

the heart that matters. It ~~what's~~ inside of us that matters. But we are going to be greatly hindered in serving the Lord effectively if we go out and our looks belie what we are and what we mean to be. It is worthwhile when you are here in seminary thinking about your appearance, and thinking about the impression you make on people, because you can't change your habits, just in the second when you get them. And the appearance is important. But that ~~is~~ certainly is not the main thing that is being stressed in the leaves here, because it speaks ~~of~~ in the ~~verse~~ of it being for medicine in Ezekiel, and in Revelation here it says they are for the healing of the nations, and if it were not for the Christian church, how different our nations would be. Take all the social movements of progress in the last three hundred years. Take all the improvements in the general life of our nation, and they can be pushed back to the influence of the Christian church and the Christian people. The purpose of the Christian Church is not to improve social conditions. It is not to improve relations between nations. It is not to effect all of these things in our nations. That is not the purpose of the Christian Church. But that is a by-product which inevitably comes if the church is true to the Lord. It is ~~the~~ result which comes from our, it is a result which comes from the activities of the church, it is something that we should give a certain amount of thought to. It should not be our basis. It should not be our main thing, but it is a true effect of the work of the church. Now the modernist bearing no fruit is apt to just look at the leaves. And he is apt to get some counterfeit leaves and introduce some principles that are harmful rather than good. But the fact that he puts ~~so~~ so much stress on leaves, and so much stress on principles, some of which are junk, but many of which are good, should not lead us to shy away from it and say we want nothing in the world to do with that. We are only interested in the progress of the gospel. No, we are primarily interested in the progress of the gospel, but the by-product of the presence of Christianity in the world, I believe is referred to in this passage, and I think that it is a true thing which we should give a certain amount of thought ~~to~~ to, and it is one of the wonderful evidences of the truth of Christianity, the effect which Christian movements have had. Read that wonderful book, England before and after Wesley, and see the social conditions, see the cruelty and see the misery, see the conditio