

may also be very misleading. We know more about our own times, the state of the Church, the condition of society, and the peculiar drift and status of our own personal consciousness than we do about those of the past. History perpetuates very little that mankind can seize upon. It is only an outline at best, and marked by all the bias and misconceptions that necessarily mar the best work of the wisest minds.

Likewise the tendency to judge living thinkers and workers with brilliant leaders and great reformers who achieved their mission and had their day is unfair and hurtful. That Methodism has not produced another Wesley cannot be laid to its charge. Christianity has not produced a second Paul. Every age has its reformers. The future will be as the past. New workers will arise. Revivalists will come. Discerners of essential truth will separate the vital from the superfluous, and apply with new force the principles that shall endure. Interpreters of the word will discover new mean-