

of personal religion, to entrench themselves in the perverseness of the natural heart by the introduction of some disputed topic, such as election, or the salvation of the heathen. These difficulties may be easily removed if the soul is brought face to face with the word of God as to his duty in his present condition. Let a man's personal connection with these and similar questions be brought home to him and he will cease to place them between himself and Christ.

Further he thought it plain that we should follow the indications of the Spirit of God. We may confidently expect that the Holy Spirit has preceded us in dealing personally with a soul. Results will follow according as we work in harmony with that Spirit. If He has given a man deep convictions of sin, do not attempt to modify them, for no one feels sin to be as great as the facts warrant. No false crying of peace. Let that be seen only in the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

He concluded by saying that we should encourage the expression in action of every conviction reached. This will be found a useful mode of treating superficial persons who are always raising difficulties. Does anyone acknowledge that there is a God? Teach him to pray to Him. Does anyone confess that he is sinful? Teach him to turn from his sin. Through teaching them to act upon their own convictions, as admitted by them, they may be led step by step to the Saviour.

PROF. COUSSIRAT—related an incident in his personal experience while in France during the summer. With a view of doing some good, he went to visit an old college friend whom he had not seen for about thirty years. After leaving college this person had followed the life of a tragedian. The Professor had an interesting conversation with him, and learned his whole history, which was one of disappointment throughout; he found the man very much in earnest and anxious to commit himself to Christ.

From this simple incident he said he was reminded: First—Of the necessity of always being in sympathy with men in their peculiar states of mind. There are many honest in their doubts. They must not be derided but led to the truth. Second—Impress them that in our position as Christians we can point them to a remedy. Third—Strive to lead them to see things as they are; and, Fourth—Set them to work on the principle "that if any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God."

MR. DEV—made no suggestion as to how the work should be done, but asked that we resolve that the work *shall be done*, and that we will deal with men face to face. If men did this they could count upon success, for God would bless earnest endeavor. Without this he feared fruit would be lacking. During his period of life as a pastor he received on an average, each year, forty new communicants. In looking back upon his work he