

bridge Bible for schools and colleges, for more detailed exegesis, and the International Critical Commentary for the discussion of critical and linguistic subjects. I would also advise the use of Old and New Testament introductions of various schools of thought, and the use at the same time of works that seek the more devotional truth set forth in the Scriptures. But the field of scientific Bible study is so wide that if one goes far in it he finds that he will have to specialize and choose some one department. Yet the working pastor should have a general knowledge of what is being done in the various spheres of Biblical research, and he should welcome all kinds of books that throw light from various quarters upon the Word of God—some from history, and some from geography and some from the study of manners and customs, or whatever relates to the life set forth in the Scriptures.

The pastor will also find help from books that arrange and state in order the whole range of Christian doctrine—books on Systematic Theology as it is usually called. Some of these are very dry and will yield but little return for labour, but others are wonderfully helpful in assisting us to classify our knowledge. It looks as if a new day is dawning for Systematic Theology. Dr. Clarke's "Outline of Christian Theology" is evidently one of the first notes in the new chorus, and we will look for other books that will approach the subject in the same spirit and by the same method.

Books of sermons are also very useful reading. But these should, most of them, be from preachers of our own age, for the very fact that a man is a preacher, usually makes his message for a subsequent age very limited. What we need in reading sermons is to see how the spirit of our own times is made to pulsate through the old and yet ever fresh truths of Revelation. Different pastors will be helped by different preachers. For my own part I receive most good from Maclaren and Spurgeon and Dean Church, with the possible addition of John Henry Newman. In Maclaren I find a keen, spiritual, and scholarly insight into the Scriptures, combined with a style that is marvelous for its grace and its simplicity. In Spurgeon I find the warm glow of a heart on fire with love for his Father, and lips touched