

and we shall never again be spellbound by the majesty of his extraordinary eloquence. It is said George Douglas is dead, let me rather say George Douglas is glorified. It is not our dear friend who is dead. The casket of the immortal jewel, the body which enshrined the lofty spirit, lies in Mount Royal, but the soul, the real George Douglas, is "absent from the body, present with the Lord." He lives to-day with Jesus, he lives to-day with us in memory and affection, and how influentially he lives in the spirit and work of the hundreds of young ministers who sat at his feet in their theological and homiletical preparation for the work of the Christian ministry. That unique personality in its beautiful life, in its distinguished career, and in its martyrdom of suffering—unmurmuring suffering, for who ever heard Dr. Douglas complain of his thorn or stake in the flesh?—must be fruitful in blessing to all who think of him, and of his life and work. It is written, "that we be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." I propose that we recall the characteristics and ministerial success of Dr. Douglas in the light of the characteristics and success of Apollos, who was "an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures." In all my ministry I never shrank from a service as from this one. It has seemed to me that it required a Dr. Douglas to preach a memorial sermon of Dr. Douglas. I have at least one qualification for this oppressively responsible service, and that is the qualification of loving, almost filial admiration for the man of God, who captured and captivated me by his wonderful pulpit power in the days of my youth.

We know but very little of Apollos compared with Paul. He has but little space accorded to him in the New Testament. What is known of him, however, is good. Apollos appears in relation to Paul in the early part of 1 Corinthians. He was no party to the divisions of the Corinthian Church. He evidently looked upon Paul as leader and superior, and Paul loved him as a successful co-worker in building up the Church of Christ in the first century. (1) Apollos was an eloquent man. Eloquence is a rare endowment. Eloquence is in part a gift of nature, but it may and should be assiduously cultivated. Eloquence may become a great power for good, and sanctified eloquence may largely multiply ministerial usefulness. Eloquence in statesmanship and patriotism, in reforms and in law, has been a powerful factor in the history of civilization. What a field for eloquence—eloquence of the highest order—in the discussion of the themes of our holy religion. . . . Great themes inspire and give elevation to thought and to style. There