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You that discern the prize of your high calling, and who are endeavoring to press along the line toward the mark of the high calling, "gird up the loins of your mind." strengthen and fortify your purposes and efforts; renew your determination; redouble your diligence; cast aside the weights of unnecessary worldly cares; increase your zeal; and, as the apostle urges, run with patience the race set before you. Run, not like one who is merely beating the air, but like one who has a purpose in view, and who, in desperate earnest, is determined to make his calling and election sure.

A Friendly Criticism.

The Halsey Enterprise with commendable spirit published a sermon last week. The churches were closed because of the flu. The editor wrote the sermon himself which we think rather monopolistic. Besides, how can he now ever hope to receive an invitation to occupy the pulpit? While an editor may know every thing he will learn sooner or later that he must be discreet. — Harrisburg Bulletin.

We are free to admit we don't get the force of this criticism. Too monopolistic. I don't understand why. My columns are open to any preacher, politician or educator that wants to use them and will pay the price for I pay the price for what use I make of them.

If people don't want to read them they pass them up just as I do many a column of other papers. The people that want to read them have the opportunity. Those who don't want to don't need to.

He asks how can I ever hope to get an invitation to occupy a pulpit now? To tell the truth, a Russelite preacher soon learns better than to ever expect an invitation to preach from any orthodox pulpit. They have learned that from experience. But from the criticism I can only see three view points to examine it from.

1 It is so poor that nobody would want to hear it. 2 It is so good that the preachers might fear for their jobs. 3 It is so illogical and poisonous that the pastors would be afraid to have their flocks hear it.

As to the first, excuse me if I say that one person told me "he had lived many years but he had never heard so much in the length of time in his life." Another person told me, (and he was a preacher, too,) "It was a good sermon, I couldn't touch it." So I will not admit that the first premise is right.

As to the second premise, I am not so conceited or egotistical to admit that for a moment.

As to the third premise, there is nothing in it that any orthodox preacher need be afraid for their flock to hear. If the sermon had been preached by anybody except a Russelite it would be pronounced orthodox.

So as all three of those premises seem untenable, I do not know what to make of his criticism.

As to my learning discretion, there are some who never do learn that trait and I may be one

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