

phrasis to that department of God's providential rule which he finds is shut out from the notice of the pulpit? Have we not here some explanation of his famous reply to the Scottish clergymen? And if the press, feeling and speaking in Lord Palmerston's spirit, should ironically declare miracles necessary to roast coffee, or land stores, may we not see just the working of the same influence. The religion of the pulpit systematically shuts out the palpable human neglects, which contribute to the national calamity as things "common and unclean;" and the press, true to the great instincts of common sense, and a comprehensive Christianity, declares that nothing in the world which affects the well-being of men and nations ought to be thus treated as "common and unclean." The tendency of the pulpit teaching is to dis sever the First Cause from all other causes, which is virtual negation of the true doctrine of a Divine Providence. The tendency of the press teaching is to dis sever the immediate and instrumental cause from the prior, or at least from the Prime Cause — thus, by another extreme, denying the true doctrine of a Divine Providence. We believe that the pulpit has been unfaithful in not covering the whole ground, and including in its review all the causes which fell within its observation. God rules over all, and where one messenger, or ministry of his Providence, becomes timid and faithless, even out of the stones can he raise up others which will be faithful and bold. He rules over all, Lord of the press as well as of the pulpit, and we may divine the working of his providential rule in raising up the press to supplement, in such cases as we have just referred to, the deficiencies of the pulpit.

The narrowness and partiality exhibited on both sides is, indeed, to be deplored, and where there is actual profanity in the newspaper press the pernicious influence is great, and greatly to be lamented. But even here we must not close our eyes to the provocations of the pulpit. There is a class of preachers who do not hesitate to re-