

and using all his God-given faculties in defence of the Gospel.

Perhaps there are few finer and nobler men in the Free Church of Scotland than Professor A. B. Davidson, who fills the Hebrew chair in New College, Edinburgh. Kind, gentle, unassuming in manner, he invariably wins his way to the very hearts of the students. In college he is called "The Rabbi," and truly the name is not inappropriate, as he is steeped in the history and spirit of the Old Testament. In class he takes up and discusses these difficult problems in a cool, lucid, and dispassionate manner. He asks questions, weighs evidence, balances alternatives, as a judge summing up before a jury. Although a careful listener can detect a decided leaning towards the positions of the higher critics, yet he is very careful not to commit himself. Very seldom will he give a direct utterance upon these disputed subjects. He knocks the props from under other theories and almost imperceptibly the student is left only one way out of the difficulty. His lectures are characterized by subtlety of thought, rather than philosophic strength. For beauty of style, fineness of touch, gentleness of character, Professor Davidson is inimitable. Occasionally he indulges in a mild, gentle sarcasm, but very seldom does he use this weapon. His appeal is generally to the finest and noblest traits of character. I give utterance to the general concensus of opinion when I say that no man wields a more powerful though silent influence in the New College, Edinburgh, than Professor A. B. Davidson.

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