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This is the third and final issue of the Quarterly dedicated to publishing materials from J. W. McGarvey that are in the archives of Mandrell Library at Lexington Theological Seminary. This issue contains a selection from the chapel talks that he gave in the last year of his presidency at LTS (beginning in September 1910), and so the last year of his life. The originals are typed with his hand-written corrections throughout. I could not determine whether the corrections were made before he gave the talks or after. These talks provide a glimpse of the kind of advice that he gave students. They also allow a glimpse of a lighter side of Prof. McGarvey. In some circles he is remembered as a rather severe person because of some of the polemical tone of some of his publications. These chapel talks reveal a rather different side, even as they have high expectations of those entering the ministry.

Lexington Theological Seminary is posting on its website the full set of these talks and all of the sermon outlines from which the previous two issues drew selections. Those posts will include scanned images of the origins and transcriptions. We hope that the availability of these materials will contribute to research on the Stone-Campbell Movement and to an appreciation of McGarvey and his place in it.

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