

active interest of all men by introducing them to some department of the work to which they are naturally drawn.

Individual Personal Work.—How can an organization promote that? By encouraging and educating the active members to take a personal interest in some particular man of his acquaintance, making him the object of his living and entwining himself so around the man that their characters blend; the weaker gives way to the stronger, and Christlikeness is established in both men. Is not this the spirit of the Lord's words: "I will make you fishers of men"?

Bible Study.—The main purpose being to train men in the Word itself, for their own spiritual growth, and with special reference to the lives of men who have not subjected themselves to its teaching and influence. It is, therefore, the "practical study" that the Association seeks to promote, and with sufficient variety in the courses to afford all men an opportunity for associated Bible study, according to their choice. The classes, as a general rule, are composed of small groups of men, five to ten in each, led by a student, the condition of membership being regular attendance and private study of the lesson. Men of the same interests can therefore be brought together in one class, a spirit of unity and

freedom is established, and men express themselves unreservedly.

The greatest result obtained, perhaps, is the cultivation of personal, habitual Bible study.

While the devotional and practical method is emphasized in the Association, we cannot but express the great need that exists for college men to become conversant with the English Bible as a literary and educational study. Such a study is not considered to belong to the Association, but rather deserves a place in the college curriculum either included in the B.A. course or as an optional study. The examination of the Calendars of the leading institutions in the country would prove of interest on this point, nearly 50 per cent. of the colleges of New England include "The English Bible" in the regular course.

Religious Meetings.—In addition to the classes for Bible study, a meeting for Prayer and the consideration of some Bible topic is very desirable; such a meeting is conducted entirely by the students, and matters bearing on college life and the relation of men to the Word of God are freely dealt with. The meeting is a short, bright hour, and is made very informal and social; long addresses are out of place here. A few words from heart to heart are called for and appreciated.



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THE SOCIAL WORK.

It is an undeniable fact, that while in college a man to a great extent lives alone and to himself. The Association seeks to bring men together socially, and to promote that side of our nature. Special effort is made among the new students to make them feel at home in college, and to aid them in forming acquaintances outside college life.

A reception to new students at the opening of the Fall term has become a feature of Association work, and has introduced many a Freshman to the Associa-

tion, to the College, and to esteemed personal friends, while social evenings are frequently given to the separate classes throughout the session.

In addition to this manner of social-life must be mentioned the power of an Association building or suite of rooms, which makes possible a broader and truer form of social intercourse; this has already been recognized, and throughout the land the Associations in institutions of any standing are enjoying the privilege and extending the influence which "an Association Home" renders.

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