

Lord to leave us alone, as it is written, "Ephraim is joined to idols : let him alone." It is also written, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

Nothing but the most genuine love for my fellow-Christians whom I believe to be in error, could have prompted me to write this paper. Christians are often exhorted to love one another, but it seems to be implied that it is a love which takes no notice of error, and makes no attempt to correct it. My view is that there can be no real love where there is no attempt made to correct a serious error. I like to follow the examples of Christ and His apostles in this respect ; and if I am in error myself, I am ready to renounce it as soon as it is proved to be error on the united grounds of reason and Scripture.

READINGS ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION.*

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PART I.

A special blessing is pronounced on him that readeth, and those that hear the words of the prophecy of this book, and keep those things that are written therein.

But it is not easy at first sight to see why. The Book of Revelation is intensely interesting. No other Book of the Bible is more so. But is it a practical Book ? Many have thought that the prophetical part is not.

I remember one good old man, who, when it was proposed to read Revelation at a Bible-reading in his house, comforted himself with the reflection that before we got past the Epistles to the Seven Churches, he himself would be gone to his rest. He was not mistaken ; but in those days I could not have given any clear analysis of the book, or marked out the shape of the prophetical portion. It would have been a discussion between various systems of interpretation. This, of course, is not practical. Nor do I propose any such scheme in these papers.