

found, and even if the particular book is not employed, the method of systematic reading may be modified in a Bible class which follows out the questions on Sundays and expects its members to read the portion during the week. It will not be found unprofitable to substitute more simple questions where the education of the people is not sufficient to enable them to follow the more difficult ones. In concluding this part of my subject, I will only say that either myself or Dr. Henderson will be delighted to furnish any details in respect to this method known as the Chronological Scripture Cycle, and which has a large branch already at work in Montreal.

It may be said now, passing from the particular method to the general, that where it is possible, the system of giving questions to be searched out by members of classes in their own home is a most invaluable one for stimulating a desire to study the Bible and to make it appear what it really is, an interesting book. Those who heard Professor Torry lecture at the Y.M.C.A. convention last year are not likely to forget the force and vigour of an address on the study of the Bible. There was nothing sensational; there was no appeal to the emotions; there was simply the setting forth, in plain English, of the Scriptural essentials for studying the Bible. Sooner or later we are bound to come to the third point, which I am anxious to set before you, and that is, that he who would be a successful Bible student or make others so, must follow the lines laid down in the Bible itself. God has not left us in doubt on this subject. Let me briefly recapitulate seven essentials with their texts, as Professor Torry gave them.

1. We must be born of the Spirit. 1 Cor. ii., 14. The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.
2. To be *willing* to do God's will. John vii., 17. If any man willetlh to do God's will he shall know the doctrine.
3. Obediently. James i., 21, 22. Be ye doers of the Word not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
4. As a babe. Matt. x., 25. The disciple is not above his master.
5. As the word of God. 1 Thess. ii., 13. Ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the Word of God.
6. Thoughtfully. Meditate therein day and night. Joshua i., 8.
7. Prayerfully. Psalm cxix., 18. Open thou mine eyes that I may see the wondrous things out of Thy law.

And then he spoke of method, but of this I cannot do better than read you a portion of a letter written by a disciple of Burgon's on the subject, and which seems to sum up all concisely.

1. Study the Bible as a *self-interpreting* book, by,—
- (a). The concordance to the Original. Bruder for N.T. and the Englishman's Hebrew to the O.T.