

of an eloquent prelate,* in his "Addresses to the Candidates for Ordination" which may be profitably studied by every clergyman, "You must know God, if you would reveal Him; and this may teach you what your daily life must be, if you would be His faithful witness. You must live near to God, if you would know Him, so as to be able to declare Him, and you can only thus live near to Him by loving Him; and love which opens the blind eyes so that they see Him, is His gift. It is love which places you in the cleft of the rock, as He passes by. Yes, ever remember it,—love is His gift,—His gift to those who wait on Him. Without it, everything else is vain; and it can from its own treasures supply everything beside which you may need."

And in order that you may thus live near to Him, you must be much in communion with Him. I have said, that time must be found for study; much more must it be found for prayer, and the very impediments to study, to which I have referred, furnish many of you with facilities in this respect. Your long solitary drives, in which so much time must otherwise be lost, may be made your most fruitful and profitable seasons, if you habitually improve them by meditation and communion with your God.

I have spoken of the necessity of study of the Scriptures, in order that we may teach others; but let us not be content with this:—we must constantly study them also for our own benefit, that we ourselves "may grow thereby." There is a mode of studying the word of God, as we would study any other book, whereby we may obtain a very accurate knowledge of its contents, and may be always prepared with references and quotations, while our own spiritual growth is not at all advanced thereby. But if we study it, primarily with a view to our own profit, our congregations also will derive greater benefit from the results, than if we had thought only of their edification. We are "continually to pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, we may wax riper and stronger in our ministry." And further, we must "let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven," endeavoring to "sanctify the lives of ourselves, and our fami-

* The Bishop of Oxford.

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