

construction, and has made intelligible much, which, but a few years ago, was misunderstood and a cause of stumbling.

We may enter, then, on our study of the New Testament, assured that the accomplished criticism to which it has been subjected during the past generation has only added to its interest, and subtracted nothing from its power, that the fierce light which has beat upon it has only made it seem a more real and intelligible book, and that when stripped of the fictitious robes of honor which timorous and unworthy men have thrown over it, it stands out in its native majesty, and its real power is recognised. I shall be forgiven by those who labor in other departments of theology if I say that there is no study which so rapidly repays the toil spent upon it, none in which the methods are more scientific, and the results more certain. The New Testament is a mine out of which the gold has not all been brought to the surface, nor all sifted and refined. Much has been quarried and made current, in which the least original scholar may rejoice, and by which he may largely profit. But there remains much to be done, and of a kind which may well attract the energies and resources of the most ambitious mind. For the preacher of Christ this study is indispensable and invaluable. It is in the New Testament he can meet with Christ and learn His mind. It is there he can get rid of all that has overlaid the figure of the Lord, and see Him face to face. It is there he can learn from the lips of Christ Himself the gospel he has to preach; and by living through the same scenes and breathing the same air with Him, come at length to understand His purposes and enter into His Spirit.

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### Here and Away.

"Oh, that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears!"

If Jeremiah had lived in the year 1890, Anno Domini, and resided in Knox College, he would probably have used a different figure.

For even theologues are not exempt. That which cometh to the fool cometh also to the wise man. They have all redness of eyes. They have all wounds without cause.