

who reveals man at any time reveals him for all time. The minister cannot afford to be ignorant of the world's great masters. There are those who are anxious to be up to date in their reading who think it discreditable not to read every new book that is placed on the market. If in some social gathering they are asked whether they have read "Christian" or "Equality," they blush to confess they have not, and too often they are strangers to the world's great thinkers who never become old. These Masters should not be read merely ; they should be studied and interpreted. As these are studied it will be necessary to read contemporary history, and as far as possible reproduce the conditions of the time when they were written.

In literature we find the thoughts of the race, in history, we find its deeds. To separate History from Literature is to sunder what God has joined together. In the history of the world we find the tragedy of life. It reveals to us God's Judgment Day in which his angels have been abroad separating the wheat from the tares. Here we see the God of justice and righteousness asserting Himself in relation to the lives of men and of nations, revealing to us the great experiment He is carrying on in behalf of the race. Here we see that God is, that the nations who forget Him and are unfaithful to Him shall perish and that He is steadily leading His people to a happy destiny. Here we behold how the seed of the kingdom has grown and its power widened, and is moving on, a world-conquering force. Thus to follow the church in its struggle on the field of History will widen our horizon and beget in us an unswerving faith in the glory and power of the Gospel. It will inspire us with patience and abiding confidence that there is no power so great as truth and that it is making steady progress and asserting itself from age to age.

It need not be said in the last hours of the nineteenth century that a minister cannot afford to be ignorant of that department of knowledge which has entered so largely into present social and industrial conditions. No one who makes