

are a compilation of what Gordon, Murray, Smeaton, Hodge or any other man has written upon it, but what you have acquired through earnest and prayerful study. As before, while studying you will read what other men have written, and you will compare their views with what you conceive to be the teaching of Scripture, and where you find their teaching more satisfactory than your own you will adopt it and assimilate it with your thinking.

As a result of such reading and study as is here indicated, you will always be interesting, you will become daily richer in your intellectual and spiritual possessions. You will never pass the dead line, but you will have the freshness and fragrance of the growing plant, rich and beautiful with the product of its continued labor and abundant vitality.

I have endeavored to indicate how the minister should read and study. It is proper now to add a few sentences regarding *what* he should read and study. Reference has already been made to the study of Fiction, and there is no doubt that the highest truth can be and has been embodied in the garb of story. There are those who entertain the hope that the time may come when Mathematics, Logic and Metaphysics will, to the joy of students, be clothed in the living forms of Fiction. In a word, it may be said that a minister should become acquainted with and be a student of the world's great masters in Literature, Science and Philosophy. These interpret and idealize life. They live beside the life of their country, the life of humanity. They go to the depths of human experience, and reveal men to themselves and to their fellow-men. Each period, especially the great periods of the world's history, has its literary interpreters who unfold not only the life of their own period, but some phase of universal life also. The works of such men never grow old. To-day they stir our feelings and passions as much as when they came fresh from the authors' brains. Shakespeare, Dante, Milton and others are immortal because man is immortal, and has in him what survives all changes. He carries the same life from age to age so that he