

which swelled to positive consternation the following week, when they discovered that they had put almost all their theology into their first effort. But somehow or other they got along. The widow of Sarepta has not been alone in her experience. The reflex influence has broadened and deepened their own spiritual lives, and they have felt the joy of actual work in the Master's service. That is what the summertime has done for them.

The members of the graduating class are back once more. Six or seven years ago they entered, and it seemed to them a very long time until they would be senior men, but

"The summers come, and the summers go.

Whether our lives be glad or no."

And now they are here for the last time. They will soon pass from the examination of the professors to the examination of the people, from training to actual conflict. That is what all these summers have done for them.

What has the summertime done for each one of us? The sun shines in his splendor and brings forth the blossom, but it also brings forth the weed. In the garden of our lives, have we cultivated the fragrant flowers, and pulled out and cast away the poisonous weeds.

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The learned principal of Dr. Queens in an address before Scrimger the General Assembly said "that the title of Doctor was now becoming so common that he at-

tached little importance to his own." Perhaps there is a certain amount of truth in the remark; there is a tendency in this age to covet titles. Colleges are spoken off as indiscriminately granting honorary degrees for little more than the purpose of enrolling an imposing list of names as graduates, that there is reason for the complaint above referred to, we do not deny; there may be some holding the title of Doctor whose services to the Church are insignificant. In such cases the degree counts but little. Whenever a College bestows an honorary degree for eminent service to the Church, or for profound scholarship and research, it rightly honors him who receives the distinction.

It is well that the Church should take note of her progressive men, and that their work be worthily approved. Sceldom however does the fame of a man pass outside of his own particular denomination; as a rule each branch of the Church is so occupied with its own leaders and master minds, that it has no time to notice marked men in other churches. Last April however at its Convocation, the Wesleyan Theological College of this city, conferred the Doctorate on the Rev. Professor Scrimger of this College. It was a high compliment paid by that institution, to the ability and past record of him whom it selected as worthy to be honored. The Professor had served for many years as a faithful minister of the Church; appointed as a teacher he ably fills the chair of Introduction and Bible Exegesis, in this College our own Church has recognized the