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God. If you want to know, Paul says, why I am willing to cross deserts and endure hardships, why I carry upon my back the ghastly scars made by the thong held by the Roman soldier, and why it is that my face is all seamed and there are welts on it, I will tell you what it is, (14th.) 'For the love of Christ constraineth me.' I could not help myself. No credit to myself for it. 'When I get thinking of what Christ has done for me,' says Paul, 'The love of Christ constraineth me.' Let me remind you that that word "constrain" is translated very curiously elsewhere. It will help you, to notice some of the other translations of it. In Matt. 4: 24; Luke 4: 38; and Luke 7: 37, exactly the same word in the original is translated as 'taken.' The people were taken with diseases. Simon's wife's mother was taken with fever. The people were taken with a great fear. Paul was taken by the love of Christ. It had complete possession of him. So in Luke 8: 45, the word is translated "thronged." "The multitude throng thee." Paul was thronged with the thoughts and manifestations of Christ's love to him. He was crowded about with it.

In Luke 12: 50 the same word is translated "straitened." Paul was straitened—hemmed in by Christ's love. He was in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart. I have that desire, and it presses me all the time, says Paul. In Luke 19: 43 it is translated "kept in." The love of Christ is a guard around me. It is always besieging me. I can't look this way or that, without seeing the love of Christ. It is about me, mightier than the thunder of the cannon, or the gleam of the bayonet, than the charge of the infantry. If you had the love of Christ keeping you in, you would do as Paul did—you could not help it. In Luke 22: 63 it is translated "held." "The multitude held Jesus, and mocked Him." Paul was not afraid because the love of Christ held him. Just as the babe held in its mother's arms is not afraid. Will the love of Christ that holds us let us go? No; it is going to hold us to the end. The same word is rendered "stopped." Acts 7: 39; "sick of," Acts 28: 8. Sick of love—love-sick. So much love as to overpower us. Paul says, 'I am sick of the love of Christ.' It is so strong as to actually make him love-sick. How strong the love of Christ is! May we all have it and realize it."

FIRST DAY.—MORNING.

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IT has been a very marked feature of these conferences for many years past, that we have always sought to recognize the pres