

all the enthusiasm we can command. To the minister it must ever be *The Book*, the most effective instrument for service God has given the ambassador of the truth. At no time in the minister's life should he be without some portion of this book as the subject for earnest and prayerful study.

Finally, let it never be forgotten that, the end of study and reading is culture, the cultivation of all that goes to make men good and great. We read the great thoughts of the world, of the ages, in order that our souls may become the homes of great and good thoughts. To read about the love of God, believe in it and preach it is not holding a creed unless that love of God takes possession of our lives, unless we become through it Divine, partakers of the Divine nature. We read and study and try to understand the story of the Cross, with its comforting assurances and its complete adequacy to meet all man's present and future needs, to little purpose unless through this exercise we get possession of the Spirit of the Cross, enabling us like our Master to live, work and suffer for others. To read about heroic deeds, to be able to speak of them and describe them in glowing language is of but little value unless we become heroic, unless we are willing to do hard things for the sake of truth, for the sake of Christ in behalf of humanity. All reading, all study, should enter into our lives so that we may embody and be witnesses unto all that is beautiful in Literature, in history, and in nature.

