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tor to confirm my words. You were too real, too simple, for the standards. You were like the spring, clear to the depths, with the white sands below, bubbling up in purest water."

"The captain has struck the truth, Parson. I'm afraid I'll have to report you to the church board, when we get home. What do you say?" asked the doctor.

"Doctor, you know I want to be true to my church," the minister answered.

"I want to be true to my life," protested the doctor.

"And that is just what you were to-day, Parson, and made us feel we ought to be. How real you made Jesus, when you said he was the 'most human of us all,' 'the revelation of the spiritual richness of mankind'! Why, you made one feel that Jesus could be and was a real example and an inspiration to the weakest, frailest human being. You did not picture him as a warrior, clad in perfect armor, sent to fight a great battle, while we were sent into the