

The Editor has learned a lot from Dr. MacRae but not as much as he should have or as much as the latter thinks he should have. Generally speaking, the Editor has needed no help in having witty remarks and rejoinders but even in this he has picked up a few concepts from his former chief that have been of some use. Consider this conversation between Dr. MacRae and a very zealous student on a controversial point:

Dr. M.--"Do you really know a good bit about it?"

Student: "Lots"

Dr. M. "Have you read widely"

Student: "Tons of stuff on this subject"

Dr. M. "Well, what are some things you have read?"

Student: "I have read Dr _____'s famous treatise!"

Dr. M. "Oh, I've seen that. It must weigh about half a pound. What else have you read?"

Or, in class one day:

Dr. M. "Mr. _____. Please open your Hebrew Bible and begin translating at chapter 40, verse 1."

Student: "I'm sorry, Dr. M. I failed to bring my Hebrew Bible today."

Dr. M. "Well, that's all right, but please open your English Bible to chapter 40 and verse 1 and translate it back into Hebrew."

Now if you cannot see the angles in these, you may have been studying too long.

Patience in problems and the careful weighing of situations are other areas where Dr. MacRae has been of special help to the Editor. I fear the latter will never master these things well, however, but the help he has received in some insight into them has been considerable. Many things do not have to be done now, and will be done better when they may be considered more full. And the faults of others are better handled, if we learn to live with them first and in humility try to work for their improvement. In many difficult situations we have seen that one tested and the results have been worthwhile. Being patient with people has also paid some real dividends.