

is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." There are several methods that one might follow in the study of the Scriptures, and I trust that some one will contribute an article upon this subject in a subsequent number. My object is simply to impress upon the minds of us students the great necessity of earnest effort in this direction. By no means am I exempting myself whilst writing to you. The fact of the matter is, I often feel ashamed of my neglect of that wonderful Book—*par excellence*, the Book. It is but right to admit that my neglect of it was due to the want of a proper appreciation of its excellence. I used to think that Philosophy and Science were chiefly needed, and the consequence was that these studies received a great deal of the attention that should have been given to the Bible. It is not at all unlikely that other students have had, and perhaps continue to have, a similar experience. And it is not an easy matter to give the Bible its proper position among our text books when it is not directly connected with examinations. Doubtless many students are conscious of carelessness in this regard, and have resolved to study it well after their literary course is completed. I did so myself, but feel now that more attention could easily have been given to the Word, and that the effort would have brought a rich reward. Every one who has taken a course in Arts and was faithful in the preparation of the work prescribed knows how hard it is to look much into other books. Strong competition is an additional obstruction. But in spite of the many obstacles that stand in the way of Bible study to literary students not one of them should be allowed to be a barrier. A little time—no matter how short—should be devoted every day to this most important subject of all. It is surprising how very familiar we would become with its contents in a few years were a half an hour spent daily over its precious pages. But, no matter what time is given to this, the fact remains that no results so precious and lasting can flow from the study of other works as follow from familiarity with the Divine Book. Many have become marvelously acquainted with it through earnest and continuous reading. This fact struck me very forcibly a short time ago in a book which contained an article called "Remarkable Examples of Bible Reading." It is a short piece and may not be unwelcome to some if inserted here. The writer says, "Many of the anecdotes compressed within the following paragraph it is easy to verify; and every reader will acknowledge the value of the lesson which they are intended to teach. Remarkable as some of them are, not one approaches what is related, and earnestly believed, in the East, of a famous Mohammedan, namely, that, during his confinement in the prison at Bagdad, where he died, he read over the Koran seven thousand times."

"Eusebius tells us of one who had his eyes burned out in the Diocletian persecution, and who repeated in a public assembly the very words of Scripture with as much accuracy as if he had been reading them. Jerome says