

could not point to one who had thus been brought to Christ without having His claims directly pressed upon him. The work would be found difficult at first but afterwards it would prove most delightful.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR—in commenting upon what had already been said added :

First—Have a definite purpose in view. He always condemned aimless sermons, and in like manner he must insist that interviews should have a definite purpose. Whether persons were to be converted, conciliated, edified or reproved, the work should be carefully planned and all possible power brought to bear in the desired direction.

Second.—Be thorough. In many places every one wants to be a teacher. If a person gets an idea he wishes to impart it, whether to edification or not. All doctrine should be thoroughly inculcated.

Third.—Show strength of purpose and moral earnestness.

Fourth.—Get persons to act for themselves. Teach them to use the power they have. This principle is

set forth by the Apostle, where it is written in Galatians, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." And then in immediate context, "But every man shall bear his own burden."

Finally, he said—Use *indirect means*. This word, he wished to be noted; it should not be confounded with *purpose*. He then showed how, in this way, an American infidel lecturer was completely discomfited in a town not very far from this city. This lecturer entered the town of M——, hired a hall at double its usual rental, advertised his lecture for a certain night, and sent challenges to the clergymen of the place to meet him upon the platform. These latter, a graduate of this College, the Methodist minister, and the Congregational minister, instead of accepting the challenge, agreed to hold a united prayer-meeting of the three congregations at the same hour on the same night as the lecture. The result was the prayer-meeting was crowded, and the American had an audience of fifteen, and thus he was defeated indirectly

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#### THE STUDENT'S THOUGHTFUL HOUR.

Three thoughts that we, as students and preachers, should ever keep in mind: We are light bearers, we are light diffusers, we are light reflectors.

We are light bearers. We are consecrated men. We have dedicated ourselves to God, that He may

use us for extending His cause and kingdom in the world. We have received the Light of Life; and our great life work is to bear it to others who are not so highly favored as we. Do we at all times realize this fact? Alas, my fellow-students, I am afraid not.