our Lord’s words to those of  
Laodicea was peculiarly close, as wool formed its staple  
commodity, and its eyesalve was in special repute.  
Wetstein has extracted the following words from  
Galen, the well-known writer on medicine—“The best  
ointment of nard was formerly prepared in Laodicea  
alone of all the cities of Asia.”  
 Pride blinded their eyes. Jesus tacitly proposes the  
Holy Spirit, as the great Enlightener. He who had  
anointed the blind man’s eyes with clay, could by His  
Spirit confer spiritual vision. They had lost sight of  
the Saviour’s millennial kingdom, or they would not have  
sought riches: much less would they have boasted of  
that which is an obstacle to entering the kingdom.  
They, too, are justly accused of blindness, who had lost  
sight of that first of all spiritual truths—the creature’s  
dependence for *all* good upon the Great Creator. And  
if this be true of angels unfallen, how much more of man  
the sinner! How can such a one ever stand before  
God, save as the constant receiver and suppliant?  
  
 19. “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous  
therefore and repent!”  
  
 As Jesus loved the angel and Church, they were neither unconverted nor hypocrites.1 He addressed them  
with exhortations, that they might not think their  
case desperate, and so go on in what was evil, with a  
more assured step. This admonition, severe as it was,  
was the effect of love. By sharp words He sought to  
rouse from their sleep. If words were not enough, Jesus  
  
1 “But did not Jesus love the rich young man, and was not he  
lost?” Mark x. 21. That he will not obtain the *kingdom*, is clear.  
But Jesus does not shut him out of *eternal life*.