

young Professor?" And, as her face brightened up, I threw open the Revised Version at the disputed passage, and handed it to her. She read aloud: "But I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand up at the last upon the earth, etc."; and when she had finished she looked up with a smile, and said: "Why of course it's there; it's all right;" and without another word from me, her mind was at perfect rest. In this aspect of the work of the Revisers it is impossible to put too high an estimate upon its value.

IV. Ordinarily, no criticisms of the Authorized Version should be made in the pulpit which cannot be substantiated by reference to the Revised Version. I have not time to elaborate this thought, or present with any fulness the reasons for it, some of which have been already indicated in the course of this article. Whilst I do not deny that we have amongst us Biblical critics and scholars who are the equals of those who sat in the Revision Committees; and whilst these men should not be restrained of their liberty to bring the light of their own prayerful investigations to bear in the interpretation of God's Word, yet the course is to be deprecated of a general and indiscriminate fault-finding with the Received Version. I once heard a grave and venerable Ruling Elder say of a young and scholarly divine under whose ministry he sat for years, that he did not remember ever to have heard him preach a sermon in which he did not find fault with the English version, and he added, as the result, that a great many of the young people came to look upon our English version as utterly defective and worthless, and had their confidence in the Scriptures seriously impaired. Our younger ministers would certainly do well to confine their variations from the received readings of the English text to the New Revision with its text and marginal readings, or, if need be, its appendix with suggestions of the American Revisers.

V. In conclusion, the aim of the American Clergy should, I think, be steadfastly directed to such an education of the public mind as will gradually prepare it for the reception of the more perfect Revision when it shall come. How poorly the popular mind is at present prepared, was abundantly evidenced by the response given all over the land to the sledge-hammer blows of Dr. Talmage, when he threw the weight of his great influence not only against the defects of the Revision, but against the Revision itself. When he hugged King James' Version to his heart in the full strength of his dramatic power, and declared that the Revisers should not take away from us the Bible of our fathers, he appealed to an unintelligent instinct of the people, powerful as a superstition, and from which they can only be withdrawn by education—an education that shall work intelligent conviction of the superiority of a version that gives more perfect expression to the mind of the Holy Spirit speaking through the Sacred Writers. Such a version we need. Such a one, free from the defects of this