

fair land, and to corrupt and weaken the church of God. Don't be ensnared by the delusion that you are to do for the community the work of the novelist, of the secular press, the daily paper, the magazine."

We do not believe that style of preaching is as popular as it once was, but "while the outworks of the sanctuary have been defended with the utmost ability, to use the words of an eminent preacher, "its interior has been too much neglected, and the fire upon the altar suffered to languish and decay. In proportion as the maxims and spirit of Christianity have declined, infidelity has prevailed in their room; for infidelity is, in reality, nothing more than a noxious spawn bred in the stagnant marshes of corrupted Christianity." In the tremulous movements which, unless we take warning, may be the forerunner of an earthquake which will ere long shake the foundation of society, the pulpits of this continent are implored to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified. They are implored to deal with every theme that tends to overshadow the face of our adorable Saviour, as the celebrated painter of the Lord's Supper dealt with his picture. The artist, perceiving that the communion cups on the table diverted attention from the face of the Master, drew his brush and reduced their glory, so that nothing might be in competition with Him. There is many a theme must be handled in the pulpit, just as Paul handled many a theme in his letters, from ladies' dress to lawsuits; but these themes in our sermons, as in Paul's letters, should not be in competition with Him, but in subordination, revolving round Him as the planets round the sun.

2. That Christ may be made known to the people at large, it will be necessary to devote the Sabbath more exclusively than at present to rest and religion. There is no magic in the mere name of Christ, nor in a dead faith in Him, nor in a passing knowledge of Him. There must be a study and imitation of Christ. Now this study and imitation of Christ is a high art which requires at least one whole day in seven to make men proficient in it. If this day is devoted to something else, no matter how innocent or intellectual