

"Milton's Conversion," Milton, the newcomer in Drumtochty, is highly incensed at both preachers—at Dr. Davidson because he preaches morality, for Milton was one of those poor unfortunates who follow Agricola and Amsdorf and everlastingly harp on Rom. 6: 14: "Ye are not under the law, but under grace," understanding by that that the Christian is as free from the moral law as the devil. Milton, like other pious Christians who hold this view, always succeeded in living up to his creed. The man, as is the rule in such cases, was just as good as his creed. He was also incensed at young Carmichael, of the Free Kirk, because that young and ardent preacher proclaimed that all men were God's children, and that God was trying to do the best He could with every man. This shows clearly the direction in which Dr. Watson's sympathies run. His view is, that God is not merely the Father of the regenerate, but that He is the Father of all men—the Father of the race. No special Fatherhood for Him, but Fatherhood wide as the love of God's heart; Fatherhood wide as the needs of a suffering, sinful, dying race. Dr. Watson says: "People with dogmatic ends to serve, have striven to believe that Jesus reserved Father for the use of His disciples; but an ingenuous person could hardly make that discovery in the Gospels." He declares that the doctrine that God is the Father of the elect only is an old doctrine, as old as the Pharisees of Christ's time. Again, speaking of Christ, he says: "In the parable of the Prodigal Son He defined the range of the Divine Fatherhood beyond reasonable dispute." Of the Prodigal he says: "With emphasis, it declared that sinner a son of God." "If he had not been a son from home, there had been no home for his return." "The possibility of salvation lies in sonship." "If," he says, "Jesus did not teach a divine Fatherhood embracing the race, then he used words to conceal thought, and one despairs of ever understanding our Master." Nevertheless, this Father is not "a God too weak to rule, too soft-hearted to punish." "The Father of the Sermon on the Mount is not less awful than the God of the Ten Words," yet His sovereignty is not that