

risk a heaver. You took advantage of him. You believed that the whole profits, fairly divided, would leave him a share and you a share. You saw a chance of getting his share for yourself, and you seized it. It was not fair. It was not brotherly. It was not after the will of God. All the mercantile maxims in the world will not consecrate it.

You have deprived the labourer of his hire. You have denied your brother his equal rights. Had you done your duty, two hearts would have been the better. By foregoing this opportunity of excessive gain your own heart would have gathered fresh strength to do justly and love mercy; by seeing your consideration your neighbor's heart would have gained fresh esteem for his fellow-men and fresh courage for his struggle. But now two hearts are worse. Yours in contracting around its ill-gotten profits; his is soured and distrustful. "Hearts," you say, "what have I to do with hearts? Hearts are neither pounds, shillings, nor pence." Very true; they are not; and, if all our arguments lie within those three columns, I have no chance of convincing you. But you will soon be in a world where there are neither pounds, shillings, nor pence.

"Ah! but I don't understand that; it is too transcendental for me; I do understand minding my own interests; that is a motive one feels; if I tried to live by the other motive, it would be only sham; I must be content to say, 'My business is to do what I can for myself.'" Yes, that is true. You may feel content to say it; or, whether you say it or not, you must be content to live by it, so long as you have within you the heart which dictates such things. What do you know about being a child of God, and feeling like a child of God, and looking upon gains and duties with the eye of a child of God and trusting your own interests to the Heavenly Father with the faith of a child of God? You! Why, you live to buy and sell, and get gain. You desire nothing better. You dream of nothing nobler.

"The multiplication table is your creed."

You do not cheat or steal; you know better. That would be the way to lose, not gain. It would not serve in the long run. That is your chief objection to it. It would be short-sighted selfishness. Then, yours is short-sighted selfishness; it will not answer in the long run. It may serve your turn to-day, but look before you. You are not a machine constructed to catch money; you are made for something else. You have another life to live,—a life where wealth is not reckoned in coins, but in the commendation of God.

"But I do not understand these high views of business life; I only understand business to be doing the best I can for myself." Of course you do not understand them. That is just what I said. And you will never understand them while you keep that heart unchanged. If you profess to understand them with that heart, it will be a miserable mistake, or a more miserable hypocrisy. No, no! to understand God's ways, you must be God's child. To see the divine side of things you must be born from above, born again, made another being; must pass through a change as great for your soul as the change is to an infant when it is ushered forth from dark existence into bright and breathing life. You must have a new heart, a heart created by the Holy Spirit in God's image; a heart that loves much, because