

is as sure a guide to God's treasure house as a head filled with logic, perhaps surer. We may often place more reliance on the impulse of the contrite heart than on the dictate of reason. There are spiritual truths which reason rejects, or at most wonders at, but which the heart gladly appreciates and appropriates. You can never reason your way up to the atonement; but the human heart arrives at it with a single bound. Perhaps because the heart is more susceptible to defilement, God has so ordered that it should be more susceptible also to those spiritual agencies and influences by which the defilement is removed. It may often be true that spiritual things are intellectually discerned, but exceptions do and will occur. We feel, however, that that Scripture is true which says that spiritual things are "spiritually discerned." An idler might have been near the tomb that day without having the sight which Mary had. A man who was suffering from "pride of intellect" would never have started on the search, at least until news had been brought him that there was a startling phenomenon in the shape of an empty tomb. But the simple-minded Magdalene goes out in obedience to the diviner instinct of a loving heart and she finds the risen Saviour, the blessed Master. And if her love cannot be given sole credit for establishing her belief in her Lord's resurrection it at least led her to the point at which she would accept the outward facts which attested the resurrection; and it led her also to the place where those facts could be obtained. And this was and is always important. For that Easter morn brought with it events such as the human understanding had never before accepted, nor perhaps, considered. Had Mary fallen back on rules of logic, or on bare human reason, she might never have brought the hasty message to the other disciples that the Lord had risen. But her mind was under the subduing influence of her heart. Heart helped to furnish the material from which her conclusions were drawn. We may even say that heart and mind had been brought into sympathy with each other, so that when heart longed for more of Jesus' companionship and wandered forth