

by constant intercourse. And now you have got to love them so that you would give your very life for their sakes. You have come to believe in them so that you would fearlessly trust your all in their keeping. Thus too you must learn to love and trust Jesus Christ. There is only one rule for learning to love and trust anybody, God or man—by learning to know them. Therefore, pray that you may really know Him as you know your nearest and dearest. Study the Bible, and especially the Gospels—not merely to understand doctrines, and explain prophecies, and be wise in religious theories, but to understand God, to get yourself into touch with the great heart of Jesus Christ, for, oh! I think it only needs the real knowledge of that heart to “draw all men unto Him.”

IV

Just one thought in conclusion. Does the perplexing question sometimes rise within you, even though you shrink from putting it into words, “How can that depth of sympathy exist without bringing us relief from all our trouble? Sorrow and pain and disease and death are creeping into our homes and almost breaking our hearts; and He rebukes them not. Some of us have hard, troubled, fretted lives; some of us have secret troubles that we dare not tell to any man. Even poor earthly