

is 31. The Presbyterian College, Halifax, reports, "28 regular students, with three general students, were in attendance during the session," making 31 students in Theology.

Evidently the returns are made up on a different basis. Knox College and the one in Montreal, have, we understand, a special course of instruction provided for those who are not undergraduates. They also provide accommodation for a number of students who have not finished their preparatory studies. From the Montreal report we gather that the greater number of their students are in this preparatory stage. Queen's gets over the difficulty by reporting the total number as "looking forward to the ministry." In Halifax, only students taking classes in Theology are counted, though, like Knox and Montreal, we have students boarding in our hall who have not completed their preparatory work, and counting like Queens, we can say we have at least 60 "looking forward."

We fail to see why those "looking forward" but not yet taking classes in Theology should be counted. An undergraduate of the first year in Arts, a student in the Literary Department, and men "temporarily engaged in teaching and other vocations" may all have the best intentions, but it is rather misleading to have them on the roll of a Presbyterian College, and reported to the General Assembly of our Church.

IN this practical age when everything is judged so largely by its results, the church cannot expect to escape this test. Sorrow, degradation and sin prevail throughout the world and humanity calls loudly for salvation from their sway. The church of Christ claims to hold a faith which if accepted will lessen and at length remove these evils. But mere assertion is insufficient. Eloquent panegyrics on the blessings Christianity has brought and will bring to the human race will have little influence, unless we can also point to practical benefits it confers to-day. If Christianity is to make good its right to exist and to become the religion of our race, if it is not to be relegated to the limbo of worn-out faiths and superstitions, it must show that it is able to uplift the fallen, strengthen the weak and save the lost at this present time—that it can destroy the power, and remedy the