

artless manner ; and to the obedient He reveals the riches of His grace.

*There is no antagonism between the "Simplicity that is in Christ" and mental culture.* We instinctively admire strength of mind. We also are inclined to walk by sight ; and hesitate to place ourselves in the hands of the Father of Spirits that we may live. But let it be remembered that the committing of ourselves to God is a *spiritual* act, and quite different from that which is purely intellectual. This spiritual act is well pleasing to God, and results in "Eternal Life." And as God has not designed the mind to remain in the weakness of infancy, how unreasonable it would be to suppose that its growth is opposed to the love of God in the heart.

It is true that intense devotion to study may lead a man to live in an ideal world of his own. And although he may be intellectually great, he may live and die cut off from that which is spiritual. In this he reminds us of the pugilist who attends to his body, while the rest of his being is left to wrack and ruin. Tholuck is credited with cautioning his students against over application to study, as rather unfavourable to a religious spirit. He observes ; "There is in theology a twofold element, the one human, the other supernatural ; by the one it is connected with the department of human knowledge, and hence an accurate acquaintance with human science must have a salutary influence upon the study of theology. On the other hand, there is something supernatural which is to be found in no science, and which no human science can either explain or illustrate. If, therefore, the theologian does not know this by his own living experience ; if he be not connected by faith with the invisible world, with him the study of profane literature and its connections with theology must prove injurious."

Observation reveals that along with the highest mental culture, where the range of thought is broad and high and deep, there may be the, "Simplicity that is in Christ." And if in the history of the church, she has met with opposition of no mean mental status, it can be said, many of her sons have gone to the outskirts of human knowledge, and *there* have witnessed a good confession. Thank God, for Christians of strong and highly cultivated intellects ! And let Him be praised also, that the feebler of our race may be among His precious jewels !