

sible as to the relative importance of the different departments and the proportion of time to be set apart for each.

It would probably be impossible to over-estimate the importance of *Systematic Theology*. It is the "gnomon" of the minister's equipment. With a scientific system of theology in his mind, he knows just where to place anything new that may appear. Whether in this department less attention ought to be devoted to things ancient and more to things modern might be discussed. It is well to know what men thought and felt a thousand years ago, but it is also important to know what men think and feel *now*. It is important to study the phases of unbelief and antagonism to the truth of to-day as well as to be able to explode the heresies of the early centuries of the Christian era. And, by the way, in what department of Theological study should we place the consideration of the great social problems which press for solution? those, for example, which pertain to the relation of capital and labor; those which grow out of the question of the division of labor; those which come up in the cry of the masses who feel that they are oppressed by the classes? I, for one, feel that ministers of the Gospel should take cognizance of these problems. I am convinced that we have the panacea in our hands. We know what the remedy for these ills is—the only remedy. We know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only and the all-sufficient corrective. It would—if universally embraced—settle the difficulties between labor and capital by teaching every man to look not on his own things, but also on things of others, and by leading each to esteem other better than themselves. It would adjust the division of labor by teaching every man to live and to conduct his business to the glory of God. Every man would then find his place and his work and, under the benign reign of the Prince of Peace, social unrest would cease. It is certain that political economy cannot settle these matters. It remains for Jesus Christ and his friends to do it. We have been waiting for years for some man to come forward who should write a great book setting all these ques-