

few patient, long-suffering people who are willing to listen to our puerile efforts in the pulpit. Perhaps a few such readers might, too, be found if we only ventured to give expression to the thought that is born within us. Come, boys, have you anything that you really wish to say through the columns of the JOURNAL? There is no danger of crowding out the wisdom of older sages. Let us assume that there are at least some of our readers who would like to know what we are doing and thinking about.

One pleasant innovation in our college opening this year was a short series of three lectures, on three successive evenings, by Principal Salmond of the Free Church College, Aberdeen. The lectures were open to the public, but unfortunately for the attendance, the Dominion Christian Endeavor Convention held its meetings in the city, at the same time. Those who did attend, however, were amply rewarded. Comprehensive treatment, deep and forceful thought, clear and graceful expression characterized the lectures throughout. To the first, somewhat abridged, we are pleased to invite the attention of our readers. The second was a vivid picture of the system of Bible study adopted in Scotland. The third dealt with "The Testimony of non-Christian religions to Christianity." We were sorry that Dr. Salmond was compelled to leave us so soon, and we hope not only for a longer visit from him, but that his brief coming is a foretoken of future inter-visitation of theological professors that will add new interest and instil new energy into college life and work.

BENEFITS OF CRITICISM.

Nothing perhaps goes more to develop a man's powers than sound healthy criticism. This is a universal truth which is especially applicable to the mental life of the individual. In all our mental efforts, the benefit resulting from a proper criticism is especially apparent. In spite of the sacred tradition that Keats was hurried to his grave by