

rent garments and bursting wineskins ; of eggs and serpents ; of pearls and pieces of money ; of nets and fish. Wine and wheat ; corn and oil ; stewards and gardeners ; labourers and employers ; kings and shepherds ; travellers and fathers of families ; courtiers in soft clothing, and brides in nuptial robes,—all these are found in his discourses. He knew all life, and had gazed on it with a kindly, as well as a kingly glance. He could sympathise with its joys, no less than he could heal its sorrows : and the eyes that were so often suffused with tears as they saw the sufferings of earth's mourners beside the bed of death, had shone also with a kindlier glow as they watched the games of earth's happy little ones in the green fields and busy streets.”—FARRAR'S LIFE OF CHRIST, p. 126.

Alas ! how much preaching done in his name, and ostensibly on his behalf, has perverted the simplicity and purity of his words ; and instead of opening up, has often sealed the fountain of living water. What a profound, practical lesson we have here for ministers of the Gospel, whose work it is to open up the Scriptures, and make disclosures of the hidden treasures of his grace. Ministers must learn to be more practical, more simple, more natural, and come nearer to the hearts of the people, and speak so that every one may hear in his own tongue the wonderful works of God. As Jesus was everywhere and always a witness unto the truth, so must ministers learn to preach him, and to lift up the Son of Man as the only object of faith, so that no man may be seen but Jesus only.

5. *He carried the morality of an action from the outward act, to the hidden motive or secret purpose that prompted it.* “Son, give me thine heart.” “Thou desirest