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IT is a matter of some surprise and no small regret to the graduate of a theological college, who has mastered such a modern text-book as that of Hodge, with its three volumes and index, to find that it has failed to furnish him with adequate material for supplying the spiritual wants of his people. The act of transmuting revelation into an accurate science has killed it, so that there is hardly a sprig of the tree of life in the *Hortus siccus* of the system which will take root and flourish in the human heart. In the region of practical anthropology, which the graduate has abundant opportunities of studying, the theological *Hortus siccus* traverses fact, for it exhibits a total depravity of which there is no living human example, and asserts an utter enslavement of the will that is contradicted by the numberless institutions which recognize man's responsibility. In the field of theology proper, while able still to pass a good examination on the absolute decrees and on justice as a cardinal divine attribute, he finds nothing in them wherewith to convince sinners or edify the children of God. If, therefore, he is to become a true guide to souls, he must quit the dead system and betake himself to the Living Word.

What is the cause of this? Is deadness a necessary character-