

would contradict this theory. If it were the truth, then there would be no lack at this day, compared with other times, because we never had so much of the truth. There never was so much preaching of the truth, or such a wide dissemination of the Word of God, yet, comparatively, where are the results?—Further, not only as to *quantity*, but as to *quality* am I discouraged. Not only are there comparatively few conversions, but a great many of these are of a questionable kind. We should not only ask—are people converted, but what are they converted to? What sort of saints are they? because, I contend, you had far better let a man alone in sin than give him a sham conversion and make him believe he is a Christian when he is nothing of the kind. So you see we must look after the quality as well as the quantity, and I fear we have an awful amount of spurious production, and it behooves us—and I will, for one, if I were to be crucified for it to-morrow—be true to what the Spirit of God has taught me on this point, I will never pander to things as they are for fear of the persecut on which follows trying to put them right. God forbid!

Then, I say, the lack is not the *truth*. . . There will be thousands of sermons preached to-day—the truth, the nothing but the truth. . . Nobody will pretend to say they were not in perfect keeping with the Word of God; and yet they will be perfect failures, and nobody will know it better than they who preach them! *These are facts.*

I was talking on this point, a while ago, with a good man, who said, "Ah! yes, I have not seen a