

that would cause Him grief or be at all inconsistent with the completest loyalty.

It has been argued whether the apostle meant Christ's love to us or ours to Him. The contention is needless. It is the same sunbeam whether striking the mirror directly or reflected from it to the eye.

Christ's love to us is transforming. A Norwegian lady tells how a little child was brought to her orphanage, so repulsive in its appearance, and loathsome for its sores, that she felt she could not love it. But one day compassion for its motherlessness made her stoop over the wan little face and kiss it. Instantly the most exquisite smile spread over the features, as the consciousness of being loved sank into the heart. From that moment the whole expression of the child became transformed, and it grew to be the jewel of her family.

So the consciousness of Christ's love to us will transfigure us. Only give it time to sink in as you sit at the foot of His cross, and reckon how much He must have loved you, since He dared to die for you, being an enemy and ungodly.—F. B. MEYER.

HIS LAST SERVICE.

McCheyne had been visiting in the fever-stricken district of Dundee. Typhus fever had laid hold of him; but ignorant of the cause of the languor and pain which oppressed him, he had gone to celebrate a marriage, and remained for the entertainment which followed. Some were there who were no friends to his faithful preaching, and thought that his grave manner was due to pietism, and not illness, so one of them said, "See, now, if I cannot tease your minister." So saying she sent a little girl of nine years to Mr. McCheyne with a marriage favour and a bouquet. When the child approached him, he brightened up.

"Will you put this on?" she said.—"Yes, if you will show me how." When it was all arranged, he said, "I have done what you asked me. Will you listen while I tell you a story?" So he began to tell her the sweet story of old. Very soon six other little girls gathered round, and listened with upturned faces while he told them how the Lord Jesus had come down from heaven to earth,

had lived and loved on earth, and then died to save sinners. When he had finished, he laid his hand on the head of each child, and asked God's blessing on her. Soon after he said he felt so ill he must retire. He went home to his bed, and in a few days he was with the Lord. This was his last service.

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