

saints, but from heroes of later ages, and from living pictures of to-day, he showed what belief in doctrines had achieved in Hooper, and Ridley, and many others. He traced its power and beauty in the works of mercy it inspires to-day, and in the heroic lives of self-devotion and self-sacrifice it constrains. He followed its footsteps into hospital and prison, dungeon, dingy garret, and sunken hovel. He asked for similar triumphs of benevolence and mercy, achieved by unbelief, or even mightiest intellect devoid of faith. What have they done towards pulling down the strongholds of wrong and sin, and bringing in a kingdom of purity, peace and charity.

The lecturer then exhorted the students to regard every doctrine they studied, as an eminently practical, helping, saving power in life. Their main object in their college life was not to have their mind stored with theologic lore, but to have their hearts inspired with a purifying and saving faith, fired with a burning love ; to be armed with instruments effectual to the pulling down of the strongholds of ignorance and evil, and influencing the minds and touching the hearts and building up the lives of others.

Dr. Barclay then took up, in brief review, a few of the leading doctrines of Christianity, and showed how they were all practical factors in ordinary life. The doctrine of the existence of God—can it possibly be a matter of indifference to his life, whether a man believe this or not ?

"God is"—it is a short, but most profound and penetrating doctrine. What light it sheds on the world, on man, on society ! it gives sanction to authority and duty ; it makes obedience not only possible, but noble ; it transfigures service into the highest freedom. And so, too, with the doctrine of the incarnation. Is that a mere theoretical, or philosophical dogma ? Is it not, on the contrary, the most life-awakening, life-sustaining, character-forming, and conduct-regulating of all powers ?

Christ, God incarnate—does anything so illumine life, its