

Paul wrote ; or question the fact that he was inspired to say, " for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine ; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears ; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Yes, my brother, this is the general state, not only of your favored land, but all Protestant Christendom, with only here and there a sunny spot.

Go into the popular and fashionable congregations in your vicinity, and how many of those who have been for perhaps twenty or thirty years members of their communion, can give any general outline of even the new Testament ! Can you find in the Orthodox and Heterodox congregations one in a hundred who could even tell why Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote differently—the design of their productions—or even without special study inform us who wrote the Acts of the Apostles ?

Br. Comings are you not aware that professedly religious communities *decrease* in scriptural knowledge and real devotion to God just in proportion as they *increase* in popularity in the eyes of the world ?

A religious profession is popular in Christendom generally, and particularly in New England. The difference between conflicting sects, and professors and non-professors is merely nominal. Their sumptuous living, extravagant dress and equipage, the education of their sons and daughters, in all the vanity of the age, their business habits and general deportment are all, apparently with reference to this world. Now if such professors go to heaven, then is Universalism the doctrine of the Lord. The Saviour was mistaken when he said, " If any man will be my disciple, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." If those are the godly, then did Paul pea an erroneous sentiment when he said, " if any man will live godly in Christ Jesus, he shall suffer persecution."

With all the revivals and religious excitements, the world is in an awfully distracted state. Should the trump of God sound this day, how many high sounding professors would be found with lamps destitute of oil !

Br. Comings if you purpose carrying out the glorious principles laid down in your prospectus, harness yourself for the conflict ; you have work before you. Give us none of your half measures—the people need the sincere "milk of the word," to strengthen them for strong meat—we want no milk and water—we desire to see it flow pure and good. Nature never errs. The food furnished for the infant is just what is necessary for it. The God of all grace has not been unmindful of his needy children, and therefore the sincere milk of the word is called for to strengthen the children ! Carry out those principles with which you have started, and may the God of all grace bless and prosper you.

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