

vants, and generally the relations of society, were included in the gospel which he was sent to preach. He has included such subjects in the letters which he wrote for the guidance of the Church; and as these are condensations, probably, of his sermons, the texts on which he was in the habit of enlarging, I have no doubt that in his discourses he entered with all fulness and particularity into descriptions of what was just and equal, what was eye service, and what was fair and honest service in the eye of God. His knowledge of Jesus Christ and him crucified, was not confined to that which was merely transcendental in doctrine, but also descended to the operation of Christ in the believer, whether he were a master or a servant, developing outwardly in all the actions of life. That he rejected all knowledge, save of Jesus Christ and him crucified, does not imply that he ignored the relations in which men stood to one another, for Christ came to act as the destroyer of men's sins, and to help them to perform their duties; and what are sins and duties, if not the way in which men discharge their obligations to one another in the various relations of life? You will, if you discard the knowledge of these from your knowledge of Christ crucified, confine man's duties to acts of devotion, and then religion will deal solely in such high doctrines as the attributes of God, predestination, free will, atonement, baptism, &c., and all the questions which are exercised about these, simply, however, in relation to God—questions requiring, no doubt, much learning and strict logic; of much heavenly, it may be, but very little earthly use, since they may not, according to the hypothesis, affect those earthly relations of which the Apostle is supposed to be ignorant. But, the fact is, the supposition is one of those intolerable stupidities with which ignorance dashes its head against reason and common sense, and Scripture, too. Paul never wrote an epistle that, while doctrinal, was not eminently practical, social, economical, and, I will add, political, implying an understanding profound and comprehensive of all that was in man, and all that by which he was related to the earth beneath him, and