

What beautiful illustrations might the preacher cull from his observations of rock and flower. *Again*, History will commend itself to the taste of others. Man should learn to trace God's Providence in the history of nations. "The proper study of mankind is man." In history, is to be found the knowledge of human nature in its varied aspects. The department of Humanitarian Literature—the study of different languages—is congenial to other minds. Language is the exponent of the people who speak it. It is of the highest importance to read the master-minds of the old nations, and, if possible, in the language in which they wrote. Dante should be studied with his mellifluous Italian; the German writers of eminence with their solid German; the French preachers of renown, who held audiences enchanted with their burning eloquence. At any rate the French should be studied. The speaker dwelt forcibly upon the influence for good that might be exerted over the French of this Province of Quebec, if the English speaking Protestants could converse with them, to any extent, in their own language. Lastly, the students were exhorted not to be impatient at slowness of progress in the special line of study which each one will inevitably take up. They must persevere and cultivate persistent patience.

ON Monday, Oct. 30th, Dr. Clarke, of Olivet Baptist Church, delivered a very practical and interesting lecture.

Principal Macvicar introduced him to the students with mention of his continental renown as an exegete. Dr. Clarke then proceeded to the subject of his lecture—the Preacher and his Bible. The earnest and forcible style of the lecturer did not fail to hold the attention. He showed how the preacher is first of all to get his message from the Bible, think upon it and pray over it until he has assimilated it to himself—until the living truth of God glows with all its force in his own heart—and then to pour it fresh into the hearts of his hearers to the best of his power. He said that it is in this way the truth comes from God through man to man.

He then considered the necessity of a preacher being thoroughly acquainted with his Bible. He would have us consider, he would have everybody note the difference between a thin, superficial, and a genuine, searching study of the Holy Scriptures. He pointed out the great advantages a Bible student would gain by acquiring an insight into the historical development of Scriptural truth from Adam down to our Saviour. He said that when he first perceived this relation—when God's plan of revealing truth to man was first made clear to him, it proved an epoch in his life; the Bible became a new book to him and he studied it with deeper interest.

He next directed our thoughts to the positive advantages—the power, deeper insight and greater enjoyment—

to be obtained by learning to read the Scriptures in their original languages. He especially urged a thorough acquaintance with the Greek Testament. He adduced the testimony of several eminent ministers to the profit thus gained. "You may think," he said, "that the standard we wish to set before you is too high. It is high, we admit, but it would be dishonoring God's Word to aim at a lower." "Perhaps," he continued, "you will say to me 'then you condemn many students and many ministers of the gospel for their imperfect knowledge of the Greek Testament? Yes, I do; and I condemn myself also, for I see how far short of the standard I come.'" He admitted that the task of learning to read fluently in the originals would be a difficult one, but he said we should be amply repaid for our labour and should reap the fruit of it all through life.

MONDAY, November 7th, the Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, of Christ Church Cathedral, delivered an interesting and instructive address to the students. He remarked, in opening, that it gave him great pleasure to address them for three reasons. (1) He liked in practical life to demonstrate the unity of the family of faith. (2) In view of the good work which the great Presbyterian body had done in the world, he loved to be with them. (3) He considered the more we know each other the more we realize the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. He took for the subject of his address, "The subordination of the members to the head," and in eloquent terms went on to show the true position which Christ should occupy in our system of doctrine. He is the sum and substance of all scripture teachings, the centre around which all doctrines move as the planets revolve around the sun. If we are to elevate men we cannot do so by discoursing about morality. If we want to make men honest the way to do it is not by preaching honesty. We must seek first to establish Christ in their hearts, and then they will be honest. As preachers we should have faith in the power of the Gospel to elevate and save men. If a man have not this faith in the power of the Gospel of Christ, and substitute for it snatches of literature and philosophy, his ministry will be a failure. Just in proportion as we hold up Christ before our congregations will our ministry be a success. We must preach Christ as a friend. Go among men and you everywhere find the want they have for a friend. Archbishop Trench has shown that the failure of Greek philosophers was due to the fact that their centre was a code of icy law. But the centre of Christianity is not so. It is the personal loving heart of Christ. Then let us so present Christ to men that they will feel that even if no earthly heart beats in unison with theirs, they can go to Him the best and truest of friends.

At the close a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer for his able address.