

turning from the unsuccessful quest an old man. He finds no admittance to the castle for another has succeeded to the earldom, and the porter roughly orders him away. "The old knight turns from the inhospitable door and muses on happier days and sunnier climes. "For Christ's sake I beg an alms!" He starts from his reverie to find the leper once more by his side. The knight has nothing to give him save a crust of bread which he gladly shares, and looking up a strange light fills the place.

"The leper no longer crouched by his side,
 But stood before him glorified.
 And the voice that was calmer than silence said :
 'Lo it is I, be not afraid ;
 In many climes and without avail,
 Thou hast spent thy life for the Golden Grail,
 Behold it is here.' "

The vision faded. Sir Launfal awoke and announced that the Grail was found in his castle. Henceforth his helping hand went out to the needy at his own door. Let no one engaged in preparatory work think that he must go far afield to engage in acceptable service. The Holy Spirit places the Christian student into such relation with everything he touches that class-room, campus, and chapel furnish a sphere of service as truly acceptable as the mission fields of Africa or China.

The Spirit bears an important relation to *the understanding of spiritual truth*. Just at this point the college student stands at a place of peculiar danger. He has felt the intellectual awakening. He is no longer tied to professorial apron strings. He walks with stately step over new fields of investigation, submitting everything to his logic and applying the laws of scientific research on every hand. At this stage one is apt to take up the Bible to understand its spiritual mysteries according to the same principles he applies to the interpretation of Homer or Shakspeare. We may study the Bible as literature but it is more than literature. It is the Father's letter to his children. The author of that letter is the Holy Spirit. And hence above the endowments of nature and the attainments of culture, we need most of all the spirit of the author. This is what the apostle asserts when he says, 'Eye hath not seen nor ear heard nor hath it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love him ; but God hath revealed it unto us by his Spirit.' Intellectualism can never force the lock of the palace of truth. This is the place where many thinking men are shipwrecked. It is the dangerous channel between the harbor and the open sea, where the pilot is required.

"I have a life in Christ to live,
 And ere I live it must I wait
 Till learning can clear answer give,
 Of this and that book's date ?