

A. Macdonald of Toronto gave an impressive address on *The Place of the Preacher in the Making of the Nation*. On Tuesday morning the subject *Origin of the Hebrew People* was well dealt with by Revs. Gray of Dundas, Anthony of Waterdown, and Logie Macdonnell of Hamilton. At noon Prof. Watson gave the first of his two lectures on *Recent Developments in Philosophy*, the other being given on Thursday. The main topic of these lectures was the *New Humanism of James and Schiller*. In the afternoon the subject, *Development and Application of the Idea of the Kingdom of God in the Old Testament and in the New*, was handled by Rev. Dr. Eby and Rev. W. T. G. Brown.

In the evening Prof. Shortt, who holds the Chancellor's Lectureship, gave the first of his four lectures on *The Texture of Modern Society*, discussing first the economic aspects. The second lecture, on *The Relation of Capital and Labour*, was given Wednesday noon; the third, on *International Trade and Tariffs*, on Wednesday evening, and the fourth, on *Corporations*, on Thursday evening. These lectures were well attended and all present felt the value of Prof. Shortt's lucid exposition of these topics—topics of such general interest, but on which the ideas of most people are so vague and general. At the close of each lecture an opportunity was given to ask the lecturer questions, and the last lecture especially was followed by a very interesting debate.

On Wednesday morning the topic, *Christian Institutions as seen in the Pastoral Epistles*, was most ably treated by Revs. Pedley, Thomas and

Prof. Ross. The annual meeting of the Association was held at 2 p.m. Very few changes were made. The President, Rev. Dr. MacTavish of Toronto, the Vice-President, Rev. J. W. H. Milne of Ottawa, and the Secretary, Rev. A. Laird of Kingston, were re-appointed. The Secretary was relieved of the duties of Treasurer, Rev. Dr. MacTavish of Cooke's Church, Kingston, being appointed to that position. The next hour the Conference enjoyed a literary treat in a very interesting paper contributed by Prof. Cappon—*The Interpretation of Life by Modern Authors*—the authors dealt with being Zola, the younger Dumas, and Tolstoi.

Thursday morning Prof. Dyde handled in a most able manner the topic, *The Popular Conception of the Messiah in the Time of Christ*, while Rev. D. J. Fraser of Montreal followed on *The Gospel Tradition, Motives of its Formation*. In the afternoon Rev. D. W. Best of Beaverton, and Rev. Prof. Jordan, discussed the *Exodus narratives*.

Friday forenoon was one of the most enjoyable periods of the whole Conference. Prof. Jordan in a most sympathetic way addressed the Conference on *Biblical Criticism and the Work of the Preacher*. He was followed by Rev. Dr. Milligan who, in his characteristic style, with all its old-time vigor and convincing power, spoke of his own experience of the benefit of the study of *Biblical Criticism* on his work in the pulpit, giving some strong advice to the younger men on the necessity of taking up a systematic line of study outside their sermon-work. Principal Gordon, Prof. MacNaughton, and Rev. Dr.