

That he makes himself understood by great simplicity and plainness of speech ; by using no words or phrases not familiar to or readily understood by the common people, and by familiar illustration after Christ's own example, and the example of Whitefield, Spurgeon, Beecher, Talmage and other eminent preachers. "To the poor the Gospel is preached."

WHAT A PREACHER SHOULD NOT BE SURE OF IN THE PULPIT.

—Of his own infallibility. Modesty becomes him. He is no Pope. He may well distrust his own wisdom and opinions. He is sure of his ground only when he is firmly planted on the rock of eternal truth. His words are entitled to full credence only when they are backed by a "Thus saith the Lord."

—That his view of any truth, or any mooted question in the minds of his hearers, is the only consistent and proper view, and all who question it are foolish or schismatics. There are many silly "opinionated" oracular people in the world, and they are not all in the pews. Truth is many sided ; humility, caution, deference are still virtues, though they are becoming rather obsolete in this wise age.

—That he can truly interpret the future. He may read the past, and know the present, but God only knows what "to-morrow" may bring forth. Prophecy, "the signs of the times," has made fools of many would-be wise men, and wrecks of many a reputation. Better stick to history, actual realization, truths plainly revealed, and let "God be his own interpreter" of the future.

That there is not an anxious, inquiring sinner, or a burdened heart, sitting there before him, longing for light and comfort, and the peace of God. Taking God at His word, and going the rounds of his congregation in search of such. has rebuked and gladdened many a despondent pastor. Tears and thanks have oft been his welcome.

STUDENT'S THOUGHTFUL HOUR.

"In public watch your *words* ;
In secret watch your *thoughts*."

As is your private, so will your public life be. Fellow-Student, your character is *made* in secret, it is *tested* in public.

Nothing is more beautiful than truth, except truthfulness. Nothing is more beautiful than Christianity, except Christ.