

lives. We attended daily upon his prelections, and he gave us plenty of work to do, so that we were kept busy. As a lecturer we do not profess to set him along side of some we have heard in other Institutions. We have sat under men of greater originality of thought, men who impressed us more deeply with a sense of their intellectual power—we have heard lectures from such men, showing a wider range of thought, taking a firmer grasp of a subject and exhibiting it in more brilliant lights; but we have never sat under one, who produced deeper impressions of moral goodness, nor one who in the handling of the great themes of Christian doctrine, presented them more as great practical realities—nor one who left deeper impressions on our minds of the duties and responsibilities of the sacred office.—Indeed we confess that we consider Dr. Keir's excellence as a professor lay rather in this point, than either in the learning or intellectual power displayed on his prelections.

Impressions of this kind were greatly deepened by the privilege we then enjoyed, not only of daily, but we may say of hourly personal intercourse with him. It was then that we learned rightly to estimate his worth, and associating with him thus closely; we must have been slow scholars, if we did not come away better men and better fitted for usefulness as ministers. Then too it may be observed we learned the extent both of his Theological attainments and general information. From hesitancy of manner and his great natural modesty, his public appearances often did not do justice to himself, and did not leave the most favourable impressions upon the mind of strangers. Those only who were brought into familiar intercourse with him in private, fully knew the loveliness of his character, and the extent of his acquirements.

In subsequent years the Hall met at West River, and we cannot speak of his teaching there from personal experience. But his faithfulness and success as a Theological tutor, will best appear in those who, trained under him, are now preaching the gospel of God's Son, not only in this Province, but in the distant isles of the sea. Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which they have been placed, he might say as Dr. Balmer, "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them."

X. CHRISTIAN AND BENEVOLENT ENTERPRISE.

In noticing Dr. Keir's public labors, there remains only one other point to be considered, viz: the interest which he took in the Christian and benevolent enterprises of the age. To this however we can but briefly advert. From an early period he had been deeply interested in the Missionary undertakings of the church, and in the true spirit of Missionary devotedness, he had given himself to the work of preaching the gospel in America. And he ever after manifested how deeply his heart was engaged in every thing connected with the prosperity of Zion and the extension of the kingdom of the Redeemer.

During the first years of his ministry, so far as we are aware, it does not appear that to any considerable extent, he led his congregation to contribute either to the schemes of the church, or to the great re-