

development, noting carefully the progress of revelation towards completion in the person and ministry of Christ and his apostles. Concurrent with this comprehensive survey of the matter of the whole volume there should be practice in minute critical exegesis, and in the preparation of Homiletical sketches and discourses. The outcome of all will be the enriching of the preacher's message, which should consist not of a recital of the opinions of learned men about the word of God, but a clear and convincing presentation of what God himself has said in his word. To add power to the pulpit of to-day we do not require to trace and to explode all the hoary errors of past centuries and theological vagaries now current, and thus to swell the already cumbersome mass of historical and metaphysical disputations.

It is not thus that we can most effectually stem the tide of popular unbelief. To renovate society, to make missions prosperous, and to save the people from the spreading blight of scepticism nothing is so potent as the pure and living truth of God. But to learn it successfully and to teach it with power—to discover and set forth that truth from the two records of His works and His word, students need more than seminaries can give them—they need to have “their eyes anointed with eyesalve that they may see.”

“Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes.”

Men full of faith and of the Holy Ghost are alone fit to contend with the Agnosticism, Materialism, Pantheism, Secularism, Socinianism, Indifferentism, and Atheistic Socialism that are now so zealously propagated by itinerant lecturers and novelists, and by the press in a hundred different forms. The conflict between truth and error is daily growing keener. The apostles of evil are becoming more energetic and persistent in scattering doubts and enveloping themselves and others in mystic clouds and darkness. But we need not be dismayed. “He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.”