

wife," etc., etc., yet "return again unto Me saith the Lord." This and far more than this which we might gather from Scripture, lets us know that not only up to the day of Jeremiah, not only up to the day of the ministry of Jesus, but even to the last when He takes the daughter of Zion to Him again, He will still be able to say, "I remember the kindness of thy youth, the love of espousals." He remembers the affection, the fervour with which He at the first betrothed her to Himself,—and that in its earliest fervency He will win her and claim her and look on her again as His,—re-taking her to Himself in an everlasting covenant.

Happy truth! It is not merely that He is ever faithful to His object, but ever true to that affection in which He first took up His object. "Nothing changeth God's affection." Happy truth indeed! The fruit of it to us eternal and perfect joy.

FRAGMENT.

"And Christ's love rose beyond and above every littleness and stupidity and failure of His disciples. Do you seek to love each other as He did, in such a way that it will rise above every pettiness, every bitterness every hindrance, 'As Christ loved you?' Divine love is never thrown back and never changed by the unworthiness of its object; it is superior to everything. Like a stream whose banks may for some distance be smooth; but when they become crooked and rocky, the same stream runs on and on, unchanged in its course and in its quality; such is His love. 'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.'"