

The majority of the young men of our institutions are compelled during each vacation to thread their tedious way through the difficulties of their personal financial problems, some by directing their energies along the line which they have chosen as their avocation in the more active life awaiting them, others by engaging in any worthy occupation which approves itself to them because of its monetary advantages. To these latter the teaching profession opens a promising field, and many of our best students find here a congenial and a remunerative department for work during the summer. The teachers especially and all who have not decided definitely as to their life-work, we urge to reflect upon the statement quoted above until its spur not only to increased intellectual activity and thoroughness but its secret also to an enlarged income be clearly manifest. It assuredly contains them both.

NO more important feature of our college work exists than the religious interests on the Hill. One could not have been present at the Jubilee exercises and heard the testimonies of graduates who are now the leading men in various departments of our denominational work, to the fact of how much the religious influences of their college days, had done to mould their lives, without being impressed with the prominence and true importance of the religious element at Acadia. One of the speakers at a public gathering stated the case none too strongly when he said that, "Just as the pulse of religious life beats on College Hill, so does the heart of our whole denomination throb." Whatever then affects the religious life on the hill affects the whole influence of these institutions.

It is occasion for great satisfaction to those who have the control of the educational institutions, and to all who have their best interests at heart, that so much prosperity has attended this work through all the past years of their existence, and we are glad to attest to the fact that the rapid growth of the institutions in numbers and in more efficient intellectual equipment has not supplanted the religious influences, but has rather brought with it growth in spirituality. The statements of the President of the College, before a recent gathering of the students, that never before during his connection with these institutions—a period of twenty-seven years—had so much chris-

tian effort been manifested among the students as during the last three years, and also, that never during that period had there been a larger proportion of the students, professors of religion; and further, that while great revival seasons may not have been of so frequent occurrence as in the early history of the College that a larger proportion of those who have come here during these three years have been already professors of religion, is very worthy of note.

While our hearts are devoutly thankful for all the favor we have received, our ideal of christian service has never been fully realized, nor have the needs of a large majority of the students been nearly supplied. For several years past it has been felt that our organization and equipment for religious work were very inadequate to the demands.

When a young man comes to the Academy with the purpose of entering college at the proper time, and completing his course, it means that Wolfville for the next five years, at least, is to be his home. If he has been actively identified with christian work, before coming here, and especially if he is looking to that as his life-work, he will find ample scope for his best endeavours; and will be brought in contact with forces that will strengthen his purposes and stimulate his christian zeal. But as is the case—not in the majority but, in too many instances, young men come here with untrained habits of christian service and find themselves separated from the restraints of home and church life, and in a great degree left to themselves. Young men have remained here two or three years before it even became known that they were professors of religion. This undoubtedly betrays a weakness in the individual himself as well as neglect in those who lead in active christian work. But the fact is that adage, "What's everybody's business is nobody's business," will hold true to the end of time. We need some more effective organization whereby all such cases will be met.

One of the great needs in our religious work is that of personal attention and pastoral care. The answer is made that the students—themselves—should supply this demand. We agree that personal effort is the most effective line of christian work, and concede that no amount of public effort can be highly successful