**Can the blind lead the blind?]**

See this in quite another connexion, Matt. xv. 14, where Peter answers,  
*“Declare unto us this parable”* —meaning  
apparently *the last uttered words,* which  
the Lord however explains not specifically,  
but by entering into the whole matter. I  
believe this *parable* to have been one of  
the usual and familiar sayings of our Lord.

**40.**] See above. **perfect,** i.e. **fully  
instrueted—perfect,** in the sense of ‘well-  
conditioned,’ knowing what is his duty,  
and consistently endeavouring to do it.

**41.**] Some have imagined a break in  
the sense here, and a return to Matt. vii.  
3 f.;—but the whole is in the strictest connexion; see above.

**43.**] The corrupt fruit answers to the *“beam in the eye.”* if thy *life is evil,* it is in the vain to pretend to *teach others.*

**45.**]Again, the closest connexion of sense and argument ;  
nor, as some say, is this verse put here  
because of the similarity of the preceding  
verses to Matt. xii. 33 reminding the compiler of ver. 35 there. Do these expositors suppose that our Lord *only once spoke  
each of these central* sayings and with  
*only one reference.?*

**46—48.**] The connexion goes on here also—and our Lord  
descends into the closest personal searching of the life and heart, and gives His judicial declaration of the end of the hypocrite, whether teacher or private Christian ;—see notes on Matthew.

**48.**]**digged,** **and went deep**—not merely as in A. V.,  
*“digged deep,”* but, as Bengel observes,  
the description grows as it proceeds: he