

ing the present century. The mediæval view of life, making a division between, and opposing each other sacred and profane, was formed on an imperfect idea of religion. Religion was supposed to be something apart from daily life, and to be sought apart from the world in monasteries and nunneries. Such a view of life, in its modern form, tends to make a man religious on Sunday, but religion is apt to be discarded for the rest of the week as being alien to the secular pursuits of life. The message of the twentieth century to the world with regard to religion is to insist upon the fact that religion touches the whole life of man. Everything is sacred and should be made to glorify God. A man's soul is not the only thing which needs to be saved—the whole man must be saved, society must be regenerated, the daily life of man in all its departments must be touched and made sacred. God is not to be served merely by attending church services and making prayers, but by the daily life of the individual, of society and of the nation.

THE A. M. S.

A VERY quiet and orderly meeting of the A. M. S. was held on the evening of January 19th. The programme consisted of a debate on the following subject: Resolved that higher education alienates a man from the masses. Messrs. McSporran and MacIntosh, representing '01, upheld the affirmative side of the question, while Messrs. Mahaffy and McConachie, of '02, took the negative side.

Whether it was that the severe frost had frozen up all surplus exuberance, or la grippe had tamed the spirit of the troubler, we know not, but, *mirabile dictu*, even the eloquence of the gifted orators who debated on a most serious subject failed to provoke the customary effusions from an appreciative audience. Perhaps, indeed, it was the eloquence which held them spell-bound. Whatever the reason, we desire to comment on the improvement in the order maintained during the debate and hope that the same order will characterize all future debates, not that we wish to see the spirit of jollity suppressed—far from it. There is need

of such a spirit; the seriousness of life is evident enough without being emphasized by the long face. But like everything else, jollity has its place and should not interfere with the speakers in a debate as it unfortunately has done on occasions in the past. If we wish to develop debaters we must give them a chance to make their points. Our general criticism of the debate would be that the points were made rather loosely. There was a lack of hard and fast argument which drives home with conviction and gives strength to a speech. A clear, concise, methodical treatment is essential to successful debating and it is only after the firmest foundation is laid that a debater can afford to soar into the regions of oratory.

The judges, Messrs. M. A. McKinnon, E. L. Fraleck and E. J. Williamson, after duly considering the points brought forward by both parties, saw fit in their wisdom to award the palm to the champions of '01.

Mr. Donnell, who acted as critic of the meeting, made some very good suggestions. One was to the effect of the formation of a front seat brigade to counteract that tendency which has always been imputed to Presbyterians (although they are not the only guilty ones), of taking possession of the back seats. His other suggestion, that the critic of the society should be a graduate of one or two years' standing is also worthy of serious consideration. A graduate should certainly be more conversant with the workings of the A. M. S. than a man chosen from the senior year, and should prove a more capable critic than a less experienced man. The criticism of such a man, we think, would be much more beneficial than the little song which we generally hear every Saturday night.

The secretary read the following communication from the Principal:

GENTLEMEN,—It is fitting that I acknowledge at once your expression of sympathy, which I have just read in the *University Journal*. You do not exaggerate Mrs. Grant's quiet, strong influence for good all through her life. She has made me respect women, as I learned from the unconscious