

gation is the youngest of the Protestant churches in the city, but it promises to be strong and healthy. Mr. Lee is a man of strong convictions, and he has the courage to let them be known. There is little room to doubt that, under the guidance of a man so active, earnest and practical, the Sherbrooke congregation will turn out to be a body of active workers in the Master's service.

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Monday Conference.—"Personal dealing with souls."

The importance of the above subject, announced for the conference of Oct. 18th, attracted a goodly number of students to the meeting. In introducing the speaker of the hour, Rev. F. M. Dewey, of Stanley street church, Principal McVicar intimated that the Faculty had decided to invite the different pastors of the city to address the students at the Monday Conference, during the session, on topics connected with pastoral work.

Mr. Dewey's address in outline, was as follows:—

"By personal dealing I mean coming into contact with the individual soul, with a view of converting, comforting, or otherwise helping that soul. This is an important part of the minister's work. He must not only preach the word in a general way from the pulpit, but he must come down to the level of the people, present Christ to them personally, deal with them one by one. This was the method of the Old Testament prophets. Christ, the Great Shepherd, dealt personally with Nicodemus, the woman of Samaria, and many others. Felix trembled as Paul 'reasoned

with him of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come.' The greatest of modern preachers have been eminent in this line of work. Notwithstanding its importance, the ability to deal personally with souls is the very qualification which most of us ministers lack.

"Let me mention a few of the benefits of this work. You will derive many advantages yourself from thus coming into contact with individuals. Your intellect will be sharpened. Your own weakness will be shown you in a way you never saw it before. Your own soul will be enriched. You will gain an insight into human nature. You will obtain themes and illustrations for discourses. Moody's wonderful power, apart from the Holy Spirit's influence, lies in the fact that from his varied experience in dealing with men, he has accumulated a fund of startling illustrations which carry the truth home to the hearts of his hearers. Your most effective illustrations will be those furnished by your own work. Therefore, be careful observers that you may be effective preachers.

"The advantages, however, are not all on the side of the minister. By speaking of personal religion you