

imbibed from books or lectures. But the inspiration which comes from such intercourse cannot be secured to any great degree in the lectures of a few weeks.

The body of students, then, we venture to think, will not be satisfied with anything else than the establishment of this professorship. If an approaching college union is going to bring the right man, well and good; but if the finances of the Church will at all afford the outlay, we ought to have the new professor whether college union comes or not.

The Method of Appointing a Professor.

WHILE this subject of a new professor has been eliciting discussion, has the question occurred to any one whether a more cumbrous and less practical method of appointing a professor than that in vogue in our Church could be suggested? The best available professor is not certain to be, in fact is not apt to be, the most popular preacher in the Church, or the most influential man in the Assembly. He may be some modest, scholarly man in a comparatively retired sphere. But we cannot conceive how the members of the Presbytery of Miramichi or of Rock Lake are to discover and nominate such a one if he chance to live in the Presbytery of Saugeen.

Might not a nominating committee be appointed, having among its members some men whose position would give them a wide acquaintance with the ministers of the Church and others having an immediate interest in the welfare of the College and the cause of education? Such a committee, whose express business it should be to investigate, confer, and try to discover the best available man, would be less likely to be influenced by personal or sentimental considerations than the presbyteries, and would in every way be in a better position to make intelligent nominations. Its power could be limited by requiring that the result of its labors should be submitted to the presbyteries or to the Assembly.

A Cambridge Visitor.

MR. J. E. K. STUDD, a graduate of Cambridge, is at present engaged in making a tour through many of the College Young Men's Christian Associations in America. For athletics, scholarship and Christian manliness, his name is still well remembered within the walls of his *alma mater*. At the evangelistic meetings held by Mr. Moody in that University some years ago, Mr. Studd was selected to occupy a position on the platform with the great evangelist, as the one out of 3,000 students who pre-eminently commanded the respect of all classes of students and who would be most likely by his presence on the platform, to gain an attentive hearing for the speakers. He was not only an eye-witness of the marvellous work accomplished during that series of meetings, but he also became well acquainted with the subsequent unparalleled missionary movement among college men connected with the departure of some Cambridge graduates (among whom was his own brother) to the inland mission fields of China.