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THE time has come when the standard of education in every department of college work should be raised. Especially is this true with reference to that department in which men are trained for the Church. In this age when nothing is too sacred to escape the keen insight of criticism, when the people, with the advance of education, claim greater liberty of thought and refuse to submit to dogmatism, when intricate religious, social and political problems demand solution, it is most essential that thoroughly trained men should be sent out as leaders and teachers of the people. Furthermore it is a very serious mistake for men to regard their college course as arbitrarily imposed by the authorities, and that therefore they must "get it off" in the shortest time possible. Men who enter college with this idea have a very inadequate conception of the work which lies before them. Let them once get a clear knowledge of the character and magnitude of that work and they will then see the folly of slighting their college course. Every candidate for the ministry should be required to take at least the pass course in Arts, and, if possible, honors in some department. We are in favour also either of lengthening the college term in the theological course, or adding another session of the same length as at present. The latter we think preferable since many students depend upon their summer's work for their support at college. The lengthening of the term would therefore mean that many good men would be shut out from receiving an education. We, of course, recognize that a higher qualification than a college training affords is necessary, but we wish to impress the fact that the latter also is indispensable.

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While it is our aim to make the JOURNAL representative of every phase of college life we would further seek to foster among the students a true college spirit, a spirit

of devotion and love to our Alma Mater, of confidence in her present and in her future. We have no sympathy whatever with the carping, fault-finding individual, who in his wisdom refuses to admit that his professors can teach him anything, and who through selfishness and conceit is too spiritless to be a college man. A thoroughly college spirit does not tend to narrowness and exclusiveness. It does not mean that we are to see nothing good in others or to judge them harshly or unfairly; but it means that by being true to ourselves we can learn best how to appreciate good in others. There is no reason to complain, as a rule, of any lack of spirit among our students, but it is kept alive only by taking an active interest in college affairs. Since then this is the aim of the JOURNAL no student, whether medical, arts or divinity, can afford to be without it. The staff is appointed by the students. It is therefore the privilege and duty of every student to lend his aid in making the JOURNAL a success.

It is also our desire as far as possible to make the JOURNAL a bond between the past and the present, a means of bringing graduates and alumni into closer relation to the students. We believe that it can justly claim even a greater interest than heretofore shewn on the part of those who have preceded us. If mistakes were made in the past may it not have been because we lacked the timely warning of those whose experience is wider than ours? It will do the students good to come into closer touch with those who have left the college halls and become students in the sterner school of circumstances. We often need words of counsel and encouragement. It will do us good to feel that we are one, that all the sons of Queen's are animated by a spirit of devotion to our common Alma Mater. We therefore earnestly solicit contributions from graduates and alumni. For this purpose we have opened a correspondence department. Articles on any suitable subject will be gratefully received.

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It is no wonder that the pew criticises the pulpit, or that church work lags so long as a minister of the divine gospel will announce his subject for a Sabbath evening as follows:

"Rev. Mr. _____ will preach on Lotteries, Wheat Corners, Grab Bags and Games of Chance. Strangers welcome."

This advertisement is not fictitious but appeared in one of our Canadian weeklies in a neighboring town. Surely then the pulpit is stooping to the pew and pandering to its tastes. At times it cries for the sensational and the abusive, and the minister, forgetting the object of his high calling, makes startling statements, uses vulgar phrases,