

constant study. To it he must repair, as to an inexhaustible fountain of divine truth, for the subject matter of his discourses. Christ Jesus, the Lord, in His threefold office of Prophet, Priest, and King, should be the *subject* of all his preaching; and the salvation of sinners the *object* of his addresses. The glorious work of redeeming love, the love of God in sending His Blessed Son into the world to save sinners, should ever be in his heart, and pervade all his teaching. The great doctrine of the Atonement; the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross for the sins of the world; His pure and spotless example for our imitation; His intercession for His people; and His continual presence with His Church; these are the themes upon which the Christian minister will delight to dwell; this the preaching which will be most likely to affect the hearts of his hearers, and win souls to Christ.

Next to the study of the Holy Scriptures, the writings of the early Christian Fathers should also engage his attention, and after that, the standard Divines of our own Church will supply him with abundant materials which, if judiciously used, may prove of great benefit to him in his preparation for the Pulpit. The faithful minister, in his pastoral intercourse with his people, will also meet with many incidents, in the passing occurrences of the day, which he may improve, and turn to good account, in his public ministrations. He will thus become a Scribe well instructed in the word of God, and be enabled to