

New Testament and its Results," under the Principal. Each course will occupy from an hour and a half to two hours a day, unless otherwise arranged by those present. It is understood that those intending to come are to do some preparatory work beforehand, by reading at least some of the books prescribed, and, if possible, by writing on some of the subjects assigned for essays.

Besides, we understand that some of the professors in other departments of the University are arranging to deliver at that time those parts of their regular courses which will be of most interest and value to the visitors. These lectures will be open to the members of the Conference, and will be intimated in due time by the Principal.

As this is the first meeting of the Conference, little can be anticipated as to its definite nature or results. But much good is certain to come out of such a reunion of the students of bygone days in the halls of their Alma Mater during the regular session. To breathe together again, even for ten days, the invigorating atmosphere of "Good Old Queen's," cannot fail to stimulate their studious energies into new life, while even so brief a renewal of fondly remembered student life will, we are sure, send all back to work with a spark of youth renewed. Old associations will be stirred; old friends seen again; old classmates will have time and opportunity to compare some of the results of riper years and wider experience; while general discussion and the aid of professors will promote balance of judgment in the solution of questions which cannot be ignored by public teachers in our day. This annual taste of College life cannot fail to have the good effect of making our ministers, to a great extent, students in the full sense of the word.

We as students, too, are sure to reap great benefit from this annual Conference. The very fact that such a movement has originated among those who have left our College halls, and are settled in the work to which many of us often impatiently look forward, is full of significance to us. It should help to dispel the false idea often held by students, that college work is a thing to be "got off in the shortest time possible," and that much of the theoretical work exacted by the church and often

painfully administered by the professors, has little to do with practical work. Now, no doubt these graduates and alumni regard the saving of souls as their true work, but yet as a result of actual experience in that work, they come back and seek more of the opportunities for the promotion of culture and critical insight, which we are often apt to esteem too lightly. Consequently their presence should be to us a living testimony that intellectual training is one of the essential factors in soul-saving, and that our fitness for the work is of infinitely more importance than the matter of the length of time required to acquire such fitness. From the Freshman, whose hope is to "get off" the seven years' work in six, to the Theologian, who is well content if he can induce the Senate to accept half a session for a whole one, we hope that the Conference will help all to the conviction that a seven or eight years' course, or even a longer one, is not too long, if it will send us out able to think for ourselves, able to distinguish between truth and its accidental forms, and so equipped as to be of real help in solving the difficulties which ever retard social and moral progress, and which therefore touch men's deepest religious interests.

The JOURNAL extends to the members of the Conference the hearty welcome of the students.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Journal.

DEAR SIR,—It is a matter of congratulation that in this college we have students willing and able to give so clear and sympathetic a criticism of our Y. M. C. A. as appeared in last week's JOURNAL. I am sure that every member of our association must regard "Student's" letter as prompted by the finest motives and with the most sincere desire for the welfare of the association.

In replying to the same I am pleased to be able to state that the question of "the musical part of our meeting" has frequently been before the Executive, and that attempts have been and will again be made to improve so important a part of the service. I think our friend should be either more sympathetic or more radical. His letter contains internal