

very noteworthy, and testimony of able educators to the institution which has done so much with such limited financial resources. The Maritime Provinces have an enviable reputation in respect of the output of their higher institutions, and of none more than those of Acadia University."

This then is the second source of inspiration for the future—the degree of excellence already reached, despite the many difficulties encountered.

3. But there are other inspirations. From these I cull for mention to-night as a third one,

THE HISTORY OF THE PROFESSORiate.

At an early stage when stating the problem of educational efficiency, I pointed out that the limited sources of supply meant limitations in respects to the plans that could be entertained, in respect to the number of professors that could be employed, and, as some might think, in respect to the equality of service that could be secured. That last clause I inserted that I might at this stage return to it and answer it. It is true, I presume, that in a few instances professors have withdrawn to accept more lucrative positions elsewhere. But is it true that the financial stringency has imposed upon the University an inferior staff? Is it not rather true that from the inception of the work until this day there have been upon the professoriate of Acadia, men of mark and distinction, men who, had they been minded to seek their own, might have doubled and perhaps tripled the salaries they have received. Who does not know that there are men upon the staff to-day, of whom this is literally true. They have labored in this service as men labor in the Gospel, for Christ's sake. They have not looked for a material quid pro quo. But have come to this service in a spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion. This is incidental to the greater Christian conception we have already considered, it is a gracious fruit of the spirit of Christ. This University in regard to its professoriate has been run on the principal of dollars plus Christian devotion, and therein is the explanation of its noble achievements with such scanty means.

Now in this feature of the history I find relief and inspiration. A capable and inspiring professoriate is a first desideratum in a college. This being so, it is a happy thing for a people with no larger means than we possess to know that there are men who are swayed by other motives than the size of the stipend in this great work of Christian education. We have no right to presume upon the self-sacrificing spirit beyond the point of absolute necessity. We ought, at the earliest practicable moment to condition our professors more favorably than at present, but it is evident that, as in the past, so for many years in the future, we must find men, who to some extent, will serve for the love of serving, and wait for the full reward at the Master's own hands. I am not afraid that we shall lack in men of first-class ability through the decay of this spirit. The example of the past will not be lost upon the future years. Self-sacrifice was no mon-