

distinctly understood, that there is anything else than a disposition to tolerate the shirker in our midst, not even when present at the request of the General Assembly.

There are cases which deserve to come before the Assembly. A man may not feel it to be his duty to go and preach the Gospel until after he has assumed the responsibilities of family life. In many cases to ask a man so circumstanced to take an arts course would be unfair; as due allowance should always be made for the educating power of a rich experience. Therefore I think concessions should be made when they are likely to result in the good of the individual and the church to which he offers his services. But a large proportion of special cases are not those of men advanced in years and rich in experience, but of young men with no insuperable difficulties; and it is to them that I refer. More ministers are wanted, and young men who are professing christians will surely be found to offer themselves for this great work, without first demanding that a nominal preparation is all that will be required of them. It is useless to seek to disguise the opinion held by many that some Presbyteries have very little respect for themselves or for the ministry of our church, judging by some of the recommendations made to Assembly. When an education is within the reach of every young man who will work for it, I do not think he is entitled to much respect, when, instead of entering by the door, he seeks to climb up some other way. But I have said enough to reveal how the tide of opinion runs, and will conclude by hoping that the future deliberations of the students anent this matter may lead to a more satisfactory state of affairs.

Faithfully yours,

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WE are pleased to hear again from the Rev. L. H. Jordan, who at present is enjoying the pastoral charge of St. James' Square, Toronto. He intends, we believe, to resume his studies across the sea as soon as another pastor is found to fill the vacancy which he is now supplying. Rumor has it, however, that other things are in store for him on this side of the Atlantic. We tender him our heartiest good wishes.