

no lengths and breadths of divine wisdom, no depths of divine love that had not been reached by human thought. Theology is a progressive science. As Geology or Botany, by so much as they are sciences, simply represent all that has been certainly ascertained in these departments. So in like manner Theology—by so much as it has been formulated—represents what the church believes to have been certainly ascertained of God's will as revealed to man in the written word, in nature or in history.

I would also remind you that the true student of these things must be more than mere student; he must be a worshipper. They are the pure in heart who see God. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

This will be all the more necessary, if you pause to contemplate the work to which you have devoted your lives, the pastorate in the christian church. You will many a time be depressed with the knowledge of the obduracy of the human heart and the appalling ignorance of many with whom you will come in contact. In the presence of these practical difficulties all your philosophy will fail you and you will be driven back upon your personal experience of God's great salvation as the basis of your working creed, communicating your faith to others by the acknowledging of every good thing that is in you in Christ Jesus.

Y. M. C. A.

We were pleased to have with us again Mr. T. S. Cole, Travelling Secretary of the Association. He was accompanied by Mr. H. B. Fraser, General Secretary of Toronto University Y. M. C. A., who came as a delegate from that institution, to see and learn of the work being done at Queen's. Both gentlemen imparted valuable information. Mr. Fraser explained the method used in carrying on Y. M. C. A. work in the sister university. They also favored an extension of inter-collegiate visitation. We believe the idea is worthy not only of consideration but also of early practical realization. All rightful means to promote fraternal feeling and to give stronger impulse to labor of this nature, should meet with hearty approval. Wherever we are placed, our hopes and aims and work are one. Let there be a more earnest spirit of fraternity than has been hitherto manifested.

The view set forth by the visiting brethren soon assumed practical shape here. Dr. Kilborn, M.A., ex-President of the Royal Medical Y.M.C.A., was chosen as the representative of our University to visit Albert College, Belleville, in company with Mr. Cole. Dr. Kilborn, on his return, reported a large membership in the Y.M.C.A. of that institution and conveyed from it hearty fraternal greeting of good-will and sympathy to our society.

On the evening of Friday, Dec. 13th, a variation from the usual mode of procedure in our meetings took place in the form of an address from Dr. Anglin, of this city, upon "the effects of alcoholic beverages upon the human system." The doctor, from his practical knowledge of the subject, and the opinions of many eminent medical practitioners, showed the evil consequence that inevitably ensue to the blood, brain and vital energy of man, from

even a moderate indulgence in strong drink. A full and lucid explanation was given which cannot be justly or adequately detailed here. Suffice to say that those present were grateful to Dr. Anglin for his effort to give such valuable information as he did upon this subject.

On Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 15th, a number of the students had the pleasure of hearing an address in Convocation Hall, from Rev. Dr. Bell, the Registrar of the University. It was very appropriate that Dr. Bell, the first graduate of the college, should trace its development.

This he did in a candid, characteristic way, detailing its history from its founding, Nov. 8th, 1839, down to the present time. He showed the distinctive, broad, non-sectarian, principles that have ever distinguished Queen's as an educational institution. This was due to the liberal spirit and true wisdom of its founders. These principles have been adhered to throughout her whole existence and find their fruition in her present stable condition, and the wide-spread reputation she enjoyed to-day. The account given of its growth can be seen in the *Kingston Whig*, of Dec. 16th, and therefore needs no further comment here. We cannot close this synopsis, however, without a reference to the closing part of Dr. Bell's address. Taking advantage of the occasion he spoke earnest words of counsel to the students. He addressed those who will soon play a part in the different professions and walks of life, enlarging upon the influence university training should and would have upon after life, and forecasting what each might probably expect when they go forth into the world.

Most earnestly were all advised to set before them, as their ideal in life, the most complete manhood and womanhood possible, to avoid all narrowness and sectarianism, and to cultivate a broad and liberal spirit "till all would come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." We feel sure that all present felt the force of Dr. Bell's words upon the importance of living life well, and regret that more were not present to share in the benefits received from the kindly words of our respected Registrar.

GLEE CLUB.

The Glee Club, which had almost lost its existence, has again been revived and bids fair this session to outrival that of many past years. The boys have taken hold of it with unusual enthusiasm, and the old and new college songs are being practised with a great deal of vim under the baton of Mr. H. A. Lavell, B.A. The Club numbers now about thirty, and new members are being added every week. The representation from the freshman class is larger than that from any other, which we are especially glad to see. One of the important features of the semi-centennial celebration, is, we understand, to be the singing of the Glee Club. The officers are:

President—D. Strachan, B.A.

Conductor—H. A. Lavell, B.A.

Accompanist—F. Anglin, '92.

Secretary—C. Daly, '90.

Committee—J. Binnie, B.A., E. B. Echlin, B.A., D. A. Hamilton, '90, A. E. Lavell, '91, A. B. McIntyre, '91.