

than that shown by Paul ; there has never been greater heroism than his. What a picture he gives in his letters to the Corinthians of his sufferings, his perils, his weariness, his painfulness, his watchings, his hunger and thirst, his fastings, his cold and nakedness. And besides the things that were without, there came upon him daily the care of all the churches. Paul was thus an example to all ministers of consecration and service. Thus, in the profession of the minister, the hardest toil was the lightest in the end ; and, for every spiritual gift ministers were enabled to give they received, at least, ten-fold in return. Thus Paul looked towards the things which are unseen rather than towards those which are seen. And the crowning feature of Paul's spiritual life was its calmness. In this respect, his inner life was in striking contrast with the outer life. Cannot we learn the secret of Paul's calmness in the spiritual life ? Paul, evidently, was quite familiar with the current unbelief existing in his time. His address at Athens shows that he was quite familiar with the teachings of the Stoic and Epicurean, principles which really underlie the main currents of scepticism to-day, the pantheism, the agnosticism, the materialism, the atheism, which are merely phases of these old systems of thought. Paul never for a moment yielded to the currents of sceptical thought around him. The reason was because his spiritual faith was so real that they had no influence upon him whatever. There was no more rational theologian than he. He accepted the Christian religion because it appealed to the deepest instincts of his nature. Having done that and felt the reality of Christian experience, he allowed no sceptical thoughts to trouble him. This was the true line of apologetics for the Christian minister—the apologetics of Christian experience. Mr. Ross then addressed these concluding words especially to the younger men present, "You will soon separate to your several spheres of labor. Life is full of mysterious problems ; do not allow these mysteries to perplex your faith. Let the current sweep past you as Paul did, because he had such a vivid consciousness of his relationship with Christ."

Principal MacVicar followed with a few closing remarks, in the course of which he stated that the session now ended has been in all respects satisfactory. By the good hand of our God upon us, professors and students have enjoyed the best of health, and faithful and honest work has been done in every department. I have once more to report continued growth and prosperity, as compared with former years. Fourteen students graduated to-night, all of whom enter at once upon positions of usefulness in the church, while still larger classes remain on our roll. The evangelistic force which we represent may be estimated in some measure by the fact that over two hundred of our alumni are in the active service of the Master, and dur-