

It has been foretold that during the absence of the Christ, the church would repudiate sound doctrine; that teachers would be exalted in the church who would deny the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and turn the people away from the truth.

That time is upon us now.

Men stand in our pulpits who deny every fundamental doctrine. Every day three hundred thousand students in our colleges and institutions of learning are taught the unsacredness of sacred things. A leading professor in a college who is still a professed minister of Christ, scouts the idea that God wrote the law on tables of stone and, with an attempt at witicism, declared that God never was a stonemason at all. In our theological colleges ministers of Christ deny the virgin birth, the sacrificial death of the cross, while the doctrine of the literal resurrection of the body is laughed out of court.

To-day there is a noisy, if not a strong, body of men in the church who, in the name of advanced scholarship, are seeking to set the church with its back to the hereafter, to everything supernatural, and to make it a merely social, ethical and time factor.

Side by side with this doctrinal down-grade, it was foretold that the church, professed Christians, should be "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God," and that they should have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."