

hundred years till they have settled all their disputes and come to a consensus of opinion in regard to this reconstruction? Or are we to embrace the ever-changing views of these experts, and if so, which school are we to accept? In any way of accommodating ourselves to these men we must be hindered in our work. Moreover, what will the practical result be? These views are comparatively new, but they are old enough to enable us to apply the test our Saviour has given, "By their fruits ye shall know them." What have these views done for the Churches where they have prevailed? Destroyed them. Kuenen nearly emptied his class room of students, and his students nearly emptied the churches of worshippers. By the prevalence of these views Dr. Stalker has shown that the Dutch Church has been laid waste and sown with salt, and asks the pertinent question: "If we are reckless in circulating the views which have crushed other Churches, what right have we to presume upon immunity from the misfortunes that have befallen them?"

God in His providence has laid on this Church a great work. Is it to be done to our praise, or left undone to our shame? As well attempt to navigate the St. Lawrence in midwinter, as hope to overtake this work under the freezing influence of those criticisms which make the Bible the most sophisticated book that was ever written. If such views prevail among our professors, and students, and ministers, and congregations, the work of the Church can never be done.

Fathers and Brethren! We are standing at a great crisis in the history of the Church. God open our eyes to see its gravity. God help us to realize our responsibility; our responsibility in regard to the work given us to do; our responsibility in regard to all the flock in which the Holy Ghost has made us bishops; our responsibility in regard to our Master and Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day and for ever. Amen.