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WHICH IS THE WAY?

It is now more than twenty years ago since the following occurrence took place:—

A young man, of good connection and property, who had spent his youth much in the manner in which the butterfly passes its brief existence in the summer sunshine, and amidst the flowers, had been brought to consider that great question to which no answer can be given:—"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The consideration of this question, by the grace of God, brought him as a penitent believer to the cross of Christ, and led him to a new life: he lived thenceforth not unto himself, nor for a world the fashion of which passeth away, but unto God; and he presented his life a sacrifice unto Him who had redeemed him by His blood. He took every means which presented itself of leading others to the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord, striving to fulfil his own vocation and ministry in the church of God.

One evening, as he was slowly riding along a retired country-road, he heard the sound of wheels behind him, and presently a traveller in a gig drove up, drew in his horses, and asked if he could tell him which was the way to a country town at some little distance. The road happened to be rather intricate from the point which they then were; but about two miles off it became plain, and sign-posts afterwards indicated it clearly. The young man, therefore, having explained the intricacy of the route to the traveller, said, as he himself was merely riding for exercise, he would willingly accompany him so far on his road. The kindness of the traveller, and of the manner in which it was made, pleased the young