

of light to many, and yet I muse on his burning zeal and his sermons of Divine power and energy. But I am not like the mistaken woman, for I think the faithful minister is a burning and a shining light; but God says: "Woe unto the idle shepherd;" and the ministers are only men, and some of them trifling men,—croquet players, and chequer players. And is this the old gospel ministry? Were these the men who were inspired of God to do the work He himself had appointed them? There is no inspiration in the pulpit, unless there is in it a sanctified minister. The pulpit of the present day needs forbearance with the pew. Dress, custom, fashion, pride, laughing from the pew, often tries the patience of the man of God; but put a faithful man in the pulpit, and they wont try him as often as they will the half-and-half preachers. But the pew is also in danger of listening to wrong ideas, and, as I said before, that it is best to be looking to Jesus and not from pew to pew, as some do. One says: It is a fine hat; another says: It is a fine jacket; but God says: "I am a Spirit, and they that worship me must worship me in spirit and in truth." We should love and not criticise each other; and if we have ought against any man, we should go to their very face and tell them, and not talk about them behind their back. Let the man in the pulpit and the member in the pew both hold their peace if they are not wholly the Lord's. But it is of little value for either pulpit or pew to preach what they do not try at least to practise. It is useless for a Church member to preach Christ in the class-room or in the great congregation, unless he practises what he preaches; but there is nothing in the way only lions of self and pride, and holiness and this selfishness never dwell together in one bosom, for they are antagonistic one to the other. From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not forth of your own lust. It is of no use for a poor worm of the dust to try to fight with his Maker, for in all ages God called for a holy Church, a holy ministry, a holy service. "Be ye holy as I the Lord your God am holy." But some very mistaken notions have crept into the pulpit, and necessarily into the pew of this Christian holiness. The mistakes