

wherever they are found in real life. Study the people, breathe their social atmosphere, enter into their lives of toil, struggle, temptation, successes, failures, bereavements. Confide in them and win their confidence, find out what lies at the root of their daily history; share the children's troubles and delights; let the experiences of all, both high and low, touch you, blend with and color your thought and feeling, and your sermon will be more and more a thing of life and help. The bulk of men care nothing for the "relations of religion to science," but they *are* interested in its relation to their health and wealth, their pain and poverty, their homely trials and their social pleasures. "Evolution," and the "Higher Biblical Criticism," and the "Mistakes of Tyndale," they are not hankering after on Sunday. They can study those discussions on week days; but they do hunger for peace of mind and to know the way of salvation, and to be comforted for the loss of the baby, and to be shown why sickness is sent instead of health, and how they may be brave in daily besetment of temptation. Hence the sympathy of the preacher will not only guide him in the wise selection of themes, that he may give them "bread" and not a "stone," though it be a polished gem; it will also impart so much of heart-force to the sermon that it will reach its goal in the heart of the hearer.

Sympathy for the people may also be cultivated by reading, and above all other books the Bible, with its inspiring examples and pathos of humanity. In addition let him cultivate acquaintance in the realm of current literature, with the printed records of work for the world's evangelization, come into contact and communion with those self-denying men and women who among the poor and neglected of earth are toiling and reaping. Let him read the authors whose genius and taste lead them to the study of humanity in its natural phases, and whose realism in picturing the trials, struggles, heroisms, charities and sorrows of men are adapted to awaken keener interest in humanity. From such studies the preacher will develop his own susceptibility to all that affects his fellow-men, and acquire a power to grasp their hands and speak powerfully, because naturally and honestly, to their hearts.

Above all other schooling the daily walk and intimate fellowship with the man Christ Jesus will develop sympathy for man. So does it shine in his face and breathe from his words and glow in his soul that none that keeps his constant company but must catch the sweet contagion of his intense humanity and kindle from the torch of his enthusiasm for both God and man.

#### IV.—PRACTICAL HINTS ON PULPIT ORATORY.

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IN modern discussions of the secrets of attractiveness and effectiveness in preaching we have various recipes. Professor Wilkinson urges that "more snuff be put into the sermon." Rev. John K. Allen turns