

His was a helpful ministry to the conferences of our Church. Aged ministerial veterans, under the spell of that ministry, were drawn up to 'Iabor exaltation, where they were prepared to cry out, "Lord, it is good for us to be here," and the younger brethren felt inspired to aim at greater things for God, while representative laymen saw new beauty and grandeur in the service of the Lord. How blessed it is to have the gift and grace to edify the Church of God.

(2) The ministry of Apollos was characterized by convincing power. His mission was to the Jews, and it is recorded that he mightily convinced them of the Messiahship of Jesus the Christ. His large knowledge of the Scriptures, the Scriptures of type and prophecy, of Levitical ritual and historical records of the Hebrew people, coupled with his argumentative way of putting it, and all enriched and adorned with his magnificent oratory, combined to make him wise to win souls.

The ministry of Dr. Douglas was like that of Apollos, a ministry of convincing power. The law, the sterner aspects of Revelation, had a prominent place in his Sunday night sermons. Multitudes trembled as they sat in almost breathless awe before the man of God who reminded them of an Elijah, of an Isaiah, or of an Ezekiel, in the messages which he bore, and in the sins which he denounced. If the ministry of Apollos mightily convinced the Jews that Jesus was the Christ, the ministry of Dr. Douglas mightily convinced the Gentile sinners of Ontario and Quebec of sin, of righteousness, and of a judgment to come. That sin was no trifling infirmity of human nature, but that it was damnable and damning; that there was no salvation from it but by the Cross, and no saviour from it but the Christ of Gethsemane, of Calvary, of the resurrection, and of mediatorial sovereignty—that Saviour who said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of Hades and of death," and who is "able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by him." Already the minister of Jesus Christ, whose memory we honour, has been welcomed to the skies by those whom he helped heavenward, and by those whom he induced to become reconciled to God.

The ministry of Dr. Douglas was a ministry fruitful in the building of immortal character, and the introduction of sinners out of darkness into the marvellous light of the Gospel. I am not satisfied to think of Dr. Douglas and to speak of him only as the golden-mouthed Chrysostom of Canadian Methodism. In the more familiar relations of life, he was equally attractive to his friends, and they are legion all over this country. Where