

The twenty-six years of Dr. Strong's work in the Seminary have assuredly been busy years, and they have been fruitful years as well. In 1872-3 the English department of the Seminary enrolled forty-two students, and the German department, nineteen; a total of sixty-one. At present the figures are one hundred and three for the English department, and forty-nine for the German department, a total of one hundred and fifty-two. Then the permanent funds were \$161,641, now they are \$603,947. Then the Faculty all told numbered seven; now it numbers fourteen. The course of instruction has been constantly developed, and in the English department almost every student is now a college graduate before he is received. These facts are signs of a portion of President Strong's work.

During these years he has been a hard student and an untiring literary worker. His "Systematic Theology" is known in many of the seminaries of this country, of all denominations, and is regularly used in not a few of them. It is also recognized across the sea. It was first published in 1886; and in 1896 the fifth edition of it appeared. His "Philosophy and Religion," was published in 1888; and in the autumn of 1897 he gave to the press that most delightful and most instructive volume, "The Great Poets and Their Theology." Of these different works there is no space to speak here. Doctor Strong's standing as a scholar and a theologian, both in the Baptist denomination and outside of it, is in a measure signified by the following facts. The degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon him no less than three times, and that by the leading institutions in the country: in 1870 by Brown University; in 1892 by Yale; and in 1896 by Princeton. In 1895 Bucknell University gave him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

These, then, are the dry bones of his life and work up to this time. To those who know him how dry they will appear. You do not really know him until you know him in his domestic life, in his social life, in his literary associations and companionships, in his life as a church-member, in his deep, steady, growing, mellowing spiritual life. Take a fact like this. It is a principle with him to refuse no request for any service, if it is in his power to render it. Imagine the labor and sacrifice which such a principle involves in the case of such a man. Or take a