

opposition is disarmed. He speaks the truth, but he speaks it in love. A few years ago the President of Lake Forest University told us "there is in many cases a growing feeling on the part of the rich pews that the minister is hired by them to bring a message that suits them, and the old message of sin and salvation is at a discount." A little later we find Dr. Parker, of London, Eng., saying, "always allowing for exceptions the pulpit is the paid slave of respectable society." We are loath to believe these statements, and would fain deny the charges they contain if we could. May we not at least hope that the Athenian with the itching ear for something new, is in the minority, and that the sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal are but rarely heard. Sad, indeed, that there should be such a demand; sadder still, that there should be the supply to meet it. One thing is certain, Dr. Hall does not belong to that class. For, although he ministers to a congregation in great part made up of the most wealthy of New York's citizens, and in a church edifice which cost one million of dollars, the doctrines of sin and salvation occupy the very foreground in his preaching, and it is his delight to hold aloft the Cross of Christ, and declare it to be the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

Again, he is a transparently honest man. Some one has said "how four-square the name, John Hall, looks." In the light of this remark look at the name again, for in the name you have the man, an honest man who stands four-square, facing without fear all men, a man with consecrated common-sense, a man whose earnestness commends the truth, rivets the attention and wings the message of salvation into the soul.

May this champion of the faith which was once delivered to the saints, be given many more years through which to tell in clarion tones the message of salvation.

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