

The graduates had been congratulated, however; not merely in view of that literary preparation which they had now so far completed, but also in view of the Diplomas, Rewards and Honors which the Faculty of the College had just bestowed upon them. Yet these Honors, rightly coveted as they were, were but trivial in comparison with those more notable distinctions, which each might easily win. The special joys of the Pastorate, considered merely as one of the learned professions, were then graphically sketched.

The genuine affection and esteem of one's parish was worth more to a Clergyman than any other temporal gift; and yet it was something not difficult of attainment. If a Pastor but resolves to be honest and faithful, alike to his people and to himself, he enters upon a most joyous service, and one that offers rich and abundant rewards.

Most of all, however, was congratulation due, when account was taken of those wondrous *spiritual* gifts with which the Master had promised to acknowledge and compensate every diligent laborer. Those to whom he spoke were now to become the quickeners of the Church's faith and the leaders in her spiritual triumphs. And how much loftier was this reward than any merely personal or local successes! It was much to be loved by one's people, but it was infinitely more to be reasonably assured that *THEY* were in love and sympathy with the Lord Jesus Christ. It was much to secure the merited "well done" from the lips of those whom here we loyally serve; but it is infinitely more to hear those same words spoken by lips divine, and addressed not unto oneself only but unto those also whom God shall have given him. There is no such grand and Christ-like labor as that of turning the hearts of the disobedient unto the wisdom of the just, and making ready a people prepared for the coming of the Lord.

Whether regard was had then, either to the past, the present or the future, the speaker felt that he might well congratulate his hearers. It was his prayer that that past might now become the inspiration of their future, and that present successes might be prophecies of triumphs not only greater but higher. He besought them to give themselves diligently and lovingly to their work, and seek to have deep and clear convictions in their own minds of the verity of that Gospel which they were to preach. Thus would they be more likely rightly to divide the Word of Truth, giving to every man his portion, and faithfully warning every man, and teaching every man, and laboring to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

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The Rev. Principal MacVicar in closing the Convocation said :

As announced by the Registrar we have now at the head of the roll of our graduates the name of the Rev. Dr. Navayan Sheshadri, of Western India,