

GOD'S LOVE.

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I can measure parental love. How broad, how long, and strong, and deep it is! It is a sea—a deep sea, which parents only can fathom. But the love displayed on yonder bloody cross, where God's own Son is perishing for us, no man nor angel has a line to measure. The circumference of the earth, the altitude of the sun, the distance of the planets—these have been determined; but the height, depth, breadth, and length of the love of God pass our knowledge.

Such is the Father against whom all of us have sinned a thousand times! Walk the shore where the ocean sleeps in the summer calm; or, lashed into fury by the winter's tempest, is thundering on her sands: and when you have numbered the drops of her waves, the sand on her rounding beach, you have numbered God's mercies and your sins. Well, therefore, may we go to Him with the contrition of the prodigal in our hearts, and his confession on our lips: "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight." The Spirit of God helping us to go to God, be assured that the father who, seeing his son afar off, ran to meet him, fell on his neck and kissed him, was but an image of Him who, not sparing his own Son, but giving Him up to death that we might live, invites and now awaits our coming.

"GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE."

"You must know, Mr. Lewis, it is a rule in our church that when one brother has been converted he must go and bring another brother; and when a sister has been converted, she must go and bring another sister. That is the way one hundred and fifty of us have been brought from atheism and from Popery to simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." So said a member of one of the struggling Protestant Churches in Paris. And struggling though it is, that church is triumphant because personal service is thus received.

The remarkable spread of Protestantism in South Russia, says a foreign paper, is causing grave consternation among the authorities there, and probably attempts will be made to put it down by violent means. The police are instructed to keep strict watch over all that transpires, and to leave no new method untried to prevent the spread of the Gospel, and to keep the people in ignorance of its truths.

The devil, says Rowland Hill, makes little of sin that he may retain the sinner. God makes much of sin that he may save him.

THE WESTMINSTER QUESTION BOOK for 1888 is a neat little book, in board covers, containing lessen helps for the coming year. To those who have tried it, it does not need any recommendation, those who have not would do well to try it for a year and see how good it is. Sold by Macgregor and Knight, Halifax. Price 15 cents.

An investigation lately made by the Canton of Berne in Switzerland has disclosed the fact that for thirty years or more Berne has been the headquarters of Mormon activity in Europe. A permanent station exists there, in charge of "Bishop" Schoenfield, and missionaries are sent out in all directions.

The *New England Presbyterian* write The Presbytery of Boston is rapidly increasing in strength and importance. We have thirty churches, forty-nine ministers, one hundred and twenty-two elders, forty-two deacons, and 4,129 communicants. The Sabbath-school membership is 3,823.

To be good and to do good are the two objects set before the Christian—to develop a perfect character by rendering a perfect service. True Christian culture leads to and expresses itself in service, while faithful and loving service is the very best means of Christian culture.—*W. Gladden*.

John Newton used to complain in his advancing years that his memory was greatly failing him. There were, however, two things, he remarked on one occasion, which he could not forget: one was, that he was a great sinner; the other, that Jesus Christ was a great Saviour.

I believe that a family lives but half a life until it has sent some of its members as fore-runners into the heavenly world—until those who linger here, can, in thought, cross the river, and fold a transfigured, glorious form, in the embrace of their human love.—*Bridgman*.

"India needs ten thousand missionaries at once." So says Lord Radstock who has lately been investigating the religious condition of India. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers."

The New York Chinese Mission has between 4,600 and 5,000 Celestials in its Sabbath-schools.