

the part of the uninstructed masses, *for some kind of ministry*, and the amount of time and money needed to obtain acquaintance with these languages, render their acquisition, on the part of all but the comparatively few, a matter of impossibility, hence the exceedingly low standard of qualification on the part of average ministers of almost all sects, and their inability to edify (build up) believers, and to withstand the onslaught of unbelievers. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith Jehovah," may be a convenient apology for ignorance, but the same God who caused that to be written, caused Paul to quote Greek plays, in the course of his letters, and this, of course, as a means of enhancing the force of his arguments: it is more than time that they who have a voice in the training of ministers take care that *their Biblical knowledge at least* shall be adequate to the increasing requirements of the age. Mr. Roberts selected his text, on this occasion, from Romans xv., having read the chapter during the service; as he had been re-appointed by the Conference of the community to the pastorate of the church, he endeavoured to apply the 30th and 32nd verses of the chapter to his own case. "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in prayers to God for me; that I may come to you with joy, by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed."

After dilating on our relation to our Creator and our several social relations, the reverend gentleman commented, as his order is wont to do, on the grace of the Macedonians, whose "contribution for the poor saints in Jerusalem," Paul conveyed to the said saints; these exemplary Macedonians, "in a great trial of affliction," and in "the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty, abounded to the riches of their liberality," etc.; of another exemplary person, who, when occasion served, occupied himself in tent-making, and wrought night and day, rather than be chargeable to any man, we heard but little, at least in this connection. In the course of the preacher's remarks, which for the most part, were such as the subject would suggest; he observed that when God enjoins a duty, He gives his reason for so doing, and that the Apostle Paul did the same; he reminded us of what many would be apt to overlook, namely that the Apostle was not personally acquainted with the Church *in* Rome, when he wrote his epistle; the concluding chapter, however, would appear to give evidence of his personal knowledge of several of the members of that Church. It appears that there is some prospect of a reunion of this branch of Methodism with the parent stock, and if union be strength, and division feebleness, such a reunion must be in a high degree desirable.