

DIVINITY HALL.

A FEW weeks ago a deputation from the students of the "Hall" waited on the Principal and Professors in Theology, to request that, for Divinity Classes, the lectures of Monday be given on the previous Saturday, the object being to allow those filling Sunday appointments the benefit of the whole week's lectures. This request was kindly granted, and since that time there is little or no difficulty in supplying the various stations, as no student need be absent from class on Saturday, unless when one or two places at a distance need supply.

This change, however, was not meant to encourage, to an inordinate degree, students carrying on the double duty of preaching to others and being taught themselves, because it is almost impossible to do more than one thing well at a time, and there is no doubt the first duty of a student is his College work. Why then ask greater facility for attempting both? In the first place there are a number of stations in the vicinity of Kingston, which depend on students during the winter months. They have, in the memory of the oldest student, been always so filled while the College was in session, and probably will continue the same supply so long as Queen's remains in Kingston: unless indeed one of two things should take place, either the removal of Queen's to Toronto, as the late University Confederation scheme proposes, or that these outlying congregations no longer require supply from the College. The first proposition seems out of the question and need not be discussed here, the other does not even appear on the horizon of coming events; hence students will be asked to go out. In needy cases where a mission station can have no other source of aid, there seems to be a certain amount of moral obligation impelling them to go. In the second place, by removing the uncomfortable prospect of losing lectures, which the late change has effected, more students are willing to give their services, while at the same time the average attendance of each student in class will be greater than before.

At the regular meetings of members in the "Hall" there is a desire to hurry through the business part of of the programme, and pass on to the discussion of topics which will be of interest in the daily experience of all long after "propositions and motions" have passed into oblivion. This is as it should be. The "business" part of the meetings is, of course, not neglected, but these other matters are of more vital importance and demand more attention. There are "living questions" in our miniature assembly, e.g., such as "Home and Foreign Missions," "Pastoral Work," and the great problem, how can we best deal with others so as to convince them of the "gospel" we preach.

These are of infinite importance to the young student for the ministry as he looks forward to his life's work. These discussions—which by the way have not been so numerous as they might have been—when carried on

with a frank and brotherly expression of feeling on the part of each can have no other save a good result. This has been the spirit of former sessions, this is the spirit of to-day, and long may it continue.

One cannot live in an atmosphere without inhaling it in greater or lesser quantities, and if it be healthful can hardly take in too much of it. In the highest sense is this principle true of a college—every student exerts an influence on his fellow-student, and in a greater degree is influenced and moulded by his professors. The spirit which dwells amongst all is beneficial and elevating. Can it be other than the spirit of Him whose dwelling place is the hearts of men? And is it not the desire of all that the power of the spirit may be felt not only in the lives of all, but felt by those with whom we come in contact during life, so that we may prove by our lives the worth of Christianity, and the value of that institution which we love to call our Alma Mater.

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SINCE the beginning of the new year the work of the Association has been prosecuted with more than usual earnestness. Never before were the weekly meetings for prayer attended by so large a number of students.

The evangelistic services formerly held in the City Hall on Sabbath evenings have been resumed. The meetings have been largely attended, and much interest is manifested. On Sabbath, January 25th, the hall was crowded, the standing room was all occupied, and hundreds had to turn away.

Mr. Ober, College Secretary of the International Committee, has lately been making a tour of the colleges in the New England States and in Canada. He visited the Association at McGill, and was expected to be at Queen's on Tuesday and Wednesday, 20th and 21st of January, but was detained by sickness. We expect, however, to have Mr. Ober among us for a few days before long.

The International Committee have now two Secretaries engaged in this work, Mr. Wishard, who may be called the founder of College Associations, and Mr. Ober, who has been appointed recently. We believe that two are needed; otherwise many of the college associations which are scattered all over the United States and Canada, could receive a visit only once in three or four years. If each college could receive an annual visit from one who is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the work in all parts of the continent, the existing associations would be greatly stimulated and many new ones would be organized.

The Association organized in Dalhousie College a couple of months ago has chosen officers for the new year. Though the youngest college association in Canada it is manifesting great vitality and bids fair to become a great power for good in the college.

The Provincial Convention held in Peterboro last Oct. was the means of stirring up a great interest in the As-