

worship ; a fact surcharged with danger to the social fabric, and which is creating anxiety in all sincere hearts. The present volume is an attempt to point out the cause or causes.

The ministers of Protestantism are sincere, simple-hearted Christian men, who go to the pulpit on Sunday convinced that they are doing God service, and accomplishing all possible good by expositions of the spiritual therapeutics of the New Testament ; which amount to what lectures on therapeutics, such as are given to medical students at college, would be in hospitals filled with the diseased and dying. Bodily disease demonstrates itself by pain ; spiritual disease demonstrates itself by sin ; and sinners are the jolly sets in every branch of society. Should it not be necessary to inspire a becoming gravity in immortal beings who in spite of themselves are playing for time and eternity.

Miracles did a good deal to give the Christian religion a footing in the world ; but there