

portance to the hearers, and the telling of it as forcibly as possibly is incumbent on the teller, and therefore words and phrases and definitions and illustrations which have no meaning or have lost their meaning should be laid aside, and new words, striking phrases, attractive definitions and fresh illustrations should be elaborated in the mind, which will arrest the attention of the most listless and promote interest in the most indifferent. To be able to do this, a man must be able to think for himself, his brain must be an active agent as well as a passive receptacle.

A vast majority of us are all too sluggish in original thinking, but the result of careful improvement will be well worth the necessary effort, for our words will be with power.

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No doubt many of our readers read the article by the Rev. H. R. Haweis, of London, England, "The New Pulpit," published first in the North American Review, and afterwards copied in the Montreal Star of Saturday, Feb. 9th.

While the article was intensely interesting, it yet awoke in one's mind an instructive feeling that it comprised much that was erroneous.

Perhaps the most important point of contrast indicated by Mr. Haweis between the teaching of the "New Pulpit" and that of the old, is, that while the old Pulpit said that "The Bible is the Word of God", the new Pulpit declare that "the word of God is in the Bible."

Elsewhere he says that the New World, ahead of the Old in many other things, takes the lead also in this, namely, the realization of the New Pulpit.

In the face of such assertions it is interesting, it is significant indeed, to read in an open letter from the chief representatives of the most representative religious institution of the New World thus eulogized by Mr. Haweis, a letter published almost synchronously with that gentleman's article, a pastoral letter from the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America, the following words:—

"Concerning the Scriptures of the elder Covenant, our Lord authenticated the teaching of the ancient Church, to which were "committed the oracles of God," by His public and official use of the Canon of the Old Testament Scriptures, as we know it to have been read in the synagogue worship of the Jews of His time."

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