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PROBABLY all human exposition of Holy Scripture is one-sided. If the Bible be indeed God's Word, it is hard to see how this can be otherwise. "We know in part, and we prophesy in part." Until "that which is perfect is come," that which is partial and one-sided cannot pass away.

Modern divines would readily allow the one-sidedness of those expositions of Scripture which were accepted in former days. But perhaps we hardly admit our own partiality of vision to the same extent. It is only another illustration of the mote and the beam.

No doubt I shall myself exemplify the same parable before I have done. There is no escape for him who ventures to find fault. But, as a one-sided and partial student, I desire to improve, and would not willingly ignore anything of which I ought to take note. Having made this confession I venture to charge the received divinity of the day with great one-sidedness in the treatment of Holy Scripture, and I proceed to establish the charge.

It appears to me that far too much time and thought are