

by Schaff and Gilman. Get, if you can, *Hymns of the Ages*. Get a volume of Faber, Keble's *Christian Year*, and other little books. The Baptist Hymnal (English) is rich in good things. Then read Tennyson; read him a good deal, especially *In Memoriam*; and Wordsworth should be known, especially a few things in him. "Lines, Composed a few Miles above Tintern Abbey": let it become a familiar friend to you, as well as some others of his shorter productions. Browning demands study, *and repays it*. Try his "Saul," give it three or four readings. I need not say, give it five or six; that you will do if you give it three or four. I remember the mental and spiritual excitement in which I found myself the last time I read it and his "Rabbi Ben Ezra," "Abt Vogler," "An Epistle, Containing the Strange Medical Experience of Karshish, the Arab Physician," "Death on the Desert." I shall say nothing of his still greater poems. Matthew Arnold has written some gems. His "Rugby Chapel" is enough to give him his place as a poet. For some time I have had a cheap edition of his poems. I have used it very often, with the result that the other day I ordered a more costly edition of his complete poetical works. A little volume, "With the Poets," edited by Archdeacon Farrar, for which I paid twenty-five cents, has been a sort of companion for several years. I shall have to get a new copy of it, *for it is worn out*. These are simply a few suggestions from my experience.

Then comes History. A man cannot be called cultivated who does not have at least a little knowledge as to how the life of man and of nations has unfolded upon the earth. One cannot really know history without making it a life-long study. But here are a few books which will cast a little light on the vast field. Andrews' "Institutes of General History" (a capital book of the kind), Guizot's "History of Civilization," Bryce's "Holy Roman Empire," Green's "Short History of the English People," Murdock's "The Reconstruction of Europe." You can easily enlarge this last if you so desire.

Biography is a rich field, one of the most fertile fields which a minister can cultivate. Start in with Boswell's Johnson, Thomas Arnold, his Life and Correspondence, Personal Life of David Livingston, Life of Charles Kingsley. What a long list I could make here from my own reading, for Biography has long been my delight.