

thing needful," which was characterized as not religion but God Himself, as revealed to us in Christ, was the only power which could counteract this tendency of Commercial life. If a man were once possessed of it, he became possessed of something which would sustain him under all the trials and difficulties which must beset him in a Commercial career, and enable him to resist these alluring temptations which must so frequently appeal to him with almost irresistible force; nothing else will do. If a man has learned to trust himself unreservedly to God, then, but not till then, can he trust his business and all his worldly concerns to Him also: and the result will be his highest good. God does not promise that he will accumulate wealth, but He does promise that "the one thing needful" will supply all his need.

The following week the meetings were resumed, the subject of the first being a "Modern Gallio," who was spoken of as a type, not of the merely careless, thoughtless man, but of an agnostic—the agnostic by choice, who wilfully turns away from all spiritual concerns, and affirms he knows nothing, and does not wish to know anything about them. Continuing it was shown how untenable and illogical the position of the agnostic was, in that he affirms that God is unknowable, and at the same time refutes his own statement by the contention that he knows that God is unknowable—a manifest contradiction. In conclusion, the life of the agnostic was portrayed in all its dreariness and hopelessness, and an instance adduced of a man who, while an agnostic, was several times on the verge of committing suicide, not from the pressure of any special trial, but merely from the emptiness and dreariness of life, and who stated to a friend of the speaker that now that he believed in God and Christ,—although his outward circumstances were unchanged—it was "such a treat to live."

The following day "Do Miracles Occur?" was the subject of the address which showed that they were not an abrogation of law, but the introduction of force from a higher plane to affect the experience of those in the lower. The present day is remarkable for the widespread tendency to disbelieve whatever is supernatural. The reasons given for not crediting anything of a phenomenal character are three-fold. First it is stated that the vast majority of mankind have not seen anything of a miraculous nature, that only a very small portion have, or believe they have, seen supernatural manifestations, and that therefore the experience of the majority is to be received: the testimony of the few rejected.