

the audience we were disappointed, but not in the lecture read, for it gave evidence of careful preparation and great research. It was eclectic rather than exhaustive, for it kept within the hour; and yet within that narrow limit, Athens itself, in its origin and advancement, its people in their government, laws, and fine arts, and its literati, including poets, orators, historians and philosophers, were made to pass in vivid panorama before the mental gaze of an interested audience. The style of the lecture was suited to the subject, being chaste and classic, condensed yet clear and vigorous. The extracts, which were admirably selected, whether from poet or orator, were given in too low a tone, and therefore failed of producing their full effect. The lecturer did not forget the platform which he occupied, nor his vocation as a Christian minister, for he so skilfully outlined the progress of the Attic philosophers in search of the one living God, and the gloomy uncertainty, the felt darkness, through which they had to thread their way, that every Christian man and woman was thrilled with grateful emotion that the sun of righteousness now shines on us, and is rising on all nations, with healing in his wings. Though a small audience is not easily moved to enthusiasm, yet the assembly of Tuesday evening once and again expressed high appreciation of the more eloquent and stirring portions of the lecture.—*Presbyterian Witness.*

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT.—Some of our friends are probably not aware at how little trouble or expense to themselves, they could contribute to the value and interest of the magazine, especially in the "News" Department. Sometimes a copy of a local newspaper, marked and mailed, would be sufficient; often, a postal card, whose enforced telegraphic brevity is not a fault in editorial eyes.

—Correspondents frequently charge themselves with unnecessary cents of postage, by not knowing or forgetting that manuscript for the press is carried

for a cent an ounce. But in order to being entitled to this, it must be so mailed as to be open to inspection by postmasters, and must contain nothing in the shape or for the purpose of a private letter.

—Those to whose kind offices we are indebted for various contributions to our pages, would add very much to their favours, and save us many precious moments soon running up into hours, if they would carefully observe and minutely follow the form in which items are inserted in our several departments, and send their articles exactly in that shape, so that they may require no "dressing" at our hands. "News," for instance, should not be sent as a letter, but with the name of the Church prefixed, as printed. The minor matters of punctuation, correct use of capital letters, parsimony of italics, and clear division of paragraphs, all should have attention at the first writer's hand. It is a selfish, lazy practice, for a competent man to devolve such a task on an editor. Provided always, that we are glad to get a good thing in any shape from one who knows no better.

—Have the Missionary Meetings been held according to programme, in the Western District? We have notes of two only.

—We have a brave show of "News" again this month. But some items could have been given in half the space, leaving room for "The Family." Condense, brethren, condense, condense!

—The Legislature of Ontario is responsible for our being a few days late this month. The pressure of Parliamentary printing in the same office is the reason of the delay.