

To be able to stand before a large audience who are ever ready to criticise the words and actions of the speaker, requires a more extended amount of knowledge than to sit down and pen off an article without being scrutinized by the direct eye of the critic. I, by means, think it an easy matter to write such an article, but in your study molested by no invader, you are at any rate able to keep composure, which appears to be sometimes rather difficult in the pulpit; and I should imagine much practice would be needed to be able to exercise a complete control over the thoughts and feelings. In expressing your thoughts colloquially, you need to have a number of facts on the subject, for you may not always be ready to call to mind just the one you need, and you certainly have not time to stop and search the memory for it.

Then, the minister's influence is by works as well as by words, whereas the press can only work by words. What a powerful agent to the benefiting of his companions are the good deeds wrought by man. It is an old proverb—actions speak louder than words—and I think it contains a great deal of truth, for no matter how much we preach on what we believe to be the proper course to pursue, and all our actions run contrary to this course, our words will have little effect. Now what is more effective than the living sympathy and guidance of the preacher in the pulpit, his soul burning and glowing, and thus lighting up other souls; his eye beaming on theirs; his clear, far-seeing mind excited by the magnetism of truth and appealing to their hearts with an earnestness that will take no denial. It cannot be denied, the press has a wonderful influence, especially in the formation of public opinion on questions, religious and moral as well as those social and political, but it can never supercede the preaching of the Gospel.

2nd NEGATIVE SPEAKER.

"The first thing I have noticed is the effect the Press has, not on Education simply, but more directly on our Literature. It has preserved it from becoming dialectical. If it had not been for the Press each district

would have had its own particular dialect, such being the case, we would have no Standard Literature, and each district would be unable to understand the other, consequently they would become narrow-minded and ignorant of outside affairs, as we find indeed they were before the introduction of Printing.

Then again take the influence of any of the noted men of the day; Dr. Talmage for instance, what good would he do without the aid of the press? From the pulpit he would reach perhaps from four to five thousand, where by the aid of the press his influence would be spread over nations. Also notice the effect of the press on christianity: one without thinking might ascribe the growth of christianity to the pulpit. The pulpit reaches the church-going class, the press reaches all. What would our school system be without the press. What would a school be without books, and where the books without the press? The Press is the great Educator."

The customary five minutes were allowed the leaders, after which the decision was given in favor of the Negative.

A Christmas Story.

It was the day before Christmas, and as we looked out we could see through the snow flakes a large steamer, making into port. "Oh, I wonder if I shall get home in time for Christmas dinner, if I do, won't I surprise them!" thought our little sailor Jack, as he saw from the ship, the town clothed in its white mantle of snow.

He smiled as he pictured the dear father and mother, and little sister, seated around the old-fashioned fire-place at home.

One of the crew, who often befriended Jack in many ways, came up to the little fellow, and said, "well my boy, are ye glad to see the sight o'land again," Jack replied in the affirmative, telling his friend of what he had been thinking.

There was no more time for conversation as they were soon both at work, All was bustle and hurry now, on board, for they were very near the harbor.