

most likely to ventilate their science and philosophy are those who have gained a very superficial smattering in these topics ; and, besides, have failed through intellectual feebleness to catch the spirit and imbibe the views of the New Testament. Those who are profound theologians, and also abreast of present science, will not harbour any alarm about the one or the other. God's works and God's words can never disagree except seemingly. And the function of the preacher was to tell out what God has spoken out so clearly, and to indulge the hardy faith that when drivelling generations, warring during a brief day against the gospel, have been swept away, God's old truth stands unshaken ! He closed by a few references to the proper conduct of a minister of the gospel. His conversation would be watched, and perhaps the random sentences on the roadside or in a house would be more closely criticized than the stately and regular utterances addressed from the pulpit. Children, too, are very quick to perceive consistencies of character. And the secret of acting right is feeling right. The graduates, too, should allot a certain part of the day for painstaking study ; they should not allow this concern and that to carry off their minds from their proper duties in the library. He bade them to be strong ; to cherish the brightest hopes for the final triumph of that gospel which is destined never to die.

After a hymn was sung, Dr. Caven referred to the graduates who are now in the thick of the fight. About 400 ministers have passed through our halls. But how scattered ! A large percentage had gone to their long rest, quite a large number were braving the hardships of a foreign field ; Wilkie and Smith and Builder and Wilson had gone to India, McKay and Jamieson were in Formosa, Gibson had gone to Demarara, and Wright to the West Indies. H. McKay, whose name is a household word in Manitoulin Island, was laboring in behalf of the Red Indian in the north. Many had settled in the opening districts of the great North-West, and their work was somewhat retarded if not jeopardized by the Rebellion, which has thrown that outstretching region into disquietude. The list would be too long of those who had settled in our own land who had tried to uplift the population to the obedience of the gospel. A college which had proved so useful and beneficent ought not to be ashamed of its history. Dr. Caven then called upon the representatives of the college, Messrs. W. A. Duncan and J. L. Campbell, to come forward. Mr. Duncan, who was elected by the graduating class, read the following valedictory :

*Gentlemen and Fellow Students :—*

It devolves upon me to say a few parting words to you on behalf of the graduating class. Farewells, from their very nature have very much in common, whether it be parting from home and friends, as the young man leaves his native village to seek his fortune in a distant land, or the high school pupil leaving home and early companions to enter college or the university, or the graduating student in theology, who is about to leave his Alma Mater to enter upon the duties and responsibilities of ministerial life.

From our stand-point this evening, a feeling of sadness comes over us when we think that we are now about to sever the tie which for several years has bound us together as students in Knox College. When we think of the familiar college songs with which the halls of Knox have so frequently resounded, of the companions with whom we contended in debate, or of class-mates with whom in friendly rivalry we competed for scholarships, or dis-