

he is best equipped who can meet thought with thought, reason with reason, argument with argument. We are not forgetting that equipment which for the Christian ministry is most essential—the spiritual; but whilst we place in the forefront the possession of that true spirit of life, we give a high place to that which gives personality, which characterizes the man, that individuality of thought and power of reasoning which gives strength, and to which a wide knowledge of facts should be made to minister. In that it has tended towards this end lies, we believe, the chief benefit of the years spent in these halls. Our professors have tried as far as possible to avoid the mechanical and to make us think for ourselves. We go out not too well equipped for the problems which are to face us, but remembering that although one phase of our student days ends here we are yet to continue students in a truer sense. Even though some of us may be called upon to labour in some remote part of this great land of ours, there these problems will meet us and demand attention and resistance. We cannot get away from these disturbing elements in some distant station in our great Northwest. There the few scattered huts of to-day, to-morrow has become a village, —soon the village becomes a town, the town a city, and there amidst the conflicting elements the result of the congregating of different nationalities and creeds, discretion, wisdom, knowledge and power of reasoning are needed in an even greater degree. Our Northwest is the great problem of Canada at the present time, and if it is ever to be won for Christ and His Kingdom it will only be conquered by men of the strongest spiritual and mental powers. But the field is the world and in whatever part of that great field we may be sent to labour, whatever that future on which we now look out may hold for us, we believe that we go forth forewarned and therefore forearmed. We know that we must not underestimate the difficulties but seek to meet them with courage and fortitude, desiring to be “Workmen needing not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God.”

The class of 1900, however, scarcely knows to-night where it stands. With all the learning which we have acquired