

up, and all desultory methods, and fragmentary habits carefully avoided.

Then in regard to what studies to pursue, a wide and difficult question arises. It is impossible to read everything, or to be well versed in all departments of study, and it is exceedingly difficult amid so much to make selection. A great boon would be conferred, if some one would provide in each department of learning lists of subjects, and authors to be taken up in order. Of course the studies which will call for first attention will be those lying in the line of the particular walk of life chosen. For the minister of the Gospel, all those topics which may be termed Theistic, Biblical, and practical, will call for special attention. But of immense value will it be for the minister to have a knowledge of various general studies as well. The study of languages, especially Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, and if possible French, and German, will be very serviceable. Then a turn at mathematics, or an exercise in logic, with an occasional excursion into the glades of metaphysics, will be a good mental gymnastic, while the study of the natural sciences, and above all a mastery of the best English authors, both in prose and verse, will be of great value.

In this connection, and to give guidance in post graduate study, it is a capital thing that our colleges have established such courses as will enable the student to pursue his studies intelligently for some years after he leaves college. In Knox College the B. D. course, if taken advantage of, as it surely will, will be of vast service in this way. The course, if not so *broad* as some might think it ought to be, certainly is as *deep* as any one could wish it to be, and the man who reads it faithfully and passes the examination creditably will derive great advantages therefrom. It is to be hoped that from year to year an increasing num-

ber of our ministers may be found taking up the course, for the sake of the capital training it affords, in the way of fostering good habits and right methods of study after college days are ended.

It cannot be doubted but that it would be equally useful if our Art Colleges would provide more fully than they now do, for post-graduate, resident or non-resident, courses of study, and I am sure many will hail with delight any move the University of Toronto and University College may make in this direction. It is probably in this direction more than in any other that the curriculum of Toronto needs development. If extended courses were prescribed in the various departments, and examinations conducted on two or three years post-graduate course, and suitable degrees conferred on completing it, a great help would be afforded those who wished to pursue, in a regular way, post-graduate study in the various departments of a liberal arts course. There can be no doubt but the advantages arising from this post-graduate curriculum would be very great, and probably not the least would be the aid it would afford to the formation of habit of concentrated study without the assistance of a preceptor.

This article is already longer than I intended, and so, further development of the hints must be left to others, or to another time. It is with a deep conviction of the necessity of constant study on the part of the ministry, and with some knowledge of the difficulties in the way of its being successfully pursued, that these lines are written. I believe that in almost any of our charges, the pastor, with proper arrangement of his work, and husbanding of his time, will be able to accomplish all this article suggests, and be a diligent student, first of the Bible, then of all other studies