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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE lectures presented to the reader in this little volume are the first-fruits of a laudable enterprise of the Theological Union of Victoria University. In several of the leading Theological Schools of this continent, an effort is being made to combine with the scholastic work of the stated professor, the ripe experience and original ideas of men fresh from the pastoral and pulpit work. The famous Yale Lectures on Preaching, the special courses in the Boston University, and the Annual Lectures before the Alumni of the Garrett Biblical Institute, are examples of marked success in this method of instruction. During the past year, through the liberality of the Theological Union, we have been able to make a beginning in the same direction. The lecturer, the Rev. H. F. Bland, ex-President of the Montreal Conference, was selected by the suffrages of the members of the Union at their last annual meeting, as one specially eminent for the success of his work both in the pulpit and in all the various departments of pastoral labour. His lectures condense for us the maxims and principles which have guided his own life-work, and illustrate them with rich and rare felicity from the living examples of the greatest names in Methodist history. fact, we think we unveil the secret of Mr. Bland's success in his own work, when we say that he evidently has studied the lives of these men, who were so distinguished by the Divine blessing upon their work, with a sympathetic power of seizing their best methods and practical ideas.

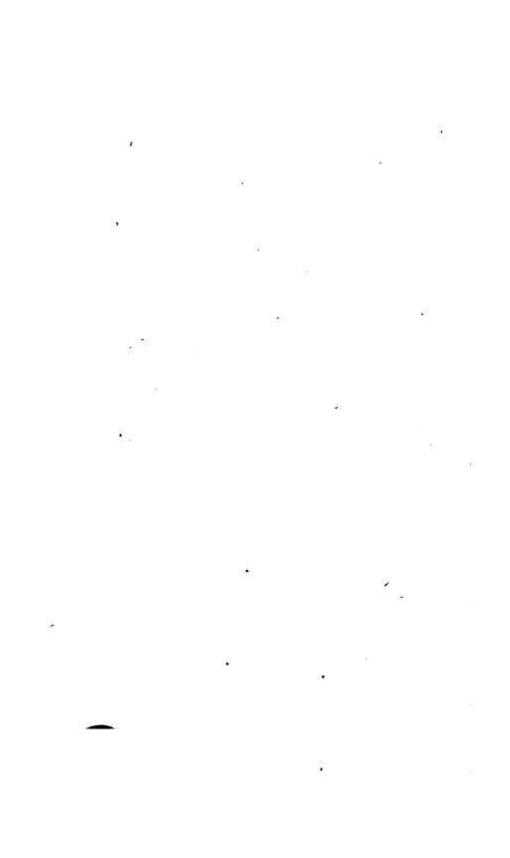
The lectures were attended with great profit and pleasure by our entire class of forty or forty-five students for the ministry, and also by Christian workers and ministers from the town and the surrounding country. It is hoped that in the present form they will be of even more permanent use to hundreds who could not listen to the living voice. The Church needs to-day a ministry not only endowed with all learning, but also gifted with the power to turn to advantage all the living forces of the age. The preacher who irrigates with the Water of Life all the varied fields of everyday human life, and who so skilfully sows in those fields the seed of truth that the harvest is not merely a few special religious exercises and professions, but an abundant 'yield of happier homes, more honest business, and kindlier sympathies between man and man, is the man of real success in this practical age. We want Mr. Wesley's "Scriptural Holiness" permeating the whole fabric of human society with its hallowing influence, and raising every individual man and woman to a life more truly noble, loving, and holy. The work by which this is accomplished is not a showy work. It is the result of the painstaking fidelity and toil and prayer of years, and it waits for its reward from the Master Himself. To such workers we believe many of the counsels of this little book will be as "Apples of gold in pictures of silver."

N. BURWASH.

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