

whale if he wished. These things never trouble me. It is lamentable when you find so many Christian people losing confidence in some portions of the Word of God. It is a master stroke of the Devil. If he can get you to give up one thing it will not be long before it all goes. I met a minister once who said he had got down to the four gospels. He taught nothing else. He did not see why he should not go to the fountain head. There were some things in the Old Testament which he did not believe; some things in the writings of Paul with which he did not agree, and so he just preached from the gospels. It was not very long before he gave even those up, and that man is now out of the pulpit and gone to utter ruin. He was one of the most prominent men in our country about ten years ago, and had a large following. I believe the reason of his downfall was that he began to lose confidence in some portions of the Word of God. Let us hold on to the whole of it. "But what do you do with what you do not understand?" they ask me. I do nothing with it; I leave it. I am thankful that I cannot understand it all. If I could understand it all it would be the best proof to me that it had not a Divine origin. I am glad there are heights to which I cannot climb, depths to which I cannot fathom. That is one of the strongest proofs that it is of Divine origin. But people say, "Do you believe things you cannot understand?" Lots of them. I am not going to be wiser than Scripture. I pity the man who thinks he knows it all, and if he comes across something he does not understand he throws it aside. In the book of Matthew alone there are over 100 quotations. You will therefore see how absurd it is to attempt to believe the New Testament and not believe the Old; not mere phrases, but sometimes a whole book from the Old Testament is taken and placed in the New. There are only 80 chapters in the four gospels, and those contain 140 quotations from the Old Testament. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians there are 53 quotations; in Revelations, there are 245 quotations from the Old Testament. So if you are going to throw out any portion of the Bible the whole book must go. Let us make up our minds not only to believe the Bible, but to stand up for it, and to preach from it, in season and out of season. It was Voltaire who said that it took twelve Galilean fishermen to build up Christ's kingdom, but he would show them that one French infidel could tear it down. Yet the very press on which his book was printed is now used to print the Bible. The Bible Society now prints two Bibles for every working hour of the day. There have been more Bibles turned out within the last seven years than in the 1800 years before. Suppose some prophet at the time of Christ had told them what was going to happen this century, they would have thought it a greater miracle than any of that day. Yet we are living right in the midst of this blessed work. There are fourteen hundred of millions of people in the world, and the British and Foreign and the American Bible Societies alone have turned out two hundred million Bibles, and that has all been done within the present century. Suppose when Christ said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away," there had been some one like one of our Free Thinkers of the present day at his side. He would have said, "Hear this fellow talk. There is no man of influence among his followers, no shorthand reporters follow him to take down his words." But His words have not passed away. They dropped into the hearts of his hearers, and they are spread abroad more to-day than they ever were before. There is not a prodigal that does not know the 15th of Luke; there is barely anybody

but knows the parable of the good Samaritan. He drew those pictures so that they can never be forgotten. When the new version of the New Testament was brought out, it was published in London and in New York on the same day. Chicago wanted it. The fastest train could not bring it in less than twenty-six hours, so they had it telegraphed every word and letter, and printed next day in a daily paper, and people of all races and creeds were buying the New Testament on the street and reading it. If anybody had said in the time of Christ, and a great deal later, that that would be done, he would have been laughed at for a fool; but it was done. It is a grand thing to have the Bible. My experience is, that where the Bible is studied, there is very little backsliding. What this world wants is the Word of God. It is a grand sight to see the people come here with their Bibles, although we cannot use them at this practical convention as we could at a Bible reading. But where people go to church and expect the preacher to feed them, if they have not a scriptural minister who can feed them, they begin to backslide. They are carried away by passing heresies. When my boy began to feed himself, the other children thought it was a wonderful thing, and they said, "Look, father, Paul can feed himself." There are a good many in our churches that cannot feed themselves yet. If the minister gives them chaff, they get nothing. Go up to the park and throw down a handful of sawdust and see how many birds you can fool. Then throw down a handful of crumbs and see them gather. What the people want is bread. It is good to come into Canada and see the people come out to these meetings with their Bibles. We want to get men into the pulpit who can expound the Word of God. All the children of God will gather round that minister, and they will be fed and strengthened, and ready to go out and work. A man once made an artificial bee, and he said he had succeeded so completely that he defied anybody to tell which was the artificial and which was the real bee. But the other man said, "I can tell pretty quickly." How? Just put both bees on the table and then put down a drop of honey. The real bee would start for it. Easy then to tell which was which. Get the real bees round you, and you will have a church that has got power. They will gather where the Word is taught. The question is, how are you going to get people to love that Book? I had a school of about a hundred boys and young men, from ten years old to twenty-two. It was a puzzle to me how to get them interested in the Book. I had a class in a young ladies' seminary from ten to twenty years of age, and I had the same question with those. Once get people feeding on the Bible and they will take care of themselves. I will tell you how we have been doing lately. I do not know why the same should not be done in the churches and in the family. We have been going through John, taking up a chapter and telling what there is in it, each one trying to remember what he could. They were all interested and the effect was wonderful. Let the children tell what they know of the Bible. I want to give a blow to these lessons that are crowding out the Bible. We compassed sea and land to get the old question leaves out of the schools, for they were dwarfing our teachers and killing our schools. The plan then was for the teachers to go into the class with the lesson book and say to one boy in the class, "Who was the first man?" "Adam." Look at the question book. "Yes, that's right." Then to the next boy, "Who killed—a—Abel?" "Cain." Look to the book again. "Yes, that's right." We had just got the question book out at the back door, when the lesser