

smartest boy in the common school. He has also been the biggest boy and natural enough he has the feeling that he is going to be the smartest and biggest boy when he gets to college. Young man, don't pride yourself too much on your standing, there are a few other boys in the same class who know a little about ordinary subjects. The professors know considerable more than the collegian and it is impossible for you to sit on the topmost seat and look with a condescending gaze at the poor mortals who grope at the foot of your pedestal. Again if you are an observer of human nature you generally find that the most unassuming individual of your number is the one who is leading the class. He is not by any means fresh as he has not the time; he prefers to mind his own business and make no attempt at *showing off*. Friend be content to walk in your proper sphere knowing that all must "creep before they walk."

FOR some time past a serious question has been before the minds of those interested in Acadia, and we believe that it is not yet time to let the matter drop. We refer to the arrangements necessary for the successful prosecution of Christian work among the students.

Last year a Y. M. C. A. was organized among us and our general Christian work given over into its charge. This new departure has been attended with a fair degree of success. Good work has been done along the lines marked out by the constitution under which our society was organized. Yet at the time, and since, it was held that this organization at best afforded only a temporary settlement of the difficulty, the main problem relating to our religious future being still unsolved.

Of all the plans proposed, the establishment of an independent church on the Hill seems at present to be the only one promising satisfactory results. Last year such a plan was advocated through the columns of this paper. As time passes we feel bound to once more call attention to the scheme and to offer reasons for its early adoption.

All concerned will readily agree that a change of some sort in the present state of affairs is at least desirable. The relations existing between the village church and the students are rapidly changing, because of the great increase in the number of

students during the last fifteen years. Arrangements perfectly satisfactory when made between the church and *fifty* students, prove, and for good reasons, inadequate and unsatisfactory when the number of students have increased five-fold. For the kindness and fostering care shown by the church here in times past to the institutions, we cannot but feel deeply grateful. But the need of careful christian oversight increases proportionately as the number of students increases, while the capability of the church to do this needed work, in the very nature of the case, cannot keep pace with the growth of the institutions.

Again, the question is not one admitting of a mere sentimental settlement. The issues depending upon a right solution of the problem are too grave to be approached in any other than an impartial, thoughtful, christian-like way. We have now not to consider the *past*, but the *present*, and its effect upon an inevitable *future*. Supposing the present unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of affairs to be continued on for a few years until the students gathered here number five hundred, a state of things evidently not far distant, in what possible way could the question then be settled, except by organizing an independent church on the Hill? But to leave the matter unsettled longer, will only increase the difficulties, for dissatisfaction is a prolific breeder of troubles.

Last year we held a series of Sunday evening evangelistic meetings which were most successful and satisfactory. Nearly every student attended, and was thus brought under the right influence to promote his spiritual welfare. It was felt, however, that such meetings conflicted with the regular Sunday evening services in the church, and they were looked upon by some, though erroneously, as rival services. As a consequence, at the request of the village church, these meetings have been discontinued so far this year.

The same objections have been urged against holding our Missionary meeting on Sunday evenings and we find some difficulty on this account in getting outside men to speak to us on such occasions. Now, we find ourselves at present in a strangely anomalous position. Our Foreign Missionary Board calls for young men to go to India, and these members of the Board decline to accept an opportunity to speak to us upon that subject, because we hold our meeting