

has penned across the heavens and written throughout all the earth, we will cry, "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens." ¹⁵

"These are Thy glorious works, Parent of good;
Almighty! Thine this universal frame,
Thus wondrous fair: Thyself how wondrous then!
Unspeakable! Who sitt'st above these heavens,
To us invisible; or dimly seen
In these Thy lowest works: yet these declare
Thy goodness beyond thought, and power divine."

The student whose soul feels not the power of God in nature; who reads not of Him in His works; to whom a mountain is only a heap of rock and sand; to whom a flower is only a vegetable, is a student who has never yet put foot into one of the most beautiful of the avenues that lead to the palace of God. It winds through many a pleasant glade, and by many a purling brook; it is vocal with the song of birds, and fragrant with the breath of flowers. Give me the soul of the Hebrew poet before whose ravished sight "the trees of the forest clapped their hands" and "Lebanon and Syria leaped like unicorns," till his ecstatic soul called to them "Why leap ye, ye high hills?" Such a devout student of God's fair works, will readily

"Find tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

If more men took the advice of Solomon, "Go to the Ant"; or of Christ "Consider the lilies," and made a devout study of the habits and life of the different forms of Creation, there would be a more observant ministry; fewer worthless illustrations in sermons: and truer conceptions of God's wisdom and skill.

DEPARTMENT III. — Study the *Hand of God in History.*

Read carefully the fourth chapter of Daniel, and you will see how Nebuchadnezzar was taught the salutary lesson, that *God is King*, and that, whatever haughty men may think, He *is* ruling the universe. "He *doeth according to His will* in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and *and none can stay His hand*, or say unto Him, What doest Thou?" ¹⁶ Belshazzar had to be taught the same truth. These Chaldean monarchs were haughty men, and required severe lessons. Daniel is brought before Belshazzar and, by God's instruction, he says to

¹⁵. Ps. 8: 1. ¹⁶. Dan. 4: 35.