

BREAK UP GROUND.

An Exhortation to Greater Church Usefulness, in Pulpit Discussion.

There was a good audience at the Presbyterian church at both services Sunday to hear Dr. Rolvix Harlan of the university. Dr. Harlan gave two very interesting discourses. In the evening he spoke from the 12th verse of the 10th chapter of Hosea, "Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord." In opening he gave a short history of the prophet, and emphasized the fact that this message was one to the "prodigal christian" and the prodigal church." "Among the various types of men, you will find various types of mind," he said. "The first type is the 'I don't know,' just intellectual laziness." There are times, explained Dr. Harlan, when a man doesn't know, but to give this answer to all questions in regard to christianity, is a pure type of intellectual laziness. "The second type," he said, is the 'I don't believe.' This is intellectual skepticism. A man doesn't have to believe everything he hears, and there are some things which are better not to be believed. The third type is the 'I don't care' type of mind. This is intellectual defiance. A man can look the world in the face when doing his duty, and be happy, but when he says this in defiance of all opinions of all society, he breaks all the laws of life, and life itself falls far short of its proper reckoning.

Dr. Harlan then took the various types up in detail. "The church is not occupying its full place in the world," he declared. "The only spiritual leadership in this world, comes from the church." In this relation he showed how the church was not what it should be to the laboring man, and while it was as a whole, alert to the liquor evil, yet there were many places in the country where it was not alert to its possibilities or place in his work. We must stir up the fallow ground,

he declared at the close of his sermon
and man must lay aside some of his
time for spiritual things, if he ever
hopes to be spiritual.”
