

as teachers of secular knowledge, and without asking or permitting them to become theological professors or the advocates of sectarian dogmas they will exert an immeasurable force in stemming the gigantic evils we have to combat, and in moulding, in a pure and lofty manner, the life and destiny of nations. Venerable and middle-aged skeptics are not immortal.— They will pass away in twenty or thirty years and be forgotten ; and their work will perish utterly if we can save the rising generation from their corruption, but the reverse will be the case if this is neglected. In Christian houses, therefore, ministers of religion should satisfy themselves by personal enquiry that the fear of God is truly established there, and that all have an intelligent, full and devout grasp of the Word of God. The Bible in the vernacular of the people, read and accepted by them, is the great charter of their freedom and safety, the instrument of their purification, and that which the Spirit uses to destroy the works of the devil. The more it is opposed, misrepresented and maligned the more widely it should be diffused. Let the Bible-loving nations arise from their slumbers and scatter it broadcast over the whole world. But that they may do so much plain speaking and earnest, fervent teaching are required. Men must be told the truth and shown their sin in this matter. Public teachers of religion must cease to say smooth things and to flatter greedy avaricious gainers and possessors of wealth, and to make them believe that by their usually tardy and shabby contributions they are doing their duty with regard to the diffusion of the Gospel, while they spend on superfluous luxuries a thousand times more than on the cause of God. The pulpits of all denominations should be cured of this dry-rot, that we may no longer hear of some two thousand missionaries on this continent offering to go to the heathen, and no money forthcoming to send them. Let the divisions and strifes of the Christian army come to an end. They must learn a lesson from the tactics of the enemy, and combine their forces, and cease wasting their financial and spiritual energy in opposing and defeating each other. The time has come when every one should do all in his power to draw the scattered fragments of the church nearer the fountain of life, nearer Jesus Christ, the source of their spiritual power, that they may feel and act as one body in Him. They should stand side by side upon the great fundamental principles of the Gospel, and leave men free silently to cherish their conscientious scruples for their own private use and edification. It is now felt the weakest part of every man's creed is that which he holds alone, and the strongest part that which he holds along with all true members of Christendom. Let the Churches of the Reformation thus come together and pour forth their resources, material and spiritual, upon the work of evangelizing the ungodly and heathen at home and abroad.

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