

usual, until 'Dot-and-go-one' descended the pulpit stairs, and came down his aisle. Then rising, and shaking hands with his new minister in the most cordial manner, he said:

"Thank you, Sir; thank you, Sir, for your most excellent sermon: you have given us a most admirable discourse."

"Yes, I have," said 'Dot-and-go-one.'

"You have indeed, Sir. We seldom get such preaching here. It will throw new life into this place."

"So it will," said 'Dot-and-go-one.'

"It will indeed, Sir. I could have wished, however, and, I am sure you will excuse my saying so—that you had been a little shorter. You see, our people here are a very poor and plain people, and they are apt to get wearied, if they sit too long in a place of worship. The wise man himself says, that 'much study is a weariness of the flesh.'

"So he does," said 'Dot-and-go-one,' nodding his head, as he assented to the correctness of the quotation.

"Just so," replied the critic. 'And though I do not speak on my own account—for it is always a great treat to me to listen to an intellectual discourse, like the one you have just given us—yet, I am sure, you must agree with me that it is better, far better, not to weary people in a place of worship. Now, I think that you might, with great advantage, have omitted the third part of your discourse; which, to tell you the truth, was a little above the comprehension of our people, and might, perhaps, give them the impression that you were rather trying to show them how much you knew, than to edify them. Less argument in the body of your sermon, and more force in its application, would have made it much more effective. You will excuse my plain speaking. I always think it better to let a man know my mind, even though it should sometimes not be very pleasant to speak. But you will not be offended with me for saying what I have said, will you?'

"Offended with you, my dear?" said 'Dot-and-go-one.' 'Offended with you! No; I pity you, my dear! I know you have got a soft place *here*'—touching the fault-finder on his forehead—'and I pity you from the bottom of my heart,' saying which he limped away.

"The critic was silenced, and gave no more trouble."

CHANGE OF HEART.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit also will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh."—EZEK. xxxvi. 26.

If my watch is not going well and I go to the town clock and with my key make the hands point the same as the clock, it would do no good, the hands would soon be wrong. I must take it to the watch-maker and he must put the heart of the watch right—the main spring—then the hands will go right. So, if we go to the Lord and receive a new heart, our hands, feet, words will all be right.—*Monthly Cabinet.*