

# Letters: Rev. j.h.thomson, Hightae (1)

by Andrew Bonar

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*Andrew Bonar's letter to J.H. Thomson reflects his encouragement to benefit from one's labor and toil, both physically and spiritually.*

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 8:8, Proverbs 11:25, Galatians 6:6, 1 Timothy 5:18, 2 Timothy 2:15

**Topics:** "Spiritual Nourishment", "Understanding God's Word"

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## Description

Andrew Bonar addresses Rev. J.H. Thomson, emphasizing the importance of understanding God's law as exemplified by Ezra and his followers. He encourages the recipient to reflect on the wisdom of the biblical precept regarding the ox that treads out the corn, suggesting that they are receiving spiritual nourishment that strengthens their labor. Bonar also shares that he has written a preface for Samuel Rutherford's sermons and seeks Thomson's feedback on it. The letter conveys a sense of camaraderie and mutual support in their spiritual endeavors.

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## Transcript

CRAIGNURE, ISLE OF MULL, Augst. 16th, 1884. MAN OF ZEBULON, who 'handlest the pen of the writer,' and follower of Ezra and his band, who not only read in the law of God distinctly, but who also 'gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading,' peace be with you. I suppose you are illustrating to yourself the wisdom as well as kindness of the precept: 'Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.' Aren't you getting mouthfuls of such food as gives you strength to go on with your labour--many a refreshing thought, many a view of the King's treasures?

I have written to-day (being still in the country and somewhat at leisure) the enclosed pages, to form a brief 'Preface' to Samuel Rutherford's Sermons.

Will you kindly read it over, and tell me if it meets your approbation? --Yours truly, dear brother, ANDREW A. BONAR, philo-Rhaetorfortis.

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