

must keep to reliable data and solid truth. We must not air unfledged theories, vague speculations and wild conjectures when men are looking to us for the bread of life. This does not imply that we should not study and criticise, that there should not be on our part the most unfettered freedom of thought and inquiry on Biblical questions; but we must avoid, on the one hand, the temptation to win popularity and be thought scholarly by flaunting new ideas, posing as advanced thinkers and presenting ill-grounded and unproven opinions to the people; and, on the other hand, the danger of falling into the rut of the idle and thoughtless, despising true criticism and earnest, honest research. We must know that our message is the King's message, that the promises we make has the King's authority, that the promises we repeat have His *imprimatur*. The moment that a man stands before a trembling brother convinced of his lost condition, inquiring the way of life, he must know that he is giving him the Word of Life that is able to save his soul.

It is not enough to say, "Truth is mighty and will prevail." Even if Truth cannot be destroyed, men can be. Our one business is to save men; therefore, errors must be detected by us, and exposed and denounced lest men be led away by them into darkness and doubt.

An impression is sought to be made in some quarters that these are questions adapted only for the scholars, and should be left to the experts and the