

mariner's compass, and a thousand things definitely settled on the map of the world instead of calling them all in question and claiming to make them matters of personal investigation and discovery.

And so in theology, we may be quite original, and free and progressive in searching sources of information for ourselves and yet allow that not a few dogmas have already been permanently determined. Loyalty to the truth, to scientific method and to our sacred calling demands this much. Dr. John Watson, in his "Cure of Souls," has well remarked; "They are unworthy of their profession who join in the Phillistine outcry against theology as something not worthy of serious study. If it be praiseworthy to classify beetles, and specialists among the coleoptera speak solemnly of their subject, it may be allowed for one science to reason regarding God and the soul. One can hardly imagine a greater sin against light within the Church than any indifference or enmity towards theology, or a more flagrant outrage against the idea of a university than the omission or exclusion of one science alone, and that the queen of all, and the one in which all others cohere and are crowned."

Your message should not only be scientifically clear and definite, but such, as to its matter, as the God of truth has authorized. In order to be this it must be drawn from the fountain of truth—the Bible. Need I remind you that this is the only supremely authoritative text-book acknowledged in this institution. We hear much at the present time, and properly so, about biblical training. We are told that the English Bible is not sufficiently taught and studied. This may be, and doubtless is, correct, and I do not hesitate to believe that continuous post-graduate critical study of it in Hebrew and Greek would be productive of much additional pulpit power.

Intelligent and God-fearing congregations will not grow weary of the services of aged or young ministers unless, indeed, they cease to be students, and thus lose the freshness and richness gained by constant communing with the Word in the