

magnetism, and this no doubt accounts for the distinct mental image of him which those who have received it still retain after many decades. In his inner spiritual life he was, like Paul and Augustine, always a penitent. "I have obtained mercy," he says, "but I cannot forget my sins." This penitence produced an ardent and chivalrous devotion to the Christ who had redeemed him. But so exalted was his life that he carried with him a spiritual magic that, for those who met him, seemed to transfigure the ordinary things of life. As a preacher he gave the chief place to salvation by grace and the need of the new birth, as did Paul and Augustine, to whose type he distinctly belonged. His voice was clear, melodious and commanding; his manner impressive, dignified and earnest. His language and imagery were chaste and forcible, his extensive travels and varied experience giving him a rich store of metaphor and illustration; while with his face, his voice and his gestures he could produce wonderful effects. His style was simple, bordering on the conversational, with occasional bursts of irresistible power and pathos. His sermons were original, instructive and persuasive, and withal not tedious. In Aberdeen one youth was overheard saying in the street, one Sunday evening, to his companion: "Let us go and hear Gilmour; he's short." Behind all this stood the unblemished character of the man who spoke.

His influence was felt, and is still felt, in various departments of our work. At a time when it was most needed he gave encouragement and help to the work at Grande Ligne: his whole life in Canada was a succession of effort in Home Missions, and he has influenced the homes that reared some of our most prominent men. Apart from his connection with the Montreal Baptist College, he has had large influence on our educational work in other ways also. He baptised Robert Fyfe in the St. Lawrence and was for many years his valued adviser; he influenced the home that reared the late D. A. McGregor: and he gave timely and much appreciated spiritual counsel to one, who has held a prominent position in McMaster University.

Our obligation is great to those who make for us clear distinctions in theological thought: it is great to those whose liberality provides means for the carrying forward of Christ's work: and it is great to those whose words and example incite us to