

## *Conclusion*

I hope you feel that I have made good my title, and that you have been reading the work of a man who truly is a leonine ‘prophet’, though one without honour. That is to say, despite the fact that you may never have heard of Edward Miall before picking up this volume, having read it you feel you have been reading – even hearing – the words of a man who has probed and confronted you on contemporary church issues. That was my intention in this publication.

But I do not want to hide behind Miall. I have used him, yes, because I too want to address my generation on these matters, and do so in a trenchant, even confrontational, way. I make no apology for this. I am grieved that so much of today’s preaching and discourse is gentle and genteel. As I read my Bible – law, prophets, Christ and apostles – I breathe a very different atmosphere. And the biblical approach is what is needed today, now as much as ever it was.

So I cast this work onto the open sea. I cannot say I do so in faith and hope – because God has given me no promise that he will use it for his glory. But that is my prayer.