

PROFESSOR HENSLEY'S ADDRESS.

WHEN an effort was made some eight years ago to place our College on a different footing from that which it had previously occupied, and to obtain a permanent endowment in such a manner as to secure the interest of all members of the Church of England throughout the Diocese, one of the principal changes contemplated in the Prospectus, was the establishment of a Professorship of Divinity, in order that the studies of Candidates for the Ministry might be more especially directed towards preparing themselves for their future profession. With the complete success of that scheme we are all acquainted; of its subsequent results we have the amplest and most satisfactory evidence. Our College has steadily advanced from that day to this, and at the present time has within its walls treble the number of Students which it then had. The Professorship of Pastoral Theology has now been established for eight years; it may not be uninteresting to the numerous friends of the College to have some information as to the manner in which this Branch is conducted, and how we endeavour to assist our Divinity Students in their preparation for the ministry. At the suggestion of the Rev. President I will endeavour to do so briefly.

I may mention that this is a subject which has of late attracted much attention in England. A feeling seems to be prevalent that the Clergy as a body are behind the requirements of the age. A late writer remarks with much sarcasm, but at the same time with some truth, "All this time the Clergy have been stationary. In Greek and Latin, no doubt, they have advanced as fast as their age, or faster. University-men now write Greek Iambies, as every one knows, rather better than Sophocles, and would no more think of violating the Pause than of violating an oath. A good proportion of them also are perfectly at home in the calculation of perihelions, nodes, mean motions, and other interesting things of the same kind, which it is unnecessary to specify more particularly. * * * * * The things in which, compared with former ages, they excel so conspicuously, are the very things