

inished his intellectual vigor, or weakened his pastoral power of appeal. Rather in listening to him, we are reminded that in the realm of the intellectual and the spiritual, men often ripen late, and reach richest maturity and most attractive mellowness when the physical frame has had all, or nearly all the length of days spoken of as "the allotted span." The strong, fresh face and well-set head are the more handsome in these senior years for their wealth of silver hair; but there is no need for one to be a physiognomist to surmise that there is independence and force in this character, and possibly a natural tendency to be impatient of avoidable hindrances and interruptions when the mind has been set on following a course, or attaining a certain end.

The first impression given of Dr. Wright as a preacher is one relative to his absolute lack of conventionality. Here is no man "with arts (or starts) theatric practised at the glass," or one who has fallen into a hopeless habit of gesticulating inaptly, or who occasionally raises his voice in "sound and fury." Here is a man who speaks from the pulpit much as he speaks in the homes of the people and to the man in the street—plainly and unaffectedly. That he has a wealth of vocabulary is soon obvious, and, as becomes a man dealing with the sacred theme, good dictionary English is sufficient for his purpose. His style appeals and impresses by its very naturalness. It has been well said that to move others one must himself be moved, and the wide range of the reverend doctor's long experience, can be readily gleaned when one has heard him preaching a few times. A quiet humour is not out of place as he reveals it in the pulpit; still less so is the love of God's handiwork in nature revealed in some of Dr. Wright's descriptions; while his acquaintance with the pathos and tragedy of life, is finely shown in many of his illustrations, which, like sub-titles in a press column, or windows in a building, give light to the whole structure.

To those who seek in a minister's prayers, utterance for their own heart-life,—to those indeed whose aspirations after higher life are strong, and whose spiritual perceptions are quickened, worshipping in the church of which Dr. Wright is pastor, will inevitably have a life-affecting influence for good. To those souls who are ever keen on the God-ward quest, no part of the service tests a man more than his expressions in prayer. It may be that anyone who has learned "the trick of words" may mislead in this as in other things,