

line, he must, like his untalented neighbour, do so by dint of hard, persevering toil. For the man who considers himself a natural born elocutionist who does not need to practice with the ordinary rank and file of his class, there is little hope of successful progress.

It is, therefore, to be hoped that elocution may long continue on our college curriculum as a compulsory subject, and that the present interest in it may not only remain but increase. This increase of interest, it may be needless to add, will depend largely on the efforts of the lecturer to make the course a practical one—one in which the students will realize that they are getting the value of the precious hours spent thereon.

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Students in Mission Fields. At the time of the issue of this last number of the JOURNAL for this session we students are scattering in all directions to our mission fields, and a few words of sympathy and advice, given in a proper spirit, cannot be out of place.

Let us remember, fellow-students, that we are going to a most important work, and therefore should face it with courage and confidence, even though it may be with much trembling. It is true we feel our insufficiency, we know that we are young and untutored, and we shrink from being the teachers of people, and from being examples to all, especially to the young, for we know

that parents will be appealing to their children to do as the "minister" does. Yes, we shrink from our work and feel its great responsibility, yet in the providence of God we are assigned to it, and like brave men we should face it, determined by God's grace and in His strength to do our best.

As we go to our work let us remember that we may have difficulties in our fields. There may be quarrels among the people, little envies, strifes and clashing ambitions; let us not be discouraged by them; it may even be that we shall have greater difficulties than these; in any case let us do our best, and bring much prayer and sanctified, unselfish, common sense to bear upon them, and matters will right themselves, if not wholly, to a large extent. Prayer and sanctified, unselfish, common-sense do wonders at removing difficulties and building up righteousness.

As we enter upon our work let us determine that we will do our people JUSTICE; let our motto be "to do as much as we can, not as little as we can get off with;" of course we owe a duty to ourselves not to injure our health; but more people injure themselves by laziness than by hard work. We should put a just and fair amount of time into the preparation of our sermons, Sabbath-school work and visiting; but we do not wish to enlarge upon this thought. What we would like to force home to