

the conviction that the principle which lies at the heart of knowledge is spiritual. Thus the progress of knowledge has only revealed more and more clearly the truth of that great saying, that "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." In God we "live and move and have our being;" we are spirits capable of communion with the Spirit of all things; the meanest as well as the highest object within our reach witnesses of this universal spirit; and, living in it, we may become worthy members of the family, the community, the state, the race. To realize this spirit in all its forms is our true life work. Uplifted by this faith, the 'sorrow' that goes with 'increase of knowledge' is a divine sorrow, not to be repented of; it is no faint-hearted lament over the little that has been achieved; for, in the consciousness that we are "fellow workers with God," it turns to the joy which accompanies every effort to expand the reign of clear insight, to penetrate to the beauty that pervades all things, to help in promoting the "kingdom of heaven" within us and around us. Under the banner of the Holy Spirit,—free and yet reverent, strong in a faith rooted in reason—we may go forward confident of victory. Individually we are poor and weak; encompassed and upheld by the eternal living spirit of God, we are strong. If the battle seems long, and at times the shout of victory sounds faint in our ears, let us again review the triumphs that our Christian faith has already achieved; let us remind ourselves that the education of the whole race, as of the individual, must needs be a slow and labourious process in a being like man, so eager for the good and yet so blind, so resolute to have his desire for self-satisfaction gratified and so wilful in seeking for self-satisfaction where it cannot be found;—and, remembering these things, let us turn to our daily task with renewed confidence and energy. Our special task, as I have insisted, is illuminative, the clear comprehension of what life means. Let us be no weak and dispirited stragglers from the host of the Lord, but valiant soldiers of the truth, willing to labour and to wait. If we are filled with this faith we shall no longer lament

that 'he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow;' but rather rejoice exultantly that in knowing the truth we are comprehending Him Who is the Truth, and giving the willing obedience of those who know they are sons of God, not hirelings and strangers in his household.

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The approach of examinations has visibly decreased the attendance at A.M.S. meetings. The interest of the few faithful, however, has not diminished, and nothing has been allowed to pass without due consideration. It is to be regretted that the transaction of so much important business, arising from the reports of different committees, should devolve upon a few members of the society, but there seems to be no remedy except what lies with the students themselves.

At the meeting held on March 23rd, communications were read from Glasgow University, asking for a delegate to the Students' Council, to be held on the 12th, 13th, and 14th, of June, and from the Literary Society of McMaster University, desiring to arrange debates with Queen's. Both communications were referred to the executive.

The business manager of the JOURNAL presented his financial statement. The JOURNAL will come out clear this year, and have a small balance to hand over to the new staff. The revenue derived from advertisements has just about doubled that of last year amount, being \$715, as compared with \$338 of last year, and \$116 of the year before. The number of subscribers, too, has greatly increased, the total number for the present year being about 550.

Credit is due to the business manager for the way he has controlled his department. Through his efforts the staff has been able to present to its subscribers a much better journal, larger and more attractive, than it otherwise would have been able to do. The whole staff have worked harmoniously and conscientiously, and have tried to make the JOURNAL the fitting organ of the student body of Queen's. It is with the most sincere wishes for the increased prosperity of the college paper