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“How Readest Thou?”

— LUKE 10: 26. —

“’Tis one thing, friend, to read the Bible through,
Another thing to read to learn and do;
’Tis one thing, too, to read it with delight
And quite another thing to read it right.

‘Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay but little heed;
Some read it as their duty once a week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek.

“Some read to bring themselves into repute,
By showing others how they can dispute;
Whilst others read because their neighbors do,
To see how long ’twill take to read it through.

“Some read the blessed Book, they don’t know why;
It somehow happens in the way to lie;
Whilst others read it with uncommon care,
But all to find some contradictions there.

“One reads with father’s specs upon his head,
And sees the thing just as his father did;
Another reads through Campbell or through Scott,
And thinks it means exactly what *they* thought.

“Some read to prove a preadopted creed,
Thus understand but little what they read;
And every passage of the book they bend
To make it suit that all important end.
Some people read, as I have often thought,
To teach the Book instead of being taught.”



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THE SECRET

of reading the Bible "with delight" lies in being able to "rightly *divide* the Word of truth," "according to the purpose [plan] of the ages which God formed in Christ Jesus our Lord."—2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 3:11; Heb. 1:3, *Revised Version, margin.*

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