

this work should be left to such organizations as the Salvation Army. It was the Church's work; and in order to do it successfully, they needed to know the necessary qualifications for winning souls. These were mainly four: They were to have decided views as to the Word of God—that it was the ultimate standard of Truth; they were to be masters of that Word and use it freely; they were to be filled with spiritual power; and, finally, they were to display wisdom, tact, sanctified common-sense—whatever they chose to call it. After indicating the different classes of individuals with whom they would have to deal, the speaker advocated a thorough preparation in College, more especially in the department of Apologetics. He had great faith in enquiry meetings, such as those conducted by Mr. Moody.

The hymn, "Rescue the Perishing" was then sung, after which

Mr. C. J. HASTINGS said he had often observed that people were inclined to run in ruts. They frequently put too much stress on the *manner* of dealing with souls. For himself, he thought it depended as much on what they *were* as on what they did or said. If a minister were deficient in true piety he could not hope to win souls. The mainspring of their words and actions was coiled up in the heart; and everything depended on what that mainspring was.

Mr. A. McWILLIAMS would have liked a more practical discussion. The real question, it seemed to him,

was *how* to deal with souls. When brought into actual contact with souls—how were they to begin? People were not ready to divulge everything about themselves to all comers, and it was impossible to deal with souls successfully unless their position was clearly understood. When a sick man went to a physician it was not enough for him to say, "I am sick;" he would be obliged to describe all his symptoms, and only then would the doctor be able to adopt the right method of treatment. So with the soul-winner. He needed to know the peculiar surroundings of each individual with whom he dealt. And since people would not voluntarily divulge everything about themselves, they should be questioned—questioned in such a way as to enable the Minister of God to take from the Word that particular portion which was most applicable to the circumstances revealed. All this was to be done with zeal and in unabating love.

Mr. ST. JAMES (French Baptist Student) remarked that they were expected to do for the Master all that they could do, and *only* what they could do. He quite agreed with the previous speaker in the opinion that inquirers should be freely questioned.

At this stage of the discussion the class bell rang. A member of Conference suggested that the Professors be requested to give the benefit of their large experience in this matter at next meeting. (Applause.)

Mr. R. JOHNSTON, before the