

Scripture on many points which were considered comparatively unimportant a few years ago. This is no easy task. It requires thorough linguistic training, good personal mentality, and also some knowledge of the tradition of sound exegetical method which has disappeared from most of them as Modernism has taken over. Men whose only training has been received under modernistic professors, may be able to develop good methods for defending the established teachings of Christianity, but unless they are very rare geniuses, they can hardly be expected to build up by themselves the whole scholarship here which is vital in this particular field. This is particularly true in the Old Testament. In addition to preserving this continuity, Dr Harris and I have been working for many years in carrying forward methods of sound exegesis, and I do not think that anything equivalent can be built up by men without a similar background, at least not in a period less than twice as long as that in which we have been working in the field.

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EXAMINING CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION

M. has let me see the letter you sent out to those who were present at the meeting of the K. presbytery on April 13th, and I have felt moved to express to you my opinion about some of its statements.

First, however, let me tell you how very happy I am about your statement regarding the Lord's blessing upon the meetings in B. Surely nothing but our own lack of faith can prevent great things being accomplished for Christ! We must push forward and let Him use us in a mighty way.