

where a native thoroughly trained has such an advantage over a foreigner ; not only on the platform, but day by day a preacher—to use our Lord's own lesson —is *fishing* ; he knows just what bait to give, how and when to rebuke, to advise, to show kindness, to teach, to speak or be silent. In the country medicine is dispensed as soon as the service is over. A great deal of very important preaching is done elsewhere than on the platform.

7. Elocution has always held a prominent place in daily drill. Of course all are not *equally* talented in speaking any more than in anything else, but every man is required to speak *naturally*, like himself, not like some one else. From the first each is taught to know his own talents and his failings, and as far as possible to improve the one and correct the other.

8. In the older preachers the characteristic of independence has become strongly marked ; joined with their humility and ingrained hatred of all sham and pretence, it makes them in our eyes men of sterling worth. Years of experience and many times being tried have made them at last immovable as rock ; with them no being suddenly elated or suddenly cast down, but steadily, firmly, faithfully preaching the Gospel and trusting in God.

Perhaps you think I speak highly of them. I can but give you my own impression from what I have seen thus far. They are not angels, but they are faithful, devoted men. True, they owe much to Dr. Mackay ; he taught them, counselled them, rebuked them, slept on the ground, travelled and suffered with them, and always himself bore the heaviest burden, but they stood with him from first to last, through everything they have been loyal to him. People in Canada do not know them. I admire them ; rather I admire in this dark land the beautiful, clear, unchanging light of the Daystar risen in their hearts. They know, they believe in, they adore our one true God ; their faith in Him is intelligent and unwavering, and bears fruit in their daily lives.

9. Tân Hé, the ordained pastor at Sintiam, is a man whom one cannot see and hear without liking, why I can scarcely tell. Humility is written on his face, he is gentle and patient, and the opposite of frivolous. In seeing and hearing him one is impressed with the thought that he has *reserve power*. I could listen to his preaching for hours. He is beloved by converts and heathen.

10. A Hòa is constantly helping Dr. Mackay in overseeing and managing the whole mission, so we see him very often. Noon-day or midnight he is always ready to go or come or do any-