

messenger merely, but for the Majesty that is behind him. It is a paltry thing to be thinking of and criticising the man,—his voice, his manner, his attainments, or want of them; and wicked to make the imperfections of the messenger an excuse for making light of the message. That which was the strength of St. Paul and of every real Christian minister from that day to this, should be the most influential consideration with every hearer; “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

