

suaded of this, that there does not exist a work under that name which is trustworthy." To sum up the method which is advocated by Dean Burgon is one of *personal application* to the *plain text of the Word* with no other external aids but the teaching of the Holy Spirit. It is the study of the book itself as food for the soul of the individual Christian which is so much neglected, and which is so profitable for the spiritual growth. It is the *personality* of the book which we must have continually before us, if we would distinguish it from other books and profit from it in a way which we cannot do from others. Of the study of the original, important as it is, nothing can be said here, as it is for the people that we wish to make the book interesting. Though there are laymen who read their Greek Testaments systematically, yet they are not to be counted among those whom we mean by the people as mentioned at the heading of this paper.

It will be sufficient to remark, in passing, that nothing in the world will compensate the student like a careful perusal of the N.T. in Greek, aided by a thoughtful mind, accurate scholarship, and above all, the blessing of the Divine Author.

But while the method of the aforementioned scholar is not to be equalled for the ministers of God's Word, something else is likely to be found more easily applicable to the people, more rapidly to be communicated and being on the lines already laid down, perhaps more practically successful in a busy age. Such a scheme is to be found ready to hand in the admirably arranged course of Bible study, in the now popular work, known as *Clews to Holy Writ*, by Miss Petrie (Mrs. Carus Wilson) of London University, now of McGill. The system there is one of consecutive reading, except in so far as it is necessary to depart for the sake of chronological sequence. Thus the book of Job, as belonging to the patriarchal age, is read next after the book of Genesis. The whole Bible is arranged in a course of daily reading for three years, and each year is divided into three terms. But one of the peculiar advantages of this method of Bible study is, that it can be checked and supervised by the minister or some other competent person in a way which no other of the numerous Scripture reading cycles provides for. At the close of each term's reading, there is a series of questions on the reading which may be answered on paper and submitted to the clergyman or other approved organizer of the reading union, advice given, difficulties solved, or discussed, and an interest developed which is likely to last all the lifetime of those who have once followed this course. The book already referred to contains, besides the questions, assistance in the way of notes, not easily to be obtained by the ordinary reader. Without giving an unqualified endorsement of all that is found in these notes a great deal that is very helpful will be