

the main thing in His system. He found religion a rite ;  
He left it a passion for Himself.'

'What has that to do with the Crucifixion, which always  
seems to me a tragic blunder?'

'By dying He showed how God loves men ; for it is  
a picture in time of God's eternal heart of love. Christ  
might have been a world-ruler, but He chose to die upon  
the Cross. If, then, men gazed steadfastly at this great and  
amazing love must not love be born in their hearts in  
response? Man's gratitude for God's generosity—that is  
Christianity! And this passion of holy love is alone able  
to cast out the devil of impure love.'

'It certainly seems to fit in with human instincts ; as  
I see men in college and elsewhere they seem to me to be  
essentially lovers ; and this is the best thing about them.  
For most are fools and many are deliberately wrong-headed ;  
yet all love.'

'Yet Gaudama said, *Pemato jayati soko*, "from love springs  
sorrow."'

'The two teachings are not so much alike as is often  
made out.'

'Yes, and in the region of the Will too they differ  
profoundly :

I am the captain of my soul,  
I am the master of my fate !

says Buddhism ; but Christianity confesses :

My will is not my own  
Till Thou hast made it Thine ;  
If it would reach a monarch's throne,  
It must its crown resign.

In short, Buddhism reaches a stoic self-mastery ; Chris-  
tianity a passionate self-surrender.'

'Well, if you can convince me that the Buddha's method  
fails, I'll be open to conviction that the claims of Christ are