

Monday Meetings.

IV. *February 7, 5 p.m.*—Principal Macvicar spoke on "Ministerial Supply." The lecture was a complete refutation of the mistaken notion which too many entertain that the church is training too many ministers. He showed on the contrary that it is to the dishonour of the Church that so few are preaching the Gospel in heathen lands. Let men remember that "the field is the world." Let them look at the millions of Asia, Africa and the Islands, and say that there are too many ministers.

If Canada were doing her duty she would have ten theological students for every one she has now.

Many count the congregations and mission stations, and finding these perhaps equal to the number of ministers, probationers and students, conclude that we have too many ministers, forgetting that infirmity, old age and death break in upon the ministerial ranks. They also assume that this work is limited to congregations and stations already formed, overlooking the fact that our work is aggressive—that the commission is "Go ye," &c. (Mat. 28: 19). Lastly, we should consider the awful consequence of failure to overtake the work which the Master has given us.

V. *February 14, 2 p.m.*—Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, B.A., St. Matthew's Church, addressed the students on the subject "Dignity and Duty." The lecture was full of thought and counsel. The following jottings will indicate its bearing:—

We should observe dignity in our deportment as ambassadors of Christ,—in our address, in the pulpit, and in all other duties.

We should impart dignity to the House of God. There is a tendency at the present time to secularize the church—to make it the place for socials, soirées, bazaars, &c.

He then referred to the duty of imparting the Truth in its freshness to the people. In order to do this we must draw directly from the Word, and not from helps of other kinds. We may do this by prayer and the constant study of the Scriptures.

He closed by reference to the consolations which attended such faithful labour. Men will feel that we are not working for selfish ends. Our words will be effective, and we will have the joy of seeing the Church prospering.

VI. *February 21, 3 p.m.*—To-day a most practical and interesting lecture was given by Rev. A. B. Mackay. Subject: "Apparatus."

In order to make the best use of our material we must have method.

All a minister's apparatus may be divided into two classes—permanent and fugitive material. Our permanent material is our library. A preacher should make everything tributary to the work of the ministry.

How are we to make the best use of a library? In order to use a library successfully it is necessary to have the books numbered and entered in a catalogue. A minister should have a "Working Bible," one strongly bound, having good print and broad margins. Froude's Theological Student's Bible highly recommended. In such a Bible the numbers of the books in the library bearing upon any book, chapter or verse could be written upon the margin, and also any note made.

The method the lecturer himself followed was illustrated upon the blackboard. We regret space will not permit us to transfer the diagrams to our columns.

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Why is there nothing in the printed rules of the library and reading-room prohibiting the mutilation of reviews and papers by the penknife or scissors? The Faculty must know. Perhaps they assume that the Ten Commandments are as binding as anything in the Calendar, or they may rely upon the principle stated in an old classic, with which frequenters of these rooms are supposed to be familiar, that "there are certain things concerning the government of the Church" (and of course of colleges) "common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed."

Exchanges.

Queen's College Journal.—This aspiring youth of eight winters fears he will become bankrupt if he gives presents to all the *infant* papers called after him! No danger, friend; continue to be generous, it is the way to success. If all your namesakes turn out as well as yourself, you will have no cause to be ashamed of them.

It is a sheer truism to say that the *Presbyterian Record* is in great demand among the students, and, in fact, everywhere. Be it "academic precocity" or no, we do most assuredly say the *Record* is far too cheap—25 cents a year!!!

WE learn with much satisfaction as we go to press that H.M.H. Prince Charles has conferred upon Rev. Prof. Campbell the decoration of the Order of Merit of Roumania of the first class, with the patent authorizing him to append to his titles the letters M.S.R., which are the symbols of the order. This honour is in recognition of distinguished services rendered to the cause of science. We congratulate the Professor upon his many high distinctions.