

graces of a Christian life, the result will be immeasurable evil to his companions. That life will be re-lived in the lives of skeptics, infidels and scoffers. "As my Father hath sent Me unto the world, even so send I you," are Christ's words to even the humblest of His disciples. Surely they have a close application to those who, on account of the position that their better education qualifies them for, are to be centres of influence. If our association is able to keep this great truth ever before the college student : if it is able to incite to holy and noble purpose : and, best of all, by affording means for fellowship and prayer, it is able to bring the quickened conscience into contact with the eternal power that makes the ideal a reality and the desirable a possibility, then unquestionably the mission of our association is Divine.

The union in Christian effort in colleges effected by the association certainly tends toward interdenominational friendliness and co-operation. The Christian young men in our various colleges to-day are the men who in a few years will be the leading men in our various denominations. If the intercollegiate relations of the different colleges bind the colleges together in Christian effort, the association serves another most worthy purpose. The carrying on of some work by the intercollegiate committee, such as the conducting of services in wood camps, carried on by the united efforts of our Winnipeg colleges ; the intercollegiate meeting, and the meeting together in convention of the men from the different colleges all have a good influence toward securing a unity of spirit among the different denominations.

Robert Murray McCheyne used to say that the main doctrines of his theology which he wished to emphasize in every sermon were represented by three R's. These three R's stand for Ruin by the fall, Redemption by Christ, Regeneration by the Spirit. In these doctrines true Christendom is united, and it is in fidelity to these eternal essentials that the Y. M. C. A. hopes to fulfil its divine mission in making more easy united effort in the church of Christ.

When a ship is built in rugged strength it is so constructed because it is known that there will be fierce storms to be weathered and angry waves to be encountered. When a city is protected by mighty bulwarks and by unyielding walls, it is because enemies are expected. When God conducted the gospel ship and took such care that every part should be characterized by strength, it was because dangerous waves were expected. When the King of the Jerusalem, which is from above, says of His Zion, "Walk about Zion and go round about her ; tell her towers, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces." He is calling attention to her God-provided strength.

But this provision implies that there will be opposition. The true church of Christ has never been without its assailants, and the present time is no exception. Never has it been more necessary than at present that the Christian church should unite in its fidelity to the doctrines represented by McCheyne's three R's. Anything that tends to the conserving of vital Christian truth and the promotion of aggressive Christian energy demands a support from every true disciple of the sinner's Lord. Among the enemies of our Christian faith at the present day may be mentioned Spiritualism, Unitarianism, Universalism ; a disposition to apologize for sin even when there is an accompanying insult to the Most High.

The reply given by Mr Moody, a short time since, when challenged by the Manhattan Liberal Club to debate the merits of Christianity, has a wider application than to members of Free-Thinking clubs. It is a strong rebuke as well to petty denominational quibbles and jealousies. After stating one reason for his refusal to debate, he subjoins, "My other reason is that the times call for action, not for discussion. Hundreds and thousands of men and women are dropping into drunkard's and harlot's graves every year right here in New York. Now, let us all join hands and try what we can do to save them. I will try to reach them with the gospel. I will tell them of a Saviour who came to seek that which was lost, who died a cruel death upon the cross in order that