

of the negative we feel inclined secretly to the opinion that the "angular" experience of "old McGill" had something to do with it.

The sweet-voiced choristers warbled their plaintive lays with such effect that it is now beyond dispute—music, indeed, hath charms.

Our *co-ed.*, W. T. Herridge, B.A., read his prize essay on the "Pains of Knowledge," so as to impress every one with the intense pleasure of having him impart it—the knowledge not the pains—in such a beautiful form, and with such grace of diction and elocutionary merit.

So vivid was the rendering of the well-known recitation of "Tell to his native Mountains," by Mr. Higgins, that it not only called up the scene before one's mind, but it seemed as if you heard what he told them. We don't think that can be beat.

We believe this programme might with advantage be repeated again at a public entertainment. It would draw a "bumper" house. "May I be there to see."

Monday Lectures.

I.—On Monday, 14th Nov., Robert Campbell, M.A., of St. Gabriel's, Montreal, gave an interesting account of his three weeks' sojourn in the Great Lone Land. He had a five days' drive in the district south and west of Winnipeg, visiting all the Mission's field in that region, and becoming familiar with prairie life and scenes. He dwelt at some length on the difficulties of travelling, because of the "Slews," "Muskegs," unbridged creeks, the great distances requiring to be traversed, &c., and the very scanty house and stabling accommodation, especially in the newer parts of the country. He spoke of plans for carrying forward mission work, and urged the claims of this field upon the serious attention of theological students.

II.—On Monday, 21st November, Principal Macvicar gave an exceedingly interesting address on the subject of "Regular and incidental service to our Divine Master."

In our devotion to systematic studies and regular work within the church, we are apt to overlook the "incidental" in the work of the Lord.

I.—Our Saviour employs extraordinary as well as regular instruments in His service. Old Testament illustrations—Balaam's ass, ravens, a little captive maid. New Testament illustrations—When Christ in person directed the work of His Church, besides, Apostles, Elders and Deacons, many irregular workers, male and female who had received CHARISMATA. The Gadarian maniac, the profligate woman of Sychar, "Those who follow not after us," those who preached Christ of envy and strife. Let us learn the lesson of broad charity in Christian work.

II.—That the most devoted to regular and systematic work are often most effective in incidental—Christ preaching to the woman of Samaria, healing the woman

with the issue of blood, Peter and John healing lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple, Philip and the Eunuch. Have we not lost something of the fervour and freedom of those days? The opportunities are not gone.

III.—The Lord's method in using both classes of instruments, is, first to cause them to feel the power of His free grace, and then to make them useful—Apostle Paul, before and after God revealed His grace in him, education made him a powerful destroyer, grace a power for good. It is the power from on high that is wanted.

IV.—Both classes of instruments make their power felt for good in proportion to their depth of consecration to the Saviour, Christ's people, "Salt" and "Light," hence a company of living Christians must be felt, they are an enlightening and pervading power. It is a matter of proportion. Much with Jesus and the fact cannot be concealed. With Him in His truth, in His spirit, in prayer, then, there will be practical fruit.

III.—On Monday, 28th Nov., the students were addressed by the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, one of our church's foreign missionaries to the island of Efate, in the New Hebrides group of the South Pacific.

Mr. McKenzie pleaded earnestly for the claims of the foreign field, and urged all the students to consider whether they should not devote themselves to this work, for reasons such as:—

I.—God's honour is at stake. To fulfill the covenant between the Father and the Son, Christ has yet to see of the travail of His soul before he can be satisfied.

II.—Promises of the universal knowledge of the gospel not yet fulfilled.—"The whole earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord."

III.—God loves his dear son with an ineffable love. Whatever we do for Christ, must be pleasing to God. The conversion of the heathen is glorying to Jesus, it must therefore be pleasing to God.

IV.—Out of gratitude to God: who has done so much for us.—John iii., 16.

These, and other considerations induced him when just eight years of age to devote himself to the foreign field, when he heard its claims presented by Dr. Geddie, then on a visit to his native land.

Many more missionaries are needed for the New Hebrides. There are thirty islands in this group with a population of one hundred thousand. There are *only nine* islands occupied by missionaries, and some of these, as yet, Christianized only in part. It is thirty-three years since Dr. Geddie went out as the first missionary from our church. The whole bible is now printed in the language of the people amongst whom he wrought. The Rev. George Gordon and his wife, and the Rev. James Gordon, his brother, also missionaries of our church, sealed their testimony with their blood, and are now enrolled among