

men to God, not because it is our calling, but because we wish their truest well-being. A cheerfulness of Christian demeanour is therefore all-essential, such a cheerfulness as shall convey to others the undoubted persuasion that we are ourselves possessed of inward happiness, that we have succeeded in obtaining that joy and peace in believing, which we do not hesitate to recommend from our own experience. The influence of such an habitual serenity, in winning and attracting the weary and heavy laden, we can scarcely overrate.

And take the heart in other scenes of parochial life. How common the case of the burdened conscience, bowed down under the weight of depression, yet unable to find rest in God! This in many different forms, resulting at times from intellectual doubts, at others from the remembrance of cherished sin, now from the temptations of our great adversary, and then, it may be, from the temporary hidings of God's face; how difficult to discern each separate case, and distinguish by subtle analysis the cause and the appropriate cure! Yet here, the heart that has known its own bitterness, its own besetting sin,

endure to be held up to and judged by the sunlight,' gave first its ethical signification of sincere, truthful, or, as we sometimes say, transparent, can we deny to him the poet's feeling and eye?" Carry up the idea to Him "whose eyes are as a flame of fire, whose countenance is as the sun shining in his strength," and "what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness?"