

enough to go to the brokenhearted in their hours of darkness and despair, for his it is, of all the sons of men, to bind up the broken heart.

A Man With a Tender Heart

The minister of the twentieth century must be a man with a tender heart as well as a strong and brave man, for his duties will oftentimes call him from the heated contest to the bedside of the sick or dying, and the ideal man will know how to be as gentle with the sufferer as he is stern with the robber of widows and orphans. He will know how to be as tender with the erring but repentant, as he is severe in the denunciation of sin. The world will admire the man like Luther, who said, "Though every tile in Worms were a devil, I would go." But the blessing of those who are ready to perish will ever belong to the man who knows how to speak the name of Jesus in just the right kind of whisper, the while a soul passes the portal from life to life.

Nor is it unusual for men to have the grace to be big enough equally to fit the fight and the sick chamber. Doctor John Clifford, sometimes known as "the fire-brand," is literally a living benediction in the house of pain or sorrow. One said of him, "It is worth while being sick to have the pastor come the way he does." The man of the clenched fist can also be the man of the tender touch.