

this age of low ideals is spiritual sustenance, which gives them an impenetrable armor to turn aside the barbs and arrows of sin. Let the pulpit lead men and women in the right path, and each so led leads another into better ways. The sinful man or woman may be caged as a captive beast, but when the cage is broken he or she is the same sinful man or woman. The function of the pulpit is to strengthen the weak and to raise the fallen. When this is done good has been accomplished, but nothing else is of profit. These Don Quixote charges against the windmill of vice may prove more dangerous to the authority of the pulpit than to the vicious. Let not the dark waters of vice dash against the oak of the pulpit, lest men turn their faces away and the message of divine love fail to reach the ears of men.

Current Events.

—The Rev. E. I. Rexford, in the course of addressing the Canadian National Society of Montreal at its last meeting, said that there had been some difficulty in the teaching of Canadian history, which was greatly added to by the fact that in the romantic beginnings of our country the persons of the drama were all French and the great actors in the development of the present conditions were not Canadian. The defect of not having a good history was likely soon to be overcome. Sixty-five writers were at present engaged competitively in preparing a text-book which should be adapted to all the schools of the country. The best of that number should, surely, be very nearly the thing, especially as the incentive of having a royalty on the sale was a very attractive one.

—The report read at the last quarterly meeting of the corporation of McGill University showed the number of students to be 1100, divided as follows: Faculty of Law, 43; Faculty of Medicine, 349; Faculty of Arts, including students from other faculties attending lectures, 599; Faculty of Arts only, 350—men 233 and women 117; Faculty of Applied Science, 186; Faculty of Veterinary Science, 58; McGill Normal School, teachers in training, 136, making a total of 1122, or, deducting the 22 students reported in two different faculties, 1100. This is an increase of 71 over 1893, and 171 over 1892. During the year the college buildings had been extended by the opening of the Engineering and Physics buildings, and the Redpath library. New endowments and donations amounted to \$230,000, of which \$162,000 will produce additional permanent income; \$60,000 is for land and buildings,