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UNDER THE FIG-TREE

"When thou wast under the fig-tree I saw thee."—
John i. 48.

"WHEN thou wast under the fig-tree I saw thee." But was there any special significance in this? There must have been something of very deep significance, for it inspired Nathaniel to an outburst of joyful faith: "Thou art the Son of God." Perhaps there was something in the tone in which the words were spoken; for revelations are not always contained in the literal words, they are often found in the way in which they are spoken. It is possible to say to a sorrowful and mourning widow, "I saw you," and the words will suggest nothing more than bare recognition; and one may use the same phrase and it would be weighted with warm and helpful sympathy. There was surely something in the tone of the Master which called forth the exuberant response of Nathaniel's heart. But there was more than this. "Under the fig-tree," was a phrase which