

kindness, but they appeared to him to be like a little fly on a great wheel, and as the wheel goes round with immense velocity the fly looks up and says, "What a dust I am making, and how fast I am going." And many a man sitting in his solitary study, as though he were lord of all, forgets in the progress of the wheel of the world that he is being carried by it, and is not moving it.

Another reason why the Bible was treated with contempt was that in olden times there was not the amount of knowledge in the world that there was to-day, and many pious people had not the helps to understand the Bible which any might possess now who took the trouble to study their Bibles, and so a great many human ideas—often very ignorant ideas—were fastened on to the Bible as a sort of accretion to it. Persons explained certain passages, and then other good people explained them in the same way until it came to be taken for granted that these explanations were the Bible: but there came an increase of knowledge, and in this generation, through God's infinite mercy, men had risen up who could understand the Scriptures, and they had shown that those ideas of the former people were wrong; the God of truth was revealing to them that these old particular explanations were mistaken, and because of this, people were allowing their hands to fall down, or clasping them in despair, and saying, "the Bible is proved to be false." But it was not false—it was only the explanations which certain people had given of the Bible that had been proved to be incorrect.

Another reason why in the present age there was not so much weight attached to the Bible was the increase in scientific investigation. Thank God for it. By means of this investigation knowledge was increased, and great thoughts were given to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear the great works of the omnipotent and eternal God. A man who occupied his time in the study of one particular subject had no strong desire to be enlightened on any other, and consequently the man of science might not believe in religious work; because he had not experienced the great fact of religion, he very often put it aside as the dream of an enthusiast; and Christians, afraid of being called fools for venturing to question the assertions of scientific men, never attempted to prove to them the contrary. But they should never use hard words towards those scientific men simply because the latter were not prepared to receive their facts with regard to religion.

In concluding, his lordship said what they wanted was faith and patience. If only they would wait God's time; if only they would not expect God to hurry, as they were apt to do in this hurrying, fussing age; if they would only remember the thousands of years which God allowed to pass as a time of preparation for the coming of Christ; if they would only remember the eighteen hundred years which had passed since Christ ascended into glory; if they would remember that they were dealing with a God before whom a thousand years were as one day; if they would only be patient, God would become His own Interpreter. If they would only be patient, they need not have the shadow of a doubt that sooner or later whatever was true in science would be found in perfect harmony with the Bible. Whether it took its road through the azure depths of the heavens studded with innumerable stars, or over the changing ocean, or dug down into the deep resources of the earth, wherever science went they were certain that the Works of God would not contradict the Word of God. Ofttimes in their cowardice they might have to confess what miserable and unfaithful sinners they had been, but though heaven and earth should pass away God's Word would never pass away. Sooner or later the light would break upon them; the angel voices would be whispering that the Creator was there, and called for them, and in His light they would see light.—*B. & F. Bible Society Reporter.*