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Editorial.

A CORRECT knowledge of the Hebrew language is an almost indispensable factor in the equipment of a thoroughly educated ministry, and at no time in the history of the church has such a knowledge been more necessary than at the present. Much of the destructive criticism that has gained favour in certain quarters during the past few years involves a familiar acquaintance with it. The faithful minister is often called upon to defend the integrity of the Holy Scriptures from the attacks made upon them and it should be his desire to qualify himself thoroughly for this duty. Without an accurate training in the Oriental languages, he is unable to use one of the most

powerful instruments at his disposal. Recognizing this fact many of our theological seminaries lay great stress upon this study and devote much of their time to it.

Now, is the attention given to the subject of Hebrew by Knox College students generally such as its importance demands? We say it is not. Listening to the "gingerly" way in which many handle Hebrew words we are reminded of a horse eating thistles or of an old woman sipping hot tea.

Where then does the blame lie? Largely in the students themselves who, as a rule, do not appreciate the value of the language, and consequently do not devote the necessary time to its acquisition.