

THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

One of the most difficult things for our hard hearts to realize is the patient tenderness of Christ towards sinners. In spite of all that the gospel reveals and the Saviour has done, men but very imperfectly appreciate the boundless fullness of that love. And yet our imperfect human nature furnishes us with not a few types that may clarify our visions as we vainly seek to penetrate those unfathomable depths. Some one has said that the tendency of the purest and most disinterested love is always to descend. The affection of a mother goes down toward the dependent child with a patient hovering strength, which neither ingratitude nor forgetfulness can wholly extinguish.

A few years since a wayward boy, an only son, who had been reprimanded for some offence, out of revenge stole a large sum of money from his father's drawer and started with it for California. Although every effort was made by his heart-broken parents to find some clue or trace of the fugitive, their search was unavailing. No tidings came back and the boy was mourned as dead. The heart broken mother lived only a year or two after his departure, and the father too became an invalid and would not be comforted and neither travel nor medicine seemed to promise any hope of cure. One cold December night a telegram, dated at San Francisco, was received by the Postmaster of asking whether a certain person lived there, and stating that a young man had just been arrested for murder and train robbing, and who said that his parents were living in this town. The poor father did not wait for the morning. Dying though he himself was with consumption, no thought for his own life entered his agonized heart. His poor boy was in peril, and by the first train, and as fast as steam could carry him he sped to the rescue. Scarcely alive, he at last entered the courtroom and found the trial already in progress. The meeting of the criminal son with the tender, loving, all-forgiving father, is said to have been affecting beyond description. Lawyers, spectators, judge and jury alike wept like children. But the stern process of the law soon resumed its course. The proof of the son's guilt was overwhelming, and when the terrible word "guilty" fell from the foreman's lips the father, lifting feebly his pale hands, uttered a groan and fell back dead upon the floor!

Such affection as this, patient, long-suffering, inexhaustible, counting no cost, forgiving even the most guilty and dying for the most unworthy, is but a feeble type of the Saviour's love. But it helps us to translate it into the language of our imperfect experience. Would that our hearts could rise to meet it and our spiritual eyes be opened to see it, until our lives should shine with its pure, resplendent, all-transforming light!—Western Rec.

A WORD TO MOTHERS.

Each mother is a historian. She writes not the history of empires or of nations on paper, but she writes her own history on the imperishable mind of her child. That tablet and that history will remain indelible when time shall be no more. That history each mother shall meet again, and read with eternal joy or unutterable grief in the coming ages of eternity. The thought should weigh on the mind of every mother, re-remembering circumstances, prayerful, and faithful in her solemn work of training up her children for heaven and immortality.

The minds of children are very susceptible and easily impressed. A word, a look, a frown, may engrave an impression on the mind of the child which no lapse of time can efface or wash out. You walk along the seashore when the tide is out, and you form characters, or write words or names in the smooth white sand which is spread out so clear and beautiful at your feet, according as your fancy may dictate; but the returning tide shall, in a few hours wash out and efface all that you have written. Not so the lines and characters of truth and error, which your conduct imprints on the mind of your child. There you write impressions for the everlasting good or ill of your child, which neither the floods nor the storms of earth can wash out, nor death's cold fingers erase, nor the slow moving ages of eternity obliterate.

How careful then, should each mother be in her treatment of her child! How prayerful and how serious, and how earnest to write the eternal truths

which shall be his guide and teacher when her voice shall be silent in death, and her lips no longer move in prayer in his behalf, in commending her child to her covenant God.—Phrenological Journal.

OBITUARY.

MR. ANDREW WILES,

Of the Wiles' Settlement, in connection with the Chester Road Mission, died, after a short illness on the 27th July, aged 58 years.

About 12 years ago, he, with some others, moved from Lunenburg Co. to his late place of residence. He was formerly a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, but on coming to this new settlement was deprived of religious privileges, and though he never wholly cast off the fear of God, yet he lived in the neglect of religious duties, and wandered from the Lord. About 18 months since, at some special services, held in that neighbourhood, he was the first one to stand up and declare his purpose to lead a new life. He, in broken language, while the tears coursed copiously down his cheeks, acknowledged his unfaithfulness, and in good earnest he sought the favour of God. At once he began to pray, and though an unlettered man, showed an acquaintance with Scripture which proved that he was an attentive hearer of God's word. The little hymn of "Bliss", sung by us from the Hymnal—

"I am so glad that our Father in Heaven Tells of His love in the Book He has given," with its chorus, "Jesus loves me," was made the means of bringing comfort to him in his deep distress of soul. The words "Jesus loves me" were in his mind day and night, until he attained to peace and confidence. When taken down by his last illness, and informed that he could not live, he was entirely submissive, and was cheered by the hope of heaven. While one of his Christian brethren read to him from the 40th Psalm, he said, "That is my case. The Lord has taken my feet from the horrible pit, has placed me upon the rock, and has put the new song in my mouth." In this confidence and joy he passed away to the heavenly rest. His remains were interred in our own burial ground, and a discourse preached on the occasion by the writer, from Rev. 14, 13, to a large congregation who gave indication of their deep regret at the loss of a neighbour they had reason to respect, and of their sympathy with the sorrowing widow and family. The happy death of this dear brother is enough to repay me for all my toil on this mission.

J. M. M.

August 5th, 1878.

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