

help us at all times Behind all must be the man.

A great element of success also lies in intercourse with the people in regular pastoral visitation and occasional calls. We are apt to depend too much on the pulpit services. The one idea of the preacher, too often, is to deliver great stirring sermons, neglecting his pastoral work. Now, this should not be. We ought to make our visiting a preparation for what we have to say to the people on the Lord's day. It is well also to have as much scriptural preaching as possible. Know your Bible well, and study how to use it. Know your people well and the kind of spiritual food that is the most suitable for them, and you will find that if you do so they will not send you in your resignation.

VII. *March 7th, 3 p.m.*—The usual lecture was given by Prof. Campbell. Subject, "The Troublers of Israel." The following are a few of the various kinds of troublers pointed out, and also some of the means to be used in dealing with them:—

Men who have a personal grudge against the minister.

Those who, school-boy like, test whether the minister is capable of ruling them.

Persons who ill-treat the new minister in order to show their attachment to the old.

Men who at once profess great friendship.

Critics who send anonymous letters, &c.

Pietistic people who think that you are not evangelistic enough.

Heresy and plagiary hunters.

Adventists, Anglo-Israelites, &c.

Men who bring politics into the church.

Persons who introduce their own private feuds.

Men who must be at variance with the ruling power.

In dealing with them:—

Take away as far as possible all occasion for complaint.

Have as few congregational meetings as possible.

Let the minister preside at all meetings.

Deal privately with your opponents.

Bring men who are at variance together at social gatherings.

Have an Elder for Sabbath-School Superintendent.

Preach the dignity and greatness of the cause of Christ.

Do not despise their strength.

Do not debate with them.

Do not make office-bearers of them.

Let such opposition lead you to work better and to more fervent prayer.

VIII. *March 14th, 4 p.m.*—Prof. Coussirat spoke upon the subject, "Are the Sermons of Roman

Catholic Priests, as a class, more eloquent than those of Protestant Ministers?" Such statements have been made by those not unfriendly to Protestantism. They assert that Protestant preachers depend more upon Reason and Investigation than Roman Catholic priests, and that this is not conducive of eloquence.

The professor showed that the history of the pulpit, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, does not bear out the assertion.

He also pointed out that they do not recognize the true nature of eloquence. Eloquence tends to convince, to prove, to move. This can only be done by reason and examination. We find that the example of our Lord was to teach the people, and the testimony of men to his preaching was that, "never man spake as this man."

Further remarks were made by Rev. Wm. Armstrong, Ottawa, Prof. Campbell and the Principal.

### Exchanges.

If our big *Presbyterian* brother at Philadelphia, who has donned a Calvinistic blue cover in celebration of his jubilee, could find room occasionally for an item of Canadian news we think he would not suffer in dignity, self-respect, nor subscription list. It is not true that a volume of great magnitude can be made from the articles on Canada he has published during the last twenty years.

*The 'Varsity*, from Toronto University, is a most welcome and valued exchange. The "Observations by the Patriarch Student," one of the leading features, are always well written. We make the following extract from an article on "Mental Spectacles," which appeared in a recent number: "Here in our little college world we have our different glasses. The higher years have green goggles through which they see the first year, and accordingly the first year seems green to them. The lower years have magnifying glasses through which they see the upper years, and the upper years seem big to them. For these notions there is but little foundation; in reality it is all on account of the spectacles. There are also other sets of glasses through which we students are accustomed to look. The honour courses put on their gold-rimmed glasses, and calmly try to stare the unblushing Pass course out of countenance. On the border-land, between the university and the world, we are very apt to put on our spectacles with the letters B. A. written