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I.

Introductory.



N the preaching of the gospel we are so much accustomed to deal with mixed congregations, that there is danger of the direct and powerful application of truth to the different classes of which they are composed being overlooked. Both in the appeals of the minister, and in the way in which the truth is regarded by the people, it is to be feared that the particular is not

*Various
classes usually
addressed to-
gether.*

unfrequently lost in the general—that
Dangers con- in endeavouring to do
ected with it. good to all, few or none
 may, in some cases, be
 really or permanently benefited. So

far as this may be the case, it is matter
 of serious regret; and it must be ad-
 mitted that some effort should be made
 to remedy the defect. Perhaps some-
 thing might be accomplished by modify-

Topics of ing the topics dwelt upon
Pulpit Teach- in the pulpit, so as to
ing. make its teachings more
 practical in their tendency,

with a fuller application of the Word of
 God to the ordinary relations and affairs
 of life. The conviction is in many
 minds that, if this were done—not by
 the introduction of a slang phraseology,
 which we would exclude from our social
 circles, and which we would not suffer
 to pollute our children's lips, but—by
 the discussion of topics of common in-
 terest in a dignified and scriptural, but

easy and familiar, style, its popular and effective influence would be immensely increased. But, however this may be, the press is open; and, through the channel thus supplied, the dangers and duties, the pursuits and privileges of each class in the community, as they affect each member in the Church of Christ, may be discussed freely, and with advantage.

The Press.

If there is a class which, more than another, is passed over, so

far as public addresses furnish a criterion by which to judge, it is

Females usually passed over.

the *female* portion of the Church's membership. To others, special attention is frequently directed. To men, the weight of public instruction is addressed; and young men are often singled out for useful and important counsel; while sermons are preached even to children with happy effect. This is not matter for regret, but for sincere satisfaction.