

ples of his life and teaching, and constructs in his imagination the world in which Isaiah lived, the social system of his time, the political intrigues, the foreign alliances and complications of the nation. Having taken himself back to that distant period and lived with the prophet and his contemporaries, he takes him and his country and times into Canada and the nineteenth century, and teaches the old lessons in new form to a new people. In the teachings of the prophet he has discovered principles which are still operating. They may manifest themselves in different forms, it is true, but the principles are the same. He has determined how the truth of Isaiah is applicable to the present day and he has discovered the great lessons he is teaching to every age. So far as his capacity has permitted him, he has become Isaiah for the time being, the ideal Isaiah which he has conceived through study and meditation. Such a man is a student. While he thus studies he reads, reads books that need not be read more than once, such as the contemporary history of Assyria and Egypt and the other nations referred to by Isaiah. He in this way gathers round his knowledge details with which to fill in the somewhat hard lines of his picture with color and beauty. The skeleton begins to breathe with life. Such methods take time and hard work, but the difficult is usually the profitable, and how can one employ one's time better than in seizing and appropriating the great principles of human existence.

Again, you want to study the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the Atonement, the Future Life, or some other doctrine of the church. You should not forget that you have the same source from which all men have drawn, the Bible and personal experience. You want to know what the Bible teaches on this subject. From your own personal study of the Bible you come to conclusions that are satisfactory to you as being the views presented in Scripture. Your mind becomes so permeated with the subject that it forms a part of your thinking, becomes a part of your make-up. You will at any time be able to pass an examination, or deliver a series of lectures upon it, not lectures which