

notable for a story from personal experience about grace at table, which very well illustrates the difficulties that beset the student-missionary ever more so than the full-fledged pastor. It also by the way emphasises the fact that sometimes no matter what course a man takes in things affecting the religious life, he will be criticised and probably condemned. Mr. Gordon's story was that in a certain home at table he was not asked to say grace, and just after the meal was begun the lady of the house exclaimed "Oh, we did not ask Mr. Gordon to say grace"; whereupon the father of the family promptly remarked: "I thought Mr. Gordon would have enough sense to say it himself!" The student-missionary rejoined to the effect that he did not think it fitting for him to take the place of the head of the household unasked. This led the "laird" at once to reply that "he was very glad he (the visitor) had not done so, for he would have resented it if he had."

The contrariness of human nature!

Perhaps the only course in such cases is to be watchful, and failing request or indication from the heads of the home, to show one's own practice in silence.

Address from Moderator of Assembly

St. John's church, Vancouver, with its tenth anniversary services was not more favoured than the students of Westminster Hall for the Rev. Dr. McQueen, Moderator of the General Assembly, gave them an address all to themselves. The address was most commendable in its brevity, but it was none the less so in its force and appropriateness. The plain-spoken, unassuming, but much-experienced President of the Church's Supreme Court sought to impress upon the young men from the mission fields that the work

they were now doing was scarcely second in importance to any church work.

The Moderator's references to personal experiences in western Canada led to the mention by the way of "Charlie Gordon" (Ralph Connor), and J. A. MacDonald, both of whom, we afterwards gathered, were classmates of the Moderator's at Knox College.

A Living Wage for Church Workers

Somehow, without deliberately seeking them, comparisons thrust themselves upon us. If this mission field work is so important (and that will hardly be questioned) one is inclined to ask, Should there be much occasion to discuss at length the payment of a \$10 per week (with board) rate to any and all men who are held fit to take part in the work?

Nothing must be done to lower the standard of scholarship set for students of the Church in general; though reasonable allowance may always be made for men of riper age who have had years of training in other vocations, and whose experience of men and things may not be secondary in practical value in church work to any obtainable in a merely academic way. But more and more should be done to ensure that any young man of ordinary intelligence and of high ideals, who is willing to give himself to christian service, shall not be hindered in his course by the church's failure to provide a living wage.

We do not think time need be given to discussing "When is a student not a student?" Every man who is in earnest in church work and who recognizes the needs of the present day, knows that no one can have too much training along any line, and will be active and eager to get all the training open or possible to him in Arts and Science and general culture no less than in theology.