

physical and intellectual powers of the young men. The interval between the sessions is in no sense a vacation. It is merely a change of scene, and only in part a change of employment. The mission fields and churches and boards properly expect, efficient work, and the zeal of the students prompts them to do their utmost. Some of them return to their studies in need of rest; but there is no rest in the College. We have lost no faith in our system as the very best for the training of practical pastors, and for the moral strength and independence which come from a consciousness of having earned their own bread. But we shall hail with great pleasure the possibility of some modifications of the system, by which a few weeks of genuine rest may be obtained for our students.

Fortunately the amount required to "supplement" the compensation for student labor, and for "loans" to special cases, has been smaller than ever this year. Since the denomination has come into possession of its great bequest, the opinion has prevailed, almost universally, that the churches are no longer expected to contribute to Ministerial Education. The professors have been as ready as ever to present the cause, and diligent efforts have been made to secure the opportunity, but only a few churches have been open. Unless this sentiment can be speedily changed, the result must prove detrimental, if not disastrous. Our students must live, and live free from the harassments of debt. The mission fields cannot pay them enough for the wants of the year, even where the most rigid economy is observed. The Board of Governors has decided against the use of the Endowment for ministerial student aid. It is to be hoped that this great Endowment, which one has provided for the establishment of a University, will prove to the churches a permanent incentive instead of a permanent obstacle to their generous interest in educating their ministry. One year of inability to meet our pledges to the students will create discouragement and distrust hard to overcome.

We regret that our graduating class this year is so much smaller than last, but it is easy of explanation to those who consider the providential events which have conspired to decrease it. Two of those who should be in this class are already in India in response to the appeals of our Foreign Missionary Board, and others have remained away through family affliction or financial embarrassment. There is also a slight falling off in the number in attendance. This is fully accounted for by the removal of the First Year of the English Course to Woodstock, and to the efforts we have made to induce young men to attend Woodstock in order to obtain more adequate preliminary training. We shall not regret it, if for a season, the elevation of the standard for admission to our Middle and English Courses, shall still further reduce our numbers. The work in a Theological College can only be done by men who are prepared for it by previous study. While we must not shut our doors against strong, vigorous men whom God has gifted with ministerial ability, but who are deficient in technical education, it should be our constant aim to meet the manifest advance which the churches require in their pastors and teachers.