

and illustrate the Book of God ; to meet the cavils of its enemies and to press its great truths on the hearts and consciences of men. It is assumed that he not merely believes but that he is able to show to thinking men that the Bible is a revelation from God, and he should be able to employ arguments that would satisfy an impartial court and jury on the point.

Once more, there is an element of culture which pertains almost exclusively to the minister. I refer to the ability to read the Bible in the languages in which it was originally penned. It cannot be a profound or thorough study of the Bible which a man is able to make who understands not the languages of its original composition. How can a man be an ambassador who is unable, except through an interpreter, to read his credentials ? What kind of a lawyer would he be who could not read the laws which it is his business to expound ? How would a man succeed as a teacher who could not read the books which he was appointed to teach ? And yet the melancholy fact is that to some who are public religious teachers the original languages of the Scriptures are unapproached treasures ; and the confidence with which they speak is that of men who depend on the testimony of others for a knowledge of that which it is their business to explain.

(4.) Another aim of a theological education is *to cultivate in the student a spiritual habit of mind*. The relation between spiritual-mindedness and the acquisition of spiritual knowledge is well known. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." It is in the spiritual realm, as in every other, the agencies act and re-act upon one another and, as knowledge has its noblest use in enriching piety, so piety reacts upon knowledge and makes it broad and sound. The spiritual mind is a wonderful aid in selecting and assimilating knowledge. It imparts a discriminating and receptive power of which the laws of mere mental philosophy know nothing. It is the "higher consciousness" which assimilates us to God the source of all knowledge and wisdom. On its importance as a personal possession I need not dwell. As the