

duce scenes which are interesting if not unto edification. Now, what has gone before is an abstract truth, but what follows is a parable. There was a youth among the sons of the prophets, who was an exponent of the ideas that have triumphed. There was also a sage of years and strange tongues, who held dear to his heart the cause which failed. Now the mind of the youth revelled in happy anticipations, but the sage was as a man meditating among the tombs. And the youth being full of respect, did visit the sage—which was fate. And the sage being filled with penetrating wisdom concerning causes that are hidden, though the effects are seen, did instruct the youth—which was natural. With which reasoning, the youth did not agree—which was obstinate. Whereat the wise man was wroth and excited and spake sharp words—which was not proper. And when he had finished his speaking, the youth was invisible—which is a mystery. The net results of this incident, so far as reported, are as follows : a flock is still shepherdless, and a suspicion has gone abroad in whispers through the glens, that a venerable presbyter used legerdemain, and by the spell of words and signs caused the youth to disappear. The youth, while not departing from theology, has taken a long step towards the Civil Service list, and Her Majesty's postal system has been benefited financially.

Mr. W. T. B. Crombie, B.A., is back with us again, looking none the worse after a hard year's work in the mission field.

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Oct. 14.—To be Chaplain to the Third Year—Mr. W. Bremner, B.A.

Oct. 14.—To be Trumpeter to the Second Year—Mr. M. J. Leith.

Oct. 15.—To be Bandmaster to the North Flat.—Mr. A. G. Cameron.

Oct. 16.—To be on Dress(ing gown) parade—Mr. H. J. Du-bois.

Mr. Lemuel Robertson, of Second Year Arts, is to be con-