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SOME EMINENT PREACHERS.

(In closing, for the Session, the class of Systematic Theology, Dr. Gordon gave an address on "Some Eminent Preachers," of whom he could bear personal testimony, making reference not to the living but to the dead. The substance of his address is here given at the request of the editors of THE THEOLOGUE.)

THE first great preacher that I ever heard, and in some respects the greatest, was Dr. Norman Macleod. I was a member of his congregation, or, as the Scotch say, "sat under him," during the seven sessions that I attended the University of Glasgow, and I owe him more than I owe to any other of my teachers, next to my mother. It is not easy to give a critical estimate of one to whom you feel so deeply indebted and of whom you might be inclined to speak in words which to others might appear too eulogistic, and yet I think that, by common consent, Dr. Macleod was considered the foremost Scottish preacher of his time. His ministry, with the exception of a few early years, was closely identified with Glasgow, and the city was proud of him. To his fellow-citizens, and indeed to many outside of Glasgow, he was familiarly known as "Norman,"—as if in all the land there were only one Norman—and Ian Maclaren refers to him as "Dr. Bigheart, Chaplain to the Queen, and chaplain to all Scotland." His life has been told by his brother, and it is one of the best written biographies that I know: but I speak of him more from personal recollection.

He was a man of large mould, large in all respects, body heart and brain; physically handsome, although in latter years