

with more acceptance than others who have superior education and have entered on a course of theological studies? If a man is able to preach Jesus Christ, in all the simplicity set forth in the Gospel, he surely should not be debarred from active work merely because he has not fully studied the doctrines of his church. If a man's preaching is in demonstration of the Spirit and with power—what matters it if his logic is weak and his sentences not grammatically constructed? Yet too much must not be expected of one who is unexperienced, and is laboring under the disadvantages enumerated above, and the junior man, if possible, should be sent to a station where less would be expected of him than of one more experienced in the work.

The disadvantages which the student has to meet and overcome are many, and yet the position has its advantages too. His trials lead him to find refuge in prayer. His efforts lead him to see the magnitude and responsibility of the work in which he has engaged, and the need of the quickening influences of the spirit.

In order that a student may be successful in his work, he must be thoroughly in earnest and know well the way of life himself, otherwise it will be "the blind leading the blind." He must preach, not as one that beateth the air, but with a definite aim "either to lead the unconverted to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, or to edify those who are already believers." The best preaching is the combination of both. Again, it is absolutely necessary that a man should have a thorough knowledge of his Bible and be a regular student of the same. Lacking this his theology is of little account. With this knowledge he will find that his ignorance of theology is not such a serious drawback after all, and he never finds himself in the position of him who "says all he knows in a few sermons," for he is drawing from an inexhaustible source. The student who goes to his work thus equipped, realizing that any good accomplished is neither "by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord," is the one who will thoroughly enjoy his work, and find that even the foolishness of his preaching is used by God for the furtherance of his kingdom in this world, for "He hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

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