

Truth no doubt is one and unchanging; the gospel knows no variation; but the changes which have come on men, through the countless variety of influences that affect them may necessitate alterations in our mode of presenting the truth. Human language changes; modes of thought change; human convictions change; and all this must be taken into account by those who would be wise in winning souls."

For example, we need to be able to understand the rise of a movement like Salvation Army; to apprehend what elements were wanting in the Christian Church which the labour of this new organization supplies; and what there is in human nature among the lower classes of society to which it can so powerfully appeal.

It might be objected to all this that its acquisition would make every minister an Admirable Creighton and that there is no time for it amid the pressing and multitudinous duties of modern pastoral life. Then it is the more necessary that all the years of preparation for the ministry should be crowded with diligent and wisely selected reading, and not wasted in other pursuits however pious or apparently useful.

Again we in the pastorate ought to consider whether we are not suffering ourselves to be saddled with innumerable social and executive trifles which do not so closely pertain to our work as the investigation of the themes I have mentioned. There is ample scope for reflection whether we might not profitably make room for some of these

things by refusing to continue a number of those tributes which the religious Mañam Grundy exacts of us under pain of her displeasure but which yields us no adequate return. And besides we need to study the art of mastering the principles of a subject without burdening ourselves with all its complicated details; we need to be able to tear the vitals out of a book with precision and dispatch; and to cultivate the faculty of discovering epoch making books that we may grasp the meaning and attitude of our age through them.

II. THE CHRISTIAN PREACHER OF TO-DAY MUST BE A MAN OF UNSWERVING LOYALTY TO TRUTH.

This means that he must preach from his own experience and according to its interpretation of the word. He must be as far as possible from tampering with his moral or even with his intellectual conclusions. If he speaks it must be because he believes with all the force of a clear conviction and feels with every fibre of a sensitive heart. Amid the many subtle temptations to disregard this obligation with which we are assailed to-day the preacher needs a high endowment of that moral energy which we call manliness.

In that delightful book "The Preacher and his Models," which almost every minister and theological student has been reading this last year, Dr. Stalker says: "The polish given by education tells no doubt; but the size of the primordial mass of manhood tells still