

philosophy course he was thrown into close contact with a Methodist student whose intellectual vigour he was able to test in more than one keen discussion, not over the five points of Calvinism, but over the legitimacy of the Ritschlian philosophy. And, further, in undertaking work among boys in the rougher parts of the city, he found himself put to shame by the self-denial and spiritual energy of a young fellow from one of the Anglican churches. With such experiences as these it was inevitable that his prejudices should be modified, and his views on the church be greatly enlarged.

The second factor to which reference has been made was not without its connection with this new state of mind. He spent his last Christmas vacation at home. His father's church had so far yielded to the spirit of the times as to have a Christian Endeavour Society, and was called upon to send delegates to a convention to be held in the nearest town. It was natural that the Society should desire the glory of having the brilliant student as one of its representatives, and that it should strain its constitution just a little bit to have him appointed. He went. The programme of that convention does not concern us, but there was one item that proved of very special interest to Fergus. Among the young women who read papers was one whose production and whose personality powerfully arrested the attention of McCheyne. What he noted first was her physical attractiveness. She was of fair height, and had a form of perfect symmetry. Her movements were easy and graceful. Her features were sufficiently though not icily regular, while the eyes pos-