

THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

(Written for The Church Guardian.)

THE LORD MOST HIGH was once most low. To the earth from Heaven He came. Was it to let His vengeance flow, And wrap the world in burning flame? On sinful man just wrath to pour, And punish guilt for evermore? Ah, no! for love of man alone, Though Lord of all, He left His throne. He came to heal the wounded breast, To give to man eternal rest, To wipe the tears from every brow, To save the guilty. If guilty thou, And all unconscious still thou art,— No grief for sin within thine heart,— Then God is angry, and the sword, Unsheathed, awaits the Judge's word. Whither, for refuge, canst thou flee? Behold the Cross of Calvary! There Jesus bled, the lost to save, There quelled the might of Death, and Grave; And by His pure all-cleansing blood, Bought pardon, peace—the peace of God. And dost thou pause? Shall Hell prevail? And can a loving Saviour fail? What hast thou here? How vain each day! A life that soon shall pass away; A restless spirit, like the wave, When driven as the storm-winds rave; Delusive hopes, that charm, and vanish; A still, small voice thou canst not banish; A dread that tells thee thou must die, And warns thee of Eternity. Fear'st thou repulse? Thy fears are vain; For love of thee was Jesus slain. He knocks, entreating at thy door: "Open to Me!" He asks no more. Close fast thy door; His call refuse, And life eternal thou must lose; But greet Him as a welcome guest, And thou shalt be forever blest. Still, Mercy calls thee to His throne, The day of grace is still thine own; To Him thy willing heart resign, And life eternal will be thine.

A PRESBYTER OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Children's Department.

LITTLE SCOTCH GRANITE.

Did you ever have a bit of cloth that you thought clean until sometime it happened to be laid close by a new piece, and then you saw it to be soiled? In a similar way people discover facts about themselves sometimes, as Burt and Johnnie Lee did when their Scotch cousin came to live with them. They were "pretty good boys," and would have been very angry if anybody had called them deceitful.

Well, when their cousin came, they were delighted. He was little, but very bright and full of fun. He could tell curious things about his home in Scotland, and his voyage across the ocean. He was as far advanced in his studies as they were, and the first day he went to school they thought him remarkably good. He wasted no time in play when he should have been studying, and he recited finely. At night, before the close of school, the teacher called a roll, and the boys began to answer "Ten." When Willie understood that he was to say "ten" if he had not whispered during the day, he replied,—

"I have whispered."  
 "More than once?" asked the teacher.  
 "Yes, sir," answered Willie.  
 "As many as ten times?"  
 "Maybe I have," faltered Willie.  
 "Then I shall mark you 'zero,' said the teacher sternly, "and that is a great disgrace."  
 "Why, I did not see you whisper once," said Johnnie that night after school.  
 "Well, I did," said Willie. "I saw others doing it, and so I asked to borrow a book; then I lent a slate pencil, and asked a boy for a knife, and did several such things. I supposed it was allowed."  
 "Oh! we all do it," said Burt, reddening.  
 "There isn't any sense in the old rule, and nobody could keep it; nobody does."  
 "I will, or else I will say I haven't," said Willie. "Do you suppose I would tell ten lies all in one heap?"

"Oh! we don't call them lies," muttered Johnnie. "There wouldn't be a credit among us at night, if we were so strict."

"What of that, if you told the truth?" laughed Willie, bravely.

In a short time the boys all saw how it was with him. He studied very hard, played with all his might in play-time, but, according to his own account, he lost more credits than any of the rest. After some weeks the boys answered "nine" and "eight" oftener than they used to; yet the schoolroom seemed to have grown much quieter.

Sometimes, when Willie Grant's mark was even lower than usual, the teacher would smile peculiarly, but said no more of "disgrace." Willie never preached at them, or told tales, but somehow it made the boys ashamed of themselves, just the seeing that this sturdy, blue-eyed Scotch boy must tell the truth. It was putting the clean cloth like the half-soiled one, you see; and they felt like cheats and "story-tellers." They loved him, if they did nick-name him "Scotch Granite," he was so firm about a promise.

Well, at the end of the term Willie's name was very low down in the credit-list. When it was read, he had hard work not to cry, for he was very sensitive, and he had tried hard to be perfect. But the last thing that day was a speech from the teacher, who told of once seeing a man muffled up in a cloak. He was passing him without a look, when he was told the man was Gen. —, the great hero.

"The signs of his rank were hidden, but the hero was there just the same," said the teacher. "And now, boys, you will see what I mean when I tell you that I want to give a little gold medal to the most faithful boy,—the one really the most conscientious; 'perfect in his deportment' among you. Who shall have it?"

"Little Scotch Granite!" shouted forty boys at once; for the child whose name was so "low" on the credit-list had made truth noble in their eyes.—*Sunday School Visitor.*

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