

His word and Spirit, by His atonement and intercession, by His conquering, guiding, and restraining grace, can curb the fury of human passion, can subdue the pride of race, can check the fanaticism of party, can infuse into a nation a spirit of justice and moderation, and thus secure to every one his rights—to the laborious the reward of their industry, to capital its rights, to the rich the enjoyment of their wealth, and to princes and rulers the stability of their thrones.

The practical question, therefore, that God, in his providence, has flung before us to-day by the riots that have convulsed to its centre all North America, is the one—How can the people of our country be brought at large to the saving knowledge of Christ? That is truly the question of questions in our day, the pith and marrow of the weighty work that lies before us as the nineteenth century draws to its close. To accomplish the glorious task, it will be necessary:—

1. That our pulpits should be devoted more exclusively than at present to the exhibition, exaltation, and glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is true that Christ is preached, in general, in the Protestant pulpits of the United States and Canada, but we are far from being assured that he holds the central position of commanding supremacy that belongs to Him. "I have lately," says the Principal of a theological seminary in Montreal, "heard of a divine, about 500 miles from this city, who had preached about young men and young women, about bazaars, sewing circles, associations, libraries, and museums; about theatres, drinking houses, and gambling saloons; about Socinians, Calvinists, Papists, Brahminists and Buddhists; about parliaments, kings, republics, tyrannies, railway accidents, life insurances, and the great fires of modern times; about merchants, doctors, preachers, lawyers, stock-brokers, and the politicians of the United States, after which it was announced that he would now preach a little about Jesus Christ and his gospel! Our neighbours have had enough of this pest of secularism and sensationalism. Is it gaining foothold in Canada? If so, help to *drive it out* by giving the people the truth of God. Don't allow the plague to desolate our