

Considered as one of the first group of graduates, Mr. Hyde is in a class by himself, and none of the notable nine more deserve attention. He is of the strongly evangelical school, and if some of his theological views may be held "old-fashioned" by the evolutionary minds of these later days, he has one characteristic in which none of his fellow students or ministers can very well excel him, and in which it will be well if they all equal him; his unaffected sincerity and unflinching adherence to the truth as he believes and accepts it. The minister of Chase unquestionably represents one of the types of men whom this western Canada most needs, and we are glad that he is going to Britain only for a visit.

Too readily and too flippantly we sometimes talk about the age of chivalry or the age of heroes being past, forgetting that it may rather be that there is absent in ourselves the capacity to recognise the characteristics of the heroic. While the forms of its manifestation may change, it may be maintained that the spirit of the heroic is ever immanent in the race, for surely it is of that spirit who lives with indwelling power and, in the last issues, shall reign triumphant in the universe. In this age, as in every age, the world needs men of heroic mould, and perhaps it needs them all the more in our time of much material progress and of increasing complexities and perplexities in the mental and spiritual realms.

Now this is a bold thing to say of a fellow-mortal; but from discussions regarding theological beliefs—which may take place healthfully and with warm zeal among the men in a theological college as well as elsewhere—we have gathered this outstanding fact among lesser ones; that James Hyde is of the type of man who would hold unflinchingly to his belief and his faith in the face of any odds, and that neither man nor devil, "nor any other creature" would make him change his attitude to the faith as he accepts it, and the Lord Whom he owns.

In this adherence to convictions and to principle Auld Kirk intellectuals and the best and brainiest of every other school of theological thought, may well join hands and hearts with men of Hyde's class, for his is an attitude in action the world ever needs in Church and State alike; men who, no matter what party is in power in the State, no matter what spirit is dominant in the Church, will fight to the death for the faith they have won, often through sorrow and suffering; and who will stand for righteousness against license and principle before party. Without the possession of such a spirit no minister of the Gospel can be strong in his exposition of christianity, theoretical or practical, and the absence of that spirit in individual politicians makes for corruption in all party government.

As a man, the subject of this sketch is, in ordinary circumstances, a quiet, earnest worker of unassuming ways, and yet, if we are not much mistaken, he is of that class who display the spirit which made heroes of old; we have heard Mr. Hyde in argument, theological and other, and we are confident that he is a man who would not knowingly do anything that would grieve or hurt a fellow-mortal and yet he would abide to the death by what he held to be right.

As a preacher, the minister of Chase is unquestionably of that type who, holding that they have a mission and message for men, do not hesitate to deliver it, regardless of the consequences. He is not a man who will pause to ask, Will this please the people?, but one who is more likely to be exercised over, Is it