

Master, demands that he be thoroughly in earnest in his pursuit of that culture which is a prime factor of the largest results, the truest success, the highest usefulness. As a *Christian*, his most important duties, his most solemn obligations, will always be those arising out of his relations to the kingdom of his Master. As a *man*, it behoves him to aim at becoming a man of the very highest type. As a *labourer* in any department of honest toil, he should study to shew himself a workman "needing not to be ashamed." Is he to be a searcher after truth in some field of science, or art, or philosophy? Loyalty to truth and its Author demands that he bring to the search the fullest store of brain power, the widest range of mental vision, and the largest capacity for sustained attention, which faithful culture can bestow. Above all, if he be a Christian soldier set for the defence of the truth in this day of clever scepticism, astute rationalism, and semi-materialistic positivism, he must spare no effort to go forth armed to the teeth, thoroughly furnished for the conflict. The foes of truth are never invincible. The vulnerable heel, or rather the fluttering heart, of error, may always be reached through the stoutest panoply of half truths, provided only the sword be keen enough, the thrust strong enough, and the aim true enough. The stronghold of scripture truth is, on the other hand, impregnable, but the modes of attack upon it are constantly shifting, and the defenders of the citadel have no time to waste in misdirected sallies, or the defence of indefensible outworks. And yet, is it too much to say, that hitherto more than half the strength of the great army of Christian apologists has been wasted in either attacking or defending the wrong positions? The Christian's is indeed a "high calling;" the broadest possible culture and the most thorough possible discipline are furnishings none too expensive. He who lacks opportunity to gain these may still be eminently useful. The field is broad.