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My apology for having selected this seemingly far-fetched subject for discussion under the auspices of the Theological Union of our Maritime Conferences is, that ethics is the quintessence of religion, and that all theological questions necessarily take on an ethical complexion, and that in our day the tendency is to select the physical side as the point of view from which to contemplate human conduct. It is a subject, however, which may justly demand to be handled only by one who can command the ability for research, and the time for mental digestion adequate to the undertaking. This sophomoric and poorly digested effort is nevertheless hazarded with the hope that the critical may be kind to its faults, and that it may retain the merit of becoming suggestive and fruitful of good to some hearer.

While having skimmed, swallow-like, over the publications of several men eminent in theology and related sciences, I feel bound at the beginning to acknowledge especial indebtedness to Dawson, of McGill; and Davison, of Richmond; McCosh, of Princeton; and Schurman, of Cornell; Drummond, of Edinburgh; Carpenter, of London; and the class lectures of Prof. Bowne, of Boston. This acknowledgment is specially due because the method of preparation for hurried composition has