

to the arguments of his opponents. The following is an outline of Mr. Cooper's closing speech :

"It is needless for me to say that I have been greatly interested in the debate which has just taken place. There is an old saying that a poor advocate spoils a good cause. We have an example to-night of what good advocates have done for a poor cause. And now I have something to say in regard to one or two of the arguments that were brought forward. The first speaker admits alienation but denies the cause. He says it was caused by the false religious ideas at the time. Where did they come from? They surely did not come from any other source except the higher education that was existing at that time.

"In regard to the second speaker, he brought forward many evidences of highly educated gentlemen who were laboring faithfully for the masses, but he continually spoke of the individuals who were using the knowledge which they had acquired to lift the masses up to their own level. It seems to me that these very words imply alienation. The first speaker spoke of the minister as an example of how higher education

brought a man into sympathy with the masses; but let us take, for example, a minister who has pursued faithfully a course in higher education. His great ambition will be in the direction of more knowledge, with a strong inclination to spend the larger part of his time in his study, when he should be out doing the Master's work; and if this is true of the Christian, what can we expect of those who are not actuated by Christian principles? A man may come up to college, take part of the course, then become discouraged and leave. He may not become alienated from the masses, for after a time he may become one of them himself. But let a man faithfully and earnestly pursue his study, let him center all his efforts on higher education, and let me ask if it is not his experience that he is alienated from the masses."

Principal Barbour of the Congregational College, Dr. Barclay of St. Paul's Church, and Dr. Rose of Douglas Methodist Church, had been asked to act as judges to decide the debate, and these gentlemen, although giving their decision in favor of the negative, highly complimented the speakers on the affirmative.