

PROF. DRUMMOND'S TALKS.

As but a fraction of our readers may be able to see and hear Prof. Drummond during his American tour, I transcribe a few sentences; from two of his manly talks.

"Our religious life," he said, "gets into an invalid condition just as our bodily life does. We violate certain laws. Sickness is usually caused by violating some simple laws. You come here to get into restored physical condition, and then the health comes of itself. The conditions of spiritual health are even more simple than those of bodily health. There is nothing more simple than religion—nothing more simple than to have rest and peace and joy and faith and love. They are in the reach of any one who goes about it in the right way."

"The difficulty is, most of us are busy with effects instead of with causes. We pray for peace, for faith, for love. These are effects; before you pray for the effects, examine and ascertain the causes. The way to get the effect is not to pray for it, but to fulfil its causes. Then you cannot help getting it. Things don't come by magic in religion. We pray and imagine that God will take these things down and fit them into some place in us. This is impossible; God never works in that way. Everything comes by cause and effect. For illustration, take the gift of spiritual joy Christ tells us how to get this joy. It is by abiding in the Vine. When one has not joy, it is because he does not fulfill the necessary conditions. If you *abide in Christ*, I don't say that you may possibly get some joy; but I say you *must* get it, you cannot help it. You cannot get it by praying directly for it, but by fulfilling the conditions. When you pray, pray that you may fulfil the conditions. There are no unconditional promises; whenever you find an *if*, it means that there is a condition, and that it *must* be fulfilled before the effect can follow. There is no chance in religion; everything goes by cause and effect. There is no 'perhaps'; if you fulfill God's conditions, you cannot help getting. It is a law of God that the cause shall always be followed by the effect."

Following up this common-sense philosophy of the spiritual life, Prof. Drummond explained how the blessings of peace, of rest, of faith, and of love, are to be obtained. The essence of his whole talk was

condensed into one sentence: "Come to Christ, and then stay there."

All of Mr. Drummond's discourses are pre-eminently Christologic. He sums up with "Make Christ your most constant companion, and then reflecting in a mirror His character, you will be changed into His image. The great secret of a sanctified nature is to be standing before Jesus Christ, catching His nature and spirit unconsciously, by mere reflection of Him." After dwelling on the effects of constant companionship with Jesus, the Professor concluded by saying "What God wants is not quantity, but quality. What the world needs is not more meetings, more tracts, and more evangelists; but more mirrors that adequately reflect the character of Jesus Christ."—Dr. Cuyler.

One of the best things that has come from the city of Quebec for some time is the decision of the Recorder with regard to the mob that attacked the Salvation Army. Not long since the Army was holding its Anniversary in Quebec. There was a large "gathering of the clans." While marching through the streets returning from a visit to Wolfe's monument, they were attacked by a mob of roughs, estimated at 2000. Some of the soldiers, both men and women, were badly hurt with sticks and stones. The case was tried before the Recorder, who has decided that the Army being an association of peaceable citizens with a good object in view, are worthy of the protection of the law, and has imposed on one of the assailants the highest fine allowed by the law. Though a Roman Catholic himself, his sense of justice and right in this matter is fair and unbiassed. This much, however, cannot be said for some of the Roman Catholic papers of Quebec, which in language of unmeasured abuse, denounce the Recorder and the judgment he has given. This shows what religious liberty means in the eyes of many of our fellow countrymen, and what we may expect if the power that rules Quebec should attain a controlling influence in the Dominion. Such scenes call loudly for increased effort in the work of French Evangelization.

There is not a greater drudge in the world; than he that is under the power of reigning covetousness.