

of God and His truth, even then trust and pray in the darkness. The light will be all the more welcome when it comes. Clouds sometimes overhang the earth so as to hide the stars from view, and thick mists render at times the sun invisible; but the sun has not ceased to shine, and the stars have not ceased to burn, though for a short time you see them not. Trustfully, then, pursue your silent work, saying with Milton,—

"All is . . .

As ever in my great Taskmaster's eye;"

and though you do not "see all things in God," you will find God in everything.

Further, College life should be specially a time for the cultivation of personal piety. It is, alas, possible for it to contribute very little to this end. But piety is the most important quality needed in the heralds of the cross. The armour we fashion for others by our studies, we must first put on ourselves. In preaching, convincing argument must be supplemented by personal testimony. Neither the one nor the other is sufficient by itself. Logical argument without fervent piety will instruct but not persuade, and personal experiences without well-arranged truth will excite but not edify. Let, then, the truth you constantly handle never lose its sacredness to your minds, but let it have full power over your hearts, to make you manly and affectionate, courageous and humble, ambitious, yet self-forgetful. The work of the class-room is logical, not persuasive; and you will therefore require by your own personal act to keep the truth *en rapport* with your own hearts.

The reply from the students was given by Mr. J. A. Jaffary, B.A., whose fitting words deepened the impression made by the former speaker.

The intervals between the speeches were filled up by music from the Glee

Club. The closing address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, and was well calculated to stir the enthusiasm of the audience in the cause of ministerial education.

We have made the following extracts :

To every member of our Church, and indeed to every well wisher of his country, be his denominational preferences what they may, the proceedings of this evening must be cause for gratitude and joy. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pious hearts, who believe that Zion is still dear to her Lord, are praying that the Master would send forth more labourers into his vineyard, and the cry is being heard. During the present month some thirty-three young men complete their theological course, and enter upon the active duties of the ministry. But what are those, when we think of the continuous death roll, and the claimant necessities of our Church in the Home and Foreign field? And the outlook in the United States in proportion to its population is still less cheering. At Amherst 70 out of 350 students are studying for the ministry; at Yale, 25 out of 613; at Oberlin, 20 out of 428; at Brown, 25 out of 270; at Princeton, the cradle of Presbyterianism, only 38 out of 561; while Harvard, out of 928, cannot say that there is one looking forward to this sacred office! Such a state of things is not cheering, especially when we are told that there has been a steady decrease in theological students for the past ten years. It is one of the best evidences of spiritual life, when the supply of candidates for the gospel ministry is adequate to the requirements; when Christian parents give their sons, and their sons desiring the more lucrative professions, say like the prophet of old: "Here are we—send us."

No intelligent observer need be