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## CHRIST'S FIRST MIRACLE.

Many persons tell us, when we point them to Christ as their great exemplar, that they can find nothing in his life which applies to their case. The narrative is, they think, too general to afford any suggestions or examples of the morality of the *little* practical affairs of every day life. But if the history of our Saviour is concise, it is remarkably suggestive, and a little attention will frequently enable us to discover in it valuable practical truths, unseen by the careless and hasty reader. This may be an apology for presenting the following sketch of Christ's first miracle. The account will be found in the second chapter of St. John's Gospel.

The occasion is a day of festivity. Christ came to bless and lighten the joys as well as to heal the sorrows of life. Our social affections are to be ranked among God's most precious gifts. How precious the thought that oftentimes social intercourse is the means of utter forgetfulness of all that is noble and eternal in life's destiny. How often do we find the conversation, the amusement, in fact everything connected with a social party, so vain and frivolous that in such a scene the holy Son of God never could have joined. It need not be so. The most joyous scenes of life may be blessed and honoured by the presence and approbation of our Redeemer.

The character of the guests invites remark. We are acquainted with none except Jesus, his disciples, and his mother. Christ was at this time more than thirty years of age. He had not yet displayed his miraculous powers, but his moral and intellectual character could not have been all this time unknown. His life had been holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. He had never joined in the revelry and folly of youth. Why then did the parties concerned seek his company? Certainly not because he was the gay man of the hour. Nor yet could it be on account of his celebrity. But may we