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ATHENS MODELITES

ddress by Rev. I. N. Beckstedt to

Athens, Dec. 1 .- The fifth series of addresses at the model school, Athens, was delivered by the Rev. I. N. Beckstedt, B.A., on Friday, Nov. 25th. He opened his address with but that he fully appreciated the honor and privilege given to him in addressing the students of the A.M.S. The topic of his address might be taken as "Life
—Our Exam" and the speaker gave his opinion and advice in an earnest, sympathetic manner. The very fact that he was allowed to address the students before him proved that they were acquiring the power to distinguish truth from heresy, and right from vrong This liberty is the fruit of the educational ideal, that the freedom of the idividual is the all-important aim. In other words, the idea is not to acrumalate, but to develop the ability to

think and feel powerfully. The speaker then asked the question, why is it more important to be able to think than to be able to retain? The answer came that no course of educaion is sufficiently wide to cover all the conditions and experiences of life. In other words, the accumulated facts and formulae might be compared to the raw material or stones, mortar and timber, ready for use, but unless they have the power of the mind to build up, this material would be absolutely seless. What we require then, first of all, is not the ability to accumulate. but to think. The supreme power of the mind is to be able to think powerfully, clearly and with a definite puroese. This power should be adjustable, flexible and a ready instrument, to manipulate the experiences of life. There is nothing to be said against the cultivation of the memory, but our I'll tell you how it happened, how point is that this is a supordinate part aid in attaining the power to think.

The impression is of more importance than the fact. To illustrate this the nestioned by her pastor concerning the previou. Sunday's sermon, could answer nothing. The pastor, perfound ly disappointed, teld her that she had received no benefit, but the lady quickly replied that she had received a good impression, that she had greater hopes and a brighter future. A person of strong and retentive memory might have remembered nearly all, in a cold, barren, mechanical fashion, but the

person who received the lasting impression was litted to a higher sphere. The conclusion drawn by the speaker was that the retention of facts is not the be-all and end-all of education. The aim of all education is or should be the formation of character. In other words, it is, to train the mind to think, the heart to feel, and the hand to do. This theory then is directly opposed to the system of notetaking It should not go so far as to have a depressing effect upon the mind. The reason for this is that it spoils the memory, leaves the heart untouched and the mind untrained in originality. The late Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, did not wish his students to take notes. He preferred them to fall back upon their own ability and to seek after ideas rather than words. The ase of the mechanical method does not require much ability on the part of the teacher. It lays emphasis upon the ability to reproduce all that is poured into the ears. Better is an ounce of originality than a pound of dry facts. It seemed to him that our educational system, up to very recent dates, has been to encourage the return of a single pound, to force our pupils to give back, ounce for ounce, pound for pound and word for word. A true educational

which would grow and bloom a hundred fold. The speaker wished the students oundant success. They would have many discouragements, depressions and difficulties, and would often be tempted to lose faith in themselves and their work. They would meet pupils of dull morals and mischieous propensities, and the task would seem hopeless and the results hard to find. But the task is far from hopeless, and the results are

system would regard the child's mind

bound to be good. The speaker now turned his attention toward the question of "ideals." It is fatal to lower an ideal; in other words it is a spiritual death. But this statement depends upon the ideals we ities. On the other hand, they mus \$1.00.

not stifle the heavenly voice and vision; they must be true to the highest and best that is in them. After the address had been delivered

by the reverend gentleman, Mr. Gordon Hamilton moved a vote of thanks, en behalf of the Modelites. This was seconded by Miss Maennee Pinkerton. A.M.S. Executive, in behalf of the

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DELTA JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

The following are names of pupils who obtained more than 75 per cent, of the marks given during November. Ralph Stevens, Agatha Sawyer, Vera Birch, Claude Williams, Mary Hutchison, Alice Knowlton, Clara Darling, Mary Mallory, Julia Sloan, Stella Russell, Olive Russell, Ernest Garrett, Flossie Day, Eva Morris. ANNA ALLYN, Teacher.

HOW IT HAPPFNED

came to marry Ruth, education, and it must be used as an The dearest woman in the world, as precious as the truth. was living with her parents 'way

out in Plum bollow Glen, speaker told of an old lady who, when True, there wasn't much about her to attract the most of men, For she wasn't very stylish nor her

figur se of grace,
Nor her features wasn't dolly, people
called her platter face,
But her kindness towards her parents

spoke to me and plainly told That beneath her homespun garments beat a heart of purest gold. All her sisters they were courted and

got married one by one, So I got to thinking bout it and I wondered what she'd done.

the best girl in the pack, Left to grubb there on the with a burden on her back. You might say just merely grubbing and a-slaving out her life,

Just because I wasn't man enough get myself a wife, So I got to kind of courting her little now and then, And concluded she was about choicest girl of all the Glen.

The wife of Ephraim Hoppkins had been dead a year or so, And he was courting all the girls and running to and fro,

He finally got intimate with Ruth and I'll be blowed, If I didn't meet them walking one night down the Holler road,

He was taking her to parties and beauin' her about. And the gossips all were talking 'bout the way he'd cut me out.

She acted independent like and he

would sneer and slur. But somehow the more she snubbed me the more I thought of her.

Well the harvest days were over and I was loafing 'round, But a more unhappy feller in the Glen could not be found

as a garden plot, in which to implant some beautiful thoughts and ideas I couldn't settle down to work, life seemed a misty blurr, In fact I didn't do much and think of her.

So one night when we were talking kind of on the marriage line, mustered all my courage and I asked her to be mine, She consented, and least some

might pack her off some day, made up my mind to take her, and it happened just that way.

CRAWF C. SLACK.

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