

human heart,—but his hearers remained in full alienation from God, for Christ through whose blood the sinner is pardoned, was scarcely ever spoken of. The rustics in the parish of Kilmany, were entranced by the eloquence of the young preacher, but neither changed nor reformed. At length, after being brought to the confines of the grave, he came back to life a changed man, feeling how empty all his past years had been for God. His opinions became thoroughly revolutionized. His former theology and preaching he denounced, as one-sided and worthless : and from the burning lips and fire-touched tongue of the new evangelist, there was heard the cry in every sermon, "Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world." Did you feel anything particularly in church to-day—said a young man to a companion, after hearing Chalmers preach on the text, "God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"? I never felt myself to be a lost sinner till to-day, when I was listening to that sermon." "It is very strange, said his companion,—it was just the same with me." Now, instead of polished essays, or the amiabilities and proprieties of life, he preached the doctrine of original depravity, guilt, retribution and a judgment to come, and instead of the wondering, sluggish, passive multitudes that formerly hung upon his lips, he found awakenings and conversions : reformation in morals, and a turning from death unto life. It is ever so, the preaching of smooth things, only leads to continuance in wickedness, and never produces change of heart.

From your delicate, refined, effeminate and ornamental preachers, who toy and trifle with the solemn threatenings of scripture, it is refreshing to meet with earnest simple-minded men of God, who preach the gospel in its entirety. They may not in all cases have had the full advantages of theological training, nor give to their discourses the lavish profusion, that characterises scholars, nor have the pomp and pageantry and authority of Ecclesiastical appointments, but they have what is far better, a firm hold of the simple gospel,