

notoire dans l'église à laquelle nous appartenons, que nos prédicateurs les plus populaires ne sont pas les plus savants sous le rapport des classiques. On s'aperçoit souvent trop tard de ses erreurs, et plus d'une fois je me suis dit "Ah! si seulement les jours perdus à scander des vers latins avaient été employés à l'étude de la botanique, de la médecine, ou même des opérations commerciales, comme j'aurais été mieux préparé à remplir les devoirs actuels de la vie!—Profitez, mes jeunes amis, de mon expérience tardive. Z.

Ministers cannot blame people for making very stupid comparisons between preaching and other forms of public speaking as long as they do so themselves. Nothing is more common than to hear ministers say, sometimes not in the best temper, "Oh, you can sit for hours and listen to political speeches, but you can't listen to the Word of God forty minutes." The comparison is most unfair. Would these same people listen to one hundred political speeches a year? No, nor fifty, nor twenty. Very few of them would go ten evenings to hear the best political orator in Canada. There is a vast difference between doing a thing regularly and doing it once or twice in a number of years. There is nothing that holds men like religious services when reasonably well conducted, and a minister never does a weaker or more foolish thing than when he asserts the contrary.—*Canada Presbyterian*.

Idleness is the root of all newspapers. On taking them up again, after an interval of abstention, two things are clear to me. First, that I have lost absolutely nothing by losing the daily papers; secondly, that the world to which I have come back for a time is, as represented in them, a world of lunatics. One of the phrases which most amuses me is that of the "power of the press." As though the mere fact of putting nonsense into print gave it any more power with reasonable people than it had before, or as though it were necessary to put it into print in order to get it into the heads of unreasonable people. The only power the press has is that of making silly persons believe that it has power, until they discover the contrary.—*T. G. Beck*.

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Candidates for license applying to this Presbytery at its meeting in April next will be examined as follows, viz:—

1. In Latin—Augustine's "Doctrina Christiana," fourth book, first seventeen chapters.
2. In Greek—The Gospel according to Luke.
3. In Hebrew—Genesis, chapters 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Psalms, first to tenth; Isaiah, chapters 52nd and 53rd.
4. In Philosophy—Caldwell's "Handbook of Moral Philosophy," or Pelissier's "Philosophie Élémentaire."
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