

SOMETHING BETTER THAN FOOT-BALL

their judgments confounded, but they lost no time in setting about their appointed task. Finding Kingsland in his quarters at the boarding-house, the chairman vouchsafed in measured tones:

"A letter has come to us, from our Mr. Whittaker, of the most surprising nature. He sends us his resignation, with the request that it be accepted at once and without argument. Extraordinary, is it not? When he was granted a leave of absence on the ground of ill health, it was taken for granted that he intended returning to us."

The chairman peered over his glasses at the other members of the committee, as if inviting comment, before he went on to say:

"The departure of Mr. Whittaker need not be discussed in more detail at this time. Suffice it to say that the College Place Church is without a pastor. You impressed our congregation most favorably when you filled our pulpit recently. Permit me to say that you have developed remarkably since you left the Divinity School. Jameson College seems to admire you greatly, sir. In fact, the officials of the church are anxious to make its work more effectual among the students. It is a field of great promise. You appear to have won the confidence and regard of these hundreds of young men in a most remarkable degree. To be brief, Mr. Kingsland, the committee is empowered to offer you a call to the pastorate of