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LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Christ laid peculiar stress on the duty of love. By the most affecting motives of life and death, of hope and fear, he urged the cultivation of this grace. He revealed the great truth that "GOD IS LOVE." Well may the christian say in the language of Bunyan: "Why should anything have my heart but God, but Christ? He loves me with love that passeth knowledge. He loves me, and he shall have me; he loves me. and I will love him; his love stripped him of all for my sake; Lord let my love strip me of all for thy sake. I am a son of love, an object of love, a monument of love, of true love, of distinguishing love, of peculiar love, and of love that passeth knowledge; and why should not I walk in love? in love to God, in love to man, in holy love, in love unfeigned?"

Christ knew the heart of man, and how hard it would be to learn this lesson and act upon it; and hence, on that dreary night when he was betrayed, he repeated with earnest emphasis this precious command. It is our dying Saviour's latest wish, it is our living Saviour's highest law, that we should love one another. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Let the rich help the poor, and the poor pray for the rich. Let the sick be tenderly cared for by those who are in health. Wipe away the mourner's tears. Counsel the young, instruct the ignorant; be gentle, courteous and true to all. O, if the word and spirit of our Lord dwelt richly in our hearts how rare would be divisions, wranglings, party troubles in the Church!

God forgive us all our want of love! If thy brother has offended thee seventy times seven freely forgive him, as you expect God to forgive you. "As my Father hath loved me so have I loved you; continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love: even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you."

The want of this brotherly love has done infinite injury to the Church. Hate and bitterness and jealousy have often taken the place of that blessed Divine flame, and the consequences have been wars and murders and cruel persecutions in the name of the loving Jesus! We should ever remember that all christians have the same Father, the same precious Saviour, the same Holy Spirit dwelling in them: and if we do not love our brethren it is a sad proof that we do not love God. The surest way to increase our love to our brethren in the Lord is *to do them good*. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

HEATHEN DANCES.

BY REV. D. MORRISON.

On the last Saturday of January I went to Pango to preach. It was the feasting time of the heathen party. On approaching the village I heard "music and dancing." I stepped aside for a few minutes in order to see for myself a heathen dance.

The dancing ground was a level circular spot about thirty yards in diameter. It was