

sighted some secret unspoken purpose of the heart; so Christ, as he is portrayed to us in the Gospels, should be watched very closely as regards even the *details* of His life by those who would be taught aright. These who thus lovingly pause and studiously yet reverently examine into the divine credentials, are never long in being convinced that Jesus was unquestionably the Son of the Highest.

In illustration of the statement that Christ's simplest acts were often pregnant with very weighty meaning, suppose attention be concentrated for a little upon some of the Looks which used to shoot so significantly at times out of the Saviour's grave clear penetrating eyes. This study may seem at first sight to be one which does not promise large reward to the inquirer; but here, as elsewhere, first impressions are exceedingly erroneous. In the days of His flesh, Christ's looks never failed to speak to those upon whom for the moment they rested; and I think we shall discover that to the eye of faith to-day those same searching glances continue to convey the same seasonable message of interrogation or reproof or heavenly benediction.

I.—THE MERELY EMBARRASSING LOOK.

Recall, as a first example, that Look of Christ with which He was certain to *trouble* the beholder. This Look assuredly rested, many many times, upon the twelve original disciples. Every school boy knows what it is to be sitting decorously at his desk, and (without glancing up) to feel that the eyes of his teacher are steadily fixed upon him. And that look, after a moment or two's duration, begins undeniably to trouble him. If he has been guilty of some conscious indiscretion, probably his sense of discomfort will only be a foretaste of the keener bitterness yet to be experienced; but the case supposed is one in which the subject of this anxiety is not aware that he has done anything particularly blame-worthy. Nevertheless, he cannot but be concerned because that look continues to be directed towards him: he very sincerely longs for the time when it will be removed.

And in the school-house of this world, the eye of the great Divine Teacher very frequently rests upon individual pupils: and those who have placed themselves under His instruction,—many of them at least,—are not a little troubled in consequence. They feel conscious,—certain beyond all possibility of denial,—that they are never alone; that the embarrassing gaze of the Almighty One is incess-