

name of your professorship." When Dr. Schaff told him, he said, "As for Symbolics, I never heard of it in all my life, and as to Encyclopedia, if you are professor of that they need no other professor!"

A SPECIAL MISSIONARY COURSE.

What may prove to be a forecast of the future state of things in all Christian lands, is found in the proposal of the authorities of Boston University to establish a full course of special studies for those who have the foreign field in view. The following is a brief outline of it:—

In the first year it is proposed, in addition to Sacred Philology and exegesis, to give special emphasis to the philosophy of Theism, Deism, Polytheism, Atheism, and the external history of the Kingdom of God in Bible times, considered as a mirror of its internal states.

In the second year Sacred Philology and Exegesis, Hermeneutics, the origin, history and present relations of the chief religions of the world, Didactic Theology and Haliotics or the Theory of Missionary Labour, are taken up. Homiletics becomes Keryetic, the proclaiming as a herald of the gospel among a heathen population.

In the third year they are to have lectures introductory to Hindustani, Chinese, Arabic, or some other Oriental language; Introduction to the Sacred Books of Buddhism, Brahminism, Confucianism and Islamism; the History and State of Modern Missions; Comparative Soteriology and Ethics of all religions. All this is combined with practical training in city mission work during the three years of study.

It would seem to commend itself to Christian wisdom that candidates should be trained during their college course in the language in which they propose to preach, and thus give assurance of their ability to acquire some proficiency in it, before their church is put to the expense of sending them out. This would also give them the opportunity of doing the hardest part of their intellectual preparation in their native land under conditions most favorable to health, and would not subject them to the risk of breaking down before being able to speak the native tongue.

EXPERIENTIAL THEOLOGY.

Some seminaries have a class in this field of investigation. The School of Ritschl in Germany has had some effect in leading American theologians to lay more stress on Christian experience as a factor in Apologetics, and also as a criterion of certain features of religious truth. The course in this subject takes the form of lectures on Conversion as an experience in the several periods of the Church; the resulting types of character under the influence of ecclesiasticism, mysticism, evangelicalism and other systems of