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### DOCTRINAL PREACHING.

THE progress of the ages is seldom along the true line of advance, but is rather zig-zag, now too far over on this side and anon too far over on that. Yet withal advancement is made, and each age leaves us ahead of the last. Men are prone to run to extremes, and few are found willing to build on the middle ground, or walk along the medial line between opposing points. We see this tendency in the criticisms passed on what many are pleased to call *dry doctrinal preaching*, and in too many instances the yielding to the foolish clamor against it.

If in former times the pulpit was too dogmatic and given over to abstract doctrinal preaching, the pendulum has swung over to the other side, and now we have much preaching without doctrine, without teaching, without certainty, and consequently without power or spiritual results. In many respects some pulpits are