

how by the scientific method of proof theology could be put on as certain a basis as any of the other sciences. The fact that he could in such a scholarly manner deal with questions of Apologetics, and yet make them perfectly intelligible to a popular audience, proves the clearness of his own mind. Books are often thought profound because they are abstruse, and speakers very learned because their mysticism is incomprehensible, but we soon learn to appreciate the superiority of a mind whose grasp is firm because its vision is clear. His lectures have also clearly shown that the subject of Apologetics need not be confined to the schools. The public are interested in these vital questions, and are able to appreciate such a presentation of them as that given by Dr. Sexton.

It will be urged by many that no practical benefits will accrue from lectures of this kind. Men who are sceptical, they say, are not led to Christ by argument. We are already aware of good which has been done. While it is true that very much scepticism is moral rather than intellectual, it is not universally so. But even where unbelief is due to moral defect, does it not mean much to win reason on the side of right. It will prepare the way for some higher motive to sway the moral inclinations and save the soul from eternal night. The enemy has diligently sown tares. Shall we not heartily wish God-speed to men who, like Dr. Sexton, devote their days to the uprooting of them?

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THE cheer of the College vacation was saddened for two of our class-mates by the sickness of near relatives. We regret to state that in both cases the illness terminated fatally. Samuel Forbes Smith, a young man of bright promise, died at his home in New Glasgow on January 1st. Angus Murray, well and favorably known in this city and elsewhere both as an active business man and zealous Christian worker, died at Wolfville on January 12th. The deceased were brothers of W. H. Smith and Robert Murray, respectively. To these, as well as to their friends, their fellow students took the earliest opportunity of tendering their heartfelt sympathy.