the hearers, and make your ministry a continuous power in your congregation, searching them out, drawing them on, bringing sinners to the cross, restoring wanderers to the fold, inspiring Christians with zeal to work, and lifting up the whole tone of the people to the level of a community who are filled with the Spirit of God. So will your ministry be in the highest degree a success ; a permanent success, not ephemeral, but marked by blessed influences that will go on increasing through all time and to eternal ages.

EDITORIAL.

THE EXERCISE OF THE FACULTY OF THOUGHT.

In an admirable essay, which might well grace the pages of a future issue, one of our students recently noticed the neglect, generally prevalent among all classes of men, of the power of thinking ; and as the disuse of any faculty is equivalent to its abuse, those who fail to cultivate this most valuable power are in much the same position as the man who buried his talent in the earth.

The power to think clearly and intelligently is not, as some would seem to think, a mark of special genius, a talent given only to the few, but it is an achievement possible of cultivation by every rational being.

Too often, and especially among students, the brain is made too much a receiver and far too little a producer ; and the consequence is that originality of thought and expression, the power of seeing, and making others see things, which ordinarily are commonplace and truisms, is a much rarer quality than it need or ought to be.

The work of a minister renders it necessary, that in order that his ministry may be effective he shall possess this quality ; and the higher the degree to which it is cultivated by him, the greater his success will be. The minister has an often told story to tell, a story with the telling of which are associated in our minds a number of set phrases and stock definitions, which, while all very true and and good in themselves, by constant iteration and re-iteration have lost their pristine force and meaning. The story to be told is of the very highest im-