

what has made England great, and what, as I believe, alone can keep it great."

What then can we do in this time of disquietude and drift? The practical remedy for the present distress is the inculcation and cultivation of earnest, prayerful, systematic study of God's Word. The great thing is not what men say about the Bible; but what the Bible says about itself. Let our study of it be most thorough and searching. Let us bring to bear upon it every literary and grammatical help. But above all, we need the guidance and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit; for, as Dr. Robertson Nicholl has emphatically said: "The Word of God cannot be understood by those who have no spiritual fellowship with the writers." "Nothing is understood in the New Testament (or in the Old) without direct spiritual illumination." To the humble and believing heart the Word of God will shine forth as the sun in its strength. We will know all Scripture to be inspired of God, because in his own experience he has found it "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." It will so search and try him, as Coleridge has said, and find him out to the depth of his being, that he will know assuredly, St. Paul declares, that it is "not the word of man, but in very truth the Word of God, which liveth and endureth forever."