

human experience. And while the incident which occasioned it may have been local in its nature, the thought arising therefrom is universal, and entitles the poem to rank as the greatest of the present century.

Our exchanges are not at all behind in articles on Tennyson. Referring to the great desire at present to speak about the poet, a recent writer states that he feared that, in many cases, persons were lost in admiration for the man, and entirely overlooked the spirit that was manifested in his poems. We may be permitted to mention one incident which showed to what extent Tennyson's work is known by a certain class. A young man went into a bookstore down town, not long ago, and, after sauntering aimlessly to the counter, happened to notice an illustrated edition of "Maud." He looked happy at once, and in subdued tones asked: "Say, have you any copies of this poem with any other girl's name?" We vouch for the above being true, and happening in Toronto. THE MONTHLY offers no advice to such a person.

MR. FRANK KELLER, travelling secretary of the Students' Volunteer movement, was in the city recently, and addressed a large gathering of university students in their Y.M.C.A. hall. His address was earnest and to the point, showing clearly the importance of foreign mission work, and the responsibility resting not only upon the church, but upon the individual as well. A strong appeal was then made for volunteers to the foreign field, and for means to help those already laboring in those far-off lands. While here Mr. Keller addressed meetings in Knox College, Wycliffe, Victoria, McMaster, and various other educational institutions. These annual visits of the travelling secretary are refreshing, and help to keep the students of our college in touch with the great work of the church—the evangelization of the world.

In the numbers of the *British Weekly* for Nov. 24th and Dec. 1st is a letter addressed to theological students by Prof. Marcus Dods. It is seldom that letters are written to students by so able a professor. His advice will undoubtedly be helpful to all studying theology. He outlines requirements necessary before a man can hope to become a theologian. Then he proceeds to a more direct reference to different branches of the study. Special importance is attached to the study of biblical theology, which the writer considers, if not to have superseded dogmatic theology, yet to be an indispensable accompaniment of it. He believes the chief difficulty in this line is the trouble in wiping out what may have been previously learned, and "in presenting our minds as *tabula rasa* to the impressions which the different writers seek to make." Among some