

WHILE out walking one afternoon lately we were accosted by an aged stranger. His face gleamed with kindness and his words were laden with expressions of love. After some questioning, he elicited from us our plans and purposes in life. He gave us generously of his counsels. In parting he said :—" Stick to it, young man. Get the letters to your name. You cannot know how much they may mean to you, for there are a great many shallow fools in the world after all." Strangers we parted, he happy in the thought of a good act done, and we pondering on the vanities of life, wondering if the old man was not right after all.

IN this number we publish another article on the Synodical Evangelist, this time from a layman's standpoint. Mr. McDonald is well and favorably known to the church, and the present article, written in a terse, forcible style, is fully up to his reputation in church courts. We most heartily commend its careful perusal. We may state that in our next number the writer of the November article, over his own signature, will review and close the discussion.

THE closing exercises in connection with the Elocution Classes took place on the 5th inst. in the presence of the professors and a number of city clergymen. The principal event was, of course, the competition for prizes. The results, which were made known on the following day, showed that J. B. Cropper and G. E. Ross, of the second year, and Alex. Archibald, of the first year, were the successful competitors.

It is needless to remark on the importance of elocution as a special branch of theological training. The ability to give expression to one's thought in a clear, forcible and attractive manner is, especially in this age, an accomplishment without which success in the pulpit is certainly impossible. How far the work done in these classes may tend to bring about the results aimed at remains, of course, to be seen. We feel confident, however, that a course of instruction under so competent and enthusiastic a teacher as Mr. Carruthers cannot fail to produce satisfactory results.