

the future life, etc., ought to be of intense interest to every theological student. The statement that "He who knows only one religion knows none" may be an exaggeration, yet the study of comparative religion widens our ideas and enlarges the mind and heart. It is, moreover, of great apologetic value. A careful review of the ethnic religions shows most clearly that "In the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God"—that without a supernatural revelation from heaven, man has not and never can attain to adequate conceptions regarding the being and character of God, and the way of acceptable approach to Him,—that left to the dim lamp of human reason man must ever remain in the dark in relation to the greatest of all questions. It shows not only that the non-biblical religions are characterized by unworthy conceptions of the Supreme Being, but also that they are radically deficient in at least two fundamental particulars: (1) They provide no method of justification that either satisfies the conscience or accords with righteousness; (2) They provide no sufficient power for the regeneration and sanctification of sinners. The study further shows that man is a religious being needing a religion of some kind; and it confirms us in the conviction that the religion which we have received by revelation from heaven is the religion man needs, so that we can confidently say with the prophet, "For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of our God forever and ever." I need scarcely add that the study is of incalculable interest and value to intending missionaries and that it is well fitted to give additional stimulus to missionary enterprise. I do hope that the Alumni of Knox College will take the matter into earnest consideration at once and that a good course of lectures on the subject will be provided.

For the information of the readers of the MONTHLY, I may state in conclusion that the number of students in the Halifax Theological Hall (usually called Pine Hill College) is now very encouraging. Including affiliated students there are thirty in all. Ten expect to graduate at the close of the session.

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