

simply a specialist, who has abundant knowledge of certain kinds, is no more fitted, on account of this knowledge, to do this work, than a profound and learned botanist, on account of his botanical knowledge, is fitted to be a practical horticulturist and to minister successfully to the growth of plants.

It is true that a successful horticulturist must have a certain minimum of practical botanical knowledge, but this is not the secret of his success. He is successful simply because he is a specialist in horticulture. So it is with the true teacher or with the true minister, he must have a minimum of knowledge in the lines of his work. But his success in his work is the invariable product of power inherent in himself. It is the product of his practical specialism in the way of efficient living contact with those whom he is to affect. Power must go out of himself to his pupils or his parishioners, not out of his knowledge, if he is to render the help needed for real intellectual, moral and spiritual growth. The truth of this position is fully verified by the experience of every successful teacher and minister of the Gospel. When I say successful teachers and ministers, I mean men who have stamped the impress of true manhood and womanhood upon those committed to their charge. I mean men who have been the instruments in God's hands in building up noble, strong and Godlike characters in others. I mean men who have real convictions of truth, who are not vacillating about everything, who do not carry into everything they say and do uncertainty and doubt. In short, I mean men of faith such as are described in the xi. of Hebrews, men who can do and dare anything for the sake of their Master, and the good of their fellows. Such men will bear testimony to the truth of my position. They know that their success is not the product of their knowledge, however wide and varied it may be, but the product of power, inherent power, power that can be turned to effective account in real work, in any sphere of life to which they may be called.

But, finally, the tendency to employ almost exclusively to