

"eternal rest," addressed us on a theme on which for many years he was regarded an expert and an authority, "The Preparation of the Sunday-School Lessons." Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, D.D., of New York, excited much inquiry and discussion on the question, "Were the Apostles converted before the day of Pentecost?" The celebrated Joseph Cook, of Boston, after a brief address on the "New Theology," spent an hour and a half in answering questions proposed by the students on some of the most profound and perplexing problems in Theology. And the Rev. Philip Schaff, D.D., of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, the most voluminous author and editor of Christian literature alive, and in the front rank of Christian scholarship, gave us two discourses,—the first on, "The Mission of the English Language," and the second on the "Revision of the English Scriptures." Seldom have the students of any institution enjoyed in one year so varied and profitable a course of special lectures.

A pleasant experience in the year's history was the consideration of a petition presented by the students requesting that a larger amount of time be given in the curriculum to a comprehensive study of the English Bible. The Faculty regard this petition, signed by students in all the courses of the College, as an indication of a most healthful tone of feeling and of appreciation of the great instrument of their life work. In response to the petition the Faculty recommend the Senate to make this study three years, hereafter, in each of the courses. In anticipation of this change the Faculty have agreed to put the interpretation of the English Bible into the hands of one professor, in the same way as Hebrew and Greek. To accomplish this occasions a considerable re-arrangement of subjects. The English Bible has been assigned to Dr. McVicar with his hearty consent.

The Library is an object of much solicitude. While our collection is unusually good, as far as it goes, numbering now some 7,800 volumes, it is still meagre compared with the libraries of the Baptist Theological Seminaries in the United States. In all our other appliances we have no sense of inferiority, but here we must confess our inadequacy. A complete library is an essential of a great institution. We are liable at all times to have questions propounded from any quarter which require original investigation, and it is always humiliating to men who are supposed to be Christian scholars to be compelled to give second-hand opinions, or worse, to confess entire ignorance. We have added a few books during the year, but aside from two special donations, only works absolutely necessary to the investigation of current questions. Mr. Wm. Gooderham has increased our obligations, already large, by giving us a complete set of Appleton's Cyclopædia; and Mr. H. S. Northrop has given a set of Max Muller's translation of the Sacred Books of the East, 29 volumes.

Faculty and students have escaped the visitation of death. But several instances of severe illness have occurred. Two of the most promising men in the College have been absent the entire session through sickness induced by the protracted labors of a full course in connection