

possibly to the layman's credit, for he is consistent in demanding that he who preaches must practise. As for himself, he does not preach and therefore need not practise. The second source is not perhaps so much through popular fault as through popular failing. An enterprising Chicago daily sent a representative to interview the day-laborers of the city, in order to find out the reasons for their continued acceptance of the lowest social condition. The result was summed up as "lack of ambition." Plenty of physical and mental ability was found, but with it a sort of fatalism by which the day-laborer seemed to consider that he must always be a day-laborer. Tradition and his own inertia aided in keeping him to this view. It never seemed to occur to him that he could break his caste, and climb to something higher. This is exactly analogous to the position of the lay professions with reference to that of the ministry. The layman has high ideals for the clergy; but with a kind of comfortable fatalism he accepts the lower ideals for himself. This old world will never approach anything like the ideal conditions which we would in thought desire for it, until the men of the lay professions break through their caste, and accept for themselves the ideals of life and conduct which they in theory demand for those whom they accept as religious leaders. There are differences of ability and differences of opportunity, but there should be no differences of professional ideals. The profession, in itself, has no ideals. It is a mere incident in the life of a man in working out his own salvation. What we call the ideals of a profession are merely the personal ideals of the men who compose it.

There is not as far a cry as we might suppose from ideas to ideals. Ideas carry men to their ideals. The great movements of history and the great deeds of men have been built on these. Ideals have supported where physical strength was wanting, and have enabled men to endure. The man who is void of ideals is the most sensitive to physical pain, and wilts the soonest under adversity. The object of our life is to do good to all, and to raise the level of our humanity by every means in our power. All professions and occupations should be working towards this common end, with common ideals in the matter of human service.

On Thursday, Feb. 9th at 4 p.m. the Association will hold its annual meeting. Reports of committees will be delivered. The officers for the coming year will be elected. A full attendance of all students is requested.

Athletics.

Hockey—Queen's 6; McGill 5.

THE hockey team seems bound to provide us with thrills. On Saturday evening there was not a loyal supporter of Queen's but felt his back deranged after the game as a result of the spinal shivers he had suffered. These overtime games give us our full money's worth, but they are hard on voice and feelings alike.