

character throughout. No small or unimportant part of a minister's training in college consists in this. During college life, as we all know, we are placed in a vast variety of situations and circumstances, often exceedingly trying, and, as in other walks of life, much depends for the building up and strengthening of character upon the manner in which we acquit ourselves under these various circumstances. Our experience as students thus becomes an excellent discipline of heart and character as well as of intellect. Now the success of a Theological student, as such, will depend upon his ever sustaining and keeping in mind the fact of his character as one chosen of God for the work of the ministry. He is never to forget this. In no scene and in no company is he to set aside that character, and he must never act in a manner inconsistent with it. Where he cannot carry it, he is not to go. It is, alas, too easy to depart from it, and the temptations to do so are numerous. Moving from it is moving down hill, and is easily accomplished. Returning to it is up-hill work, and the ascent is difficult indeed. This, then, is my meaning: to enter upon the pastoral work with comfort and the prospect of success we should so settle the matter of credentials to that office, so sustain the character—the rôle—of ministers of the Gospel that we shall not be subjected to the pain and confusion of searching again for these credentials, and of struggling to regain the consciousness of the fact that we are ministers, when such matters should be settled and when the spiritual interests of multitudes claim our attention. G. D. B.

Thim Degrays.

(To the *Edithur uv the JOURNAL*.)

SUR,—

Oi see by the papers that yere college lately made a Presbyterian ministhur a "B. D." Well, shure an' its mesilf that cannot see the laste occashun at ahll at ahll, fur colleges givin clargymin sich degrays. Look here now. If a clargyman's got none uv the tinder six to share his name wid 'im isn't he a "B. D."? fur he's a Bachelor Divoine. If a clargyman shmokes or shnuffs isn't his Rivirince a "D. D."? fur—savin' yere prisince—he's a Durthy Divoine. D'ye see, sur? Haven't I proved—as thim college learned min say—"quod ayrat dimmonsthrandhum"?

Allow me, sur, to say a word about yere JOURNAL. Och! and indade sur, it's a mighty illigant wun. Shure it's a credit to yere college. Now, y'ell maybe be afther thinkin that I'm jist spakin' blarney t'ye. Well, sur, though I don't deny that I'm an Irishman, there's nivr a haporth uv blarney in what I've jist said. I hope that ye'll have subschribers galore.

Mtis, Que.

PATRICK O'SHAMROCK.

The Societies.

THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY.—Be careful to note that the Secretary-Treasurer, A. E. Duncan, M.A., B.C.L., is to send out his notices to members for payment

of their annual subscriptions and contributions to the Alumni Scholarship. Look out!!! They are coming right along. Give them a genuine Christmas reception and remit by return.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The first ordinary meeting was held on the evening of Friday, 18th ult.

W. K. Shearer presented his report of summer's work at Riviere-du Loup. D. Mackay gave an interesting account of the Indians and half-breeds of the North-West, and R. Gamble addressed the meeting on the requirements of missionaries.

The News Committee's report was presented by J. C. Campbell.

No work has as yet been organized in the city.

It was proposed to invite some of the city ministers to address the meeting on missionary matters.

The Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following amounts received:—

Grand Valley, Elton, Manitoba,	\$10.00
D. A. McLean	5.00
Mille Isle, &c. (per D. G. Cameron)	10.00
James Gill	2.00
Beauharnois Congregation, (per Rev. T. Bennet)	7.45
Chateauguay Congregations, (per Rev. T. Bennet)	6.00
J. R. McLeod and others	3.00
W. H. Geddes	10.00
J. C. Campbell	5.00

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