

to the magnificence of words or the studied graces of manner. His words spring free and spontaneous from his thoughts, flowing from the deep and unfailing fountain of a Spirit whose source is in nature and God."

"When he becomes animated he appears as if the very breathings of the Spirit were upon him. In the pulpit, before he commenced, his manner was reverent, meek, and unaffected."

"It is said that he was a man of prayer; he was in no less degree a man of the Bible. He studied logic with Paul, rhetoric with David, history with Moses and the Evangelists, and the art of preaching with Him who speaks as never man spoke."

In a letter to a preacher friend he tells of his own method of pulpit preparation—advice which we commend to pulpit reciters of memorized paragraphs:

"Digest well the subject, but be not careful to choose your *words* previous to delivery. Follow out the idea in such words as may offer at the moment. If you fill up on paper the matter of your text, you will contract a slavish habit of cumbering your mind with the words of your previous composition. You will need to write a good deal, but write on other subjects. I never preach without having prepared an outline, but I never write a sermon out at length."

"We must keep up with the literary advance of the times we live in" is a sentiment which in these days of superabundant literature and general education finds eager echo in the mind of many a minister of literary tastes. We do not think that Summerfield lagged far behind in that march, but *that* is not the sentiment which his life emphasizes. His grand successes came from having the intellect filled with Scripture truth, and the heart filled with the Holy Ghost. He who is mighty in prayer, and mighty in the Scriptures, will be mighty in the best sense over the consciences of men. Let the thousands of preachers who have the same Gospel to preach as that which was with him so great an engine of power, learn well the lesson and profit by his example.

From the biography before us it is quite evident that Summerfield fell an early victim to his own intensity of zeal. There are many who utter prompt and decided condemnation on a course such as his, for its violation of the laws of health and life. We dare not heartily endorse such condemnation. For humanity owes little to the cool-minded, the dignified, the prudent, and the conventional, who work only within cautious limits presented by the law of self-preservation. But the world *does* owe much to