

the friends of the C. P. C. We have at present room for only the following one but will endeavor to lay others before our readers soon. We publish this one now as it calls the attention of a particular class—the Ministry—to the good that they may derive from connection with the college, and suggests ways in which they may be otherwise helpful in the work.

The directors earnestly desire the cooperation of all who are interested in the objects of the College.

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My Dear Mr. Pineo:—

The two latest instances of evolution that have come to my notice are the transformation of "The Acadian Science Club" into "The Canadian Postal College," and of "The Acadian Scientist" into "The Canadian Science Monthly." I have witnessed the change with unaffected delight. It occurs to me, however, that possibly you have not yet reached your *Ultima Thule* in the process of development. Ostensibly Canadian, you are large-hearted enough to embrace in your sympathies and plans your brethren this side the border. Why do you not adopt as your motto Sewall's familiar lines, slightly altered?

"No pent up Utica contracts our powers,

But the whole boundless continent is ours."
Your method of work seems to me an inspiration. I can conceive of no other so feasible way of reaching such large masses of youth, and of engaging them in the study of nature. The earth on which we dwell, the wonders with which it teems, the overhanging firmament, are all an open book, penned by the hand of the Supreme Architect, and are as truly worthy of reverent study as the Bible itself. For one, I have no fear of Science, but recognize her rather as the handmaid of Religion.

Nothing would please me more than to learn that my brethren in the ministry, in large numbers, were entering your college as students, and were earnestly using their influence in recommending it to their young friends in the secular walks of life. Clergymen are leaders of opinion, and their hearty co-operation in such an enterprise would be invaluable. I am no blind enemy of works

of the imagination, but I cannot fail to see that our youth are devoting more of their time to novel-reading than is for their good. Whimsy-syllabub is pleasant enough to the taste, but is too unsubstantial to serve as the main article of diet. Present gratification is not the great end of life. I think the gentlemen with whom you are associated have devised a most excellent plan for weaning the young men from an undue devotion to works of fiction, and for interesting them in a more profitable employment. Mere homilies on the enervating effect of excessive novel-reading will not bring about the desired result. The best way to drive out the darkness is to let in the light. Science has transcendent fascinations, and, give her a chance, she is sure to win her own way and conquer hearts. I trust my brethren of the cloth will see their opportunity, and use persistent and zealous effort to swell the numbers of your students, and give them every encouragement in doing faithful work.

Nor do I despair of seeing clergymen from twenty-five to fifty years of age taking your three years' curriculum of study. Why should they not give their odd hours to loving communion with nature? Nothing can be more delightful as a relaxation from the more serious business of their profession. Nothing would add more to their influence with the educated classes, especially the trained scientists. The objection is often made by naturalists that clergymen in general are not competent to feel the force of the arguments raised against the current theology from the standpoint of science. There ought no longer to be any ground for such a charge. The ministers of Christ should be armed at all points, and so prove themselves worthy of universal respect. Pres. Hitchcock commanded the homage of the men of his generation no less as a scientist than as a theologian, and none the less as a theologian because he was an accomplished scientist. Dr. McCook is doubtless no worse preacher than he would be had he never made an exhaustive study of the *Arachnida* and the *Formica*.

Be assured, my dear friend, of my hearty interest in your grand enterprise. I bid you and your fellow-workers God-speed. Go on as you have begun. Steer clear of a narrow provincialism. Add as you may be able to your facilities, and enlarge your scope; and ultimately, at no distant day, may your college stand confessed the leading school of Science for the masses in the Americas.

Sincerely yours,

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