

Chair of Logic and Rhetoric in the University. His lectures were so admirable, and were felt by his students to be so full of instruction and of example to them, that his notes were frequently taken down almost verbatim, and several well-known manuals were a substantial republication of them. Perhaps his most eminent quality as a teacher was the power he had of maintaining the most perfect discipline of mind and body in his class. The slightest touch of his sarcasm was sufficient to reduce to instant obedience the most obstreperous of the youths on the Logic benches, and the perfect quiet of his manner, his uniform gentleness and courtesy, and the transparent clearness both of his intellect and his expression, made him master in his class-room without any appearance of effort.

WE are glad to see that Dr. Masson is endeavouring to induce Scotch students for the ministry to make up their minds to come out to the North American Colonies to labour. No doubt he will succeed. We take the following from the *Scotsman*:

THE UNIVERSITY MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The members of this society were on Saturday addressed by the Rev. Dr. Masson on the claims of Canada as a mission field. While frankly warning the students of such drawbacks as the long severe winter, the heavy toil of serving as one cure several distant preaching stations, and the inadequate stipends of some of the charges, he argued that Canada, notwithstanding, held out strong inducements to earnest and acceptable clergymen. There was abundant work for any number of such clergymen, and the moment they arrived they would have their choice of churches without dancing attendance on patrons and wirepullers. There was also the best material to work upon—the hearts of a pious and sympathetic people, who set a high value on the ordinances of religion. And the bane and disgrace of sectarian rivalry had been well-nigh stamped out all over America. In Canada they would, moreover, have able and genial fellow-workers, with whom it would be an honour and a pleasure to co-operate in moulding the great future

of the Dominion to a truly Christian character. Too many of the livings were still shamefully inadequate, but vigorous efforts were being made to raise them, and already there were some prizes equal to any in the mother Church. One living in Montreal was above £1000 a-year; and when, as often happened some rich church in the States set its heart on a Canadian minister, "money was no consideration." At the close of his address, the cordial thanks of the students were conveyed to Dr. Masson by the president of the Association.

WE are glad to learn of the missionary vigour manifested among the students of Queen's College, Kingston. Mr. Alex. Cameron (brother of the minister of St. Andrew's, St. John,) writes to a friend under the date of Feb. 23rd, as follows:—

"There was a regular meeting of the Missionary Association this forenoon, when the students were allocated to the different Presbyteries under whose directions they are to labour during the summer. Our Association are sending out twelve missionaries this year."

We understand that Mr. Cameron is himself "one of the twelve."

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.—The First Baptist Church, Nashville, have agreed that they will dispense with all finery on Sabbath, wearing no jewels but consistency, and hereafter appear at church in plain calico dresses. This is a very needful reform; and we hope it will not destroy itself by running to extremes. Let our congregations take a note of this reform, and go and do likewise.

BISHOP PATTESON'S SUCCESSOR.—The Rev. J. R. Selwyn has been appointed a successor to Bishop Patteson, lately murdered. He and the Rev. J. Still have recently been sent forth by the Church of England, to labour as Missionaries in the field occupied by the late lamented Bishop.

ROME.—An office for printing Bibles is now in successful operation in Rome, in full sight from the Pope's palace, and 10,000 copies of the New Testament are now in process of manufacture.