

intellectual status of his congregation, and adapt his ministrations to their wants, never forgetting the young and the poor, for these "we have always with us."

The next thought suggested is that of Humility and Tears.

Naturally Paul was not a very humble man. He was of high birth and blood; a man of great learning and of great intellect, born to be a leader of men. He was naturally proud and ambitious, a master in logic, and more than a match for all comers, on all points of controversy, relating to Christ, and the Christian religion, so that it was not a very easy thing for him to be humble. It has been said that an ounce of grace will shine more in some Christians than a ton in others! So it would take much of grace, constantly applied to the heart of Paul, to keep him humble. Notwithstanding his greatness, notwithstanding that he was the great apostle of the Gentiles, he was a very humble Christian, so that he "served the Lord with all humility of mind and with many tears." St. Paul was the weeping apostle. "Tears," I fear, are not often seen in the pulpit nowadays, but they are always a good apostolic sign.

Jesus was moved to tears when he saw the wicked obstinacy of the citizens of Jerusalem and also when Lazarus died. These tears were the result of a deep and genuine feeling of sympathy and sorrow for others. He was not ashamed to be seen weeping, and why should we be? Jeremiah has been called the "weeping prophet." St. Paul "ceased not to warn the people for three years, night and day, with tears." Like "the Master," he often shed tears. The late Rev. James Sherman, successor to the famous Rowland Hill of Surrey Chapel, London, a very successful preacher, rarely preached without weeping, and causing his hearers to weep also. I have seen the tears chasing each other down his cheeks while his voice trembled with emotion. The effect was often wonderful on his hearers. If we wish others to feel and weep we must feel and weep ourselves. The almost entire absence of the emotional element in our preaching in these days, may be one reason why our preaching is not more effectual. Whitfield, when preaching to thousands in the open air, was often bathed in tears. While we do not want less of the intellectual in our sermons and preaching, we greatly need more pathos, more feeling, more of the sympathetic and more of the heart. "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless return rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The next suggestive term is that of temptation. "Serving the Lord, with many tears and temptations." Luther has said that it takes three things to make a good minister of Jesus Christ,—Prayer, persecution, and temptation. Of the first of these the more the better. We cannot pray too