

jects. Being young and not anxious to give myself away, I replied, "I am inclined at present to agree with Dr. —," who was sitting on my questioner's right. I did not think he would venture on a squabble, as the Doctor was supposed to be an expert on those lines, and I had no reason to suppose he was further astray on that particular point than anyone else. To obtain faith we must work along without "all knowledge." We shall know, Christ says, if we work. It is not reasonable to expect to know everything first, and to wait for that desirable consummation before we begin to commit ourselves to work.

This makes me believe that a good deal of so-called science is only deck hamper, which is a danger to any ship. My own mission steamer is often top-heavy with loads of logs on deck for the hospital fires, and she always then makes less progress. And top-heavy a lot of good men are, and a lot of other good men want to be; at least, so it seems to me.

God forbid that this should appear to be a plea for indolence, or a justification of intellectual idleness in matters that concern our future life. That would be as great a sin as counseling young men to neglect study and trust to chance for success in life so long as they possessed a blind faith. This is, on the contrary, a plea for working and learning thereby in the best school I know — the school of experience.

Nor is it an expression of fear of "high" or other kind of honest criticism, *i. e.*, research. "There is more faith in honest doubt than in half the creeds," and honest doubt needs an intellectual as well as a physical process of treat-