

And life's last shade be brightened by thy
ray,
Then shall my soul, now lost in clouds below,
Soar without bound, without consuming
glow."

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The following recent statement by Mr. Bryan in regard to the preaching required at the present day will form a fitting close to this great lecture:

"I desire my minister to preach every Sunday the simple gospel. The 'old, old story' never wearies the average congregation, if it comes from a devout mind with preparation in the message. My ideal sermon is one which has an appeal to the unconverted and a spiritual uplift for the Christian. I want my minister to be abreast of the times on all new theological questions and research, but I do not want him to bring them into the pulpit. I have formed certain fixed views of Christ, His gospel, and the inspiration of the Bible from a careful reading of that Book of books, and it will not make me a better Christian or profit my spiritual life, to unsettle these views by a discussion in the pulpit of new theories of Christ and the Holy Scriptures.