

is death, accepting and enduring the destruction, rather than swerve an iota from the line of right, or cease for a moment from seeking humanity's highest good. "Now," says St. Paul, "my ambition is to be like that; I would fain die as He did in His life and death, bearing and bearing the worst for conscience and duty's sake. I would fain die myself, to my own ease, and comfort, and gain, for charity's sake, as He did in His life of labour and burden, and in His death of sacrifice for us. I would be consecrated after the model of Him, to righteousness and love." And, according to the measure in which we aim and aspire thus to be conformed to the death of Christ, we approach the idea of manhood. This is the all of Christianity, which is the perfection of manliness.

Well! are we, who profess and call ourselves Christians, who pray and pray to be assimilated to the image of the Lord Jesus—are we aiming and aspiring thus, at home and abroad, in society and in the family—to be surrendered always, at whatever expense to ourselves, to the sense of duty and the claims of love, to be ready always to lose everything, to go to ruin, if it must be, sooner than to wrong, and to forget self when others need to be thought of and cared for? No alone are we Christ's; "for if any man have not His spirit he is none of His;" and if you be reaching after and attaining to this, it matters not so much that you believe or disbelieve. Only depend upon it, that the more truly and heartily you can believe in the God and the invisible secrets of Christ's revealing, the more will you be strengthened and inspired to do it, which is what constitutes Him the Redeemer, the Saviour. And let none of us think that we must look out for a greater field, a nobler scope and opportunity in order to do it. Attempt it as you stand, in the calling wherein you are called, in your existing relations and circumstances, in your

household, in your business. There room for it in every lot.

"And sweet the bliss of souls serene,
When they have sworn and steadfast mean,
Counting the cost, in all to copy
Their God, in all themselves deny.
Oh could we learn that sacrifice,
What lights would all around us rise!
How would our hearts with wisdom talk
Along life's lushest, dreariest walk."

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AT HOME.

In the Home Record, Principal Tulloch issues an appeal on behalf of the Church in the Highlands—to supply during the summer and autumn months, preaching and other christian ordinances in remote districts—to assist aged and infirm ministers no longer able to preach themselves, and yet unable from their limited incomes or the poverty of their people to obtain the services of a stated assistant. During last year most valuable help has been afforded in this manner in the parishes of Kildalton in Islay, of Farr in Sutherlandshire, and Walls in Orkney. (2.) To assist in the repair of Parliamentary Churches and Mansees. These churches and mansees have no legal claim on the heritors, and consequently in some cases they have been scandalously neglected. The "committee on the Highlands" gave grants last year towards the repair of the following churches and mansees in the Highlands—Kinloch—spelve in Mull; Ullapool in Ross-shire; Waternish in Skye; and North Ronaldsay in Orkney.

There is also a great lack of Gaelic Students and preachers. Assistantships and missionary stations are often left vacant because no preachers can be got to supply them.

Another correspondent writes as follows: The difficulty of obtaining Gaelic-speaking ministers is now pretty generally recognized. The Royal Bounty and Highland committees cannot even now obtain the men they need as missionaries and assistants; and unless