

this experience has to be acquired at some time, and a percentage of it should be attained while still at college. Many a well-intentioned person has entered his first charge and done harm that might have been avoided, and would have been replaced by good, had this experience but been his. And tact and wisdom in dealing with men are like other knowledge, more easily acquired when young than when old, more easily at twenty than at thirty.

*Third.* The proximity of our College to our University keeps the majority of us from having any more contact with the other fellows of the University than that which we get in the halls and classrooms, and that time is so limited that very few intimate acquaintances are formed there. How much better do fellows get to know each other who walk the same road and jostle for the same platform everyday! And though friendships are possible in spite of this, very few of us form intimate friendships with fellows living outside. There are, say, eighty connected with the college. Would it be too small a number to say that twelve in a year visit some outside fellows, not to mention the number of visits that these twelve make? How many in the theological colleges affiliated with McGill make it a point to visit a fellows-arts man whom they know to have missed a few days' lectures and who they have reason to think are unwell? Then this lack of acquaintance with college companions means, that though we are Christians and are desirous of telling others what God would do for them, that we cannot and do not do this. I fear that sin here lies at our door. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin:" "if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity: but his blood will I require at thy hand."

The above, Mr. Editor, has not been written in any spirit of discontent with our College. Far from it. I love her, her "boys," and those who have provided, and are providing for us—never too much can these last be thanked—but I feel that disadvantages do exist, some of which are directly chargeable to life "in residence," and I would state, for my closing sentence, that for that development of soul and character which we should have, every fellow should honestly consider this question for himself and according to the decision he arrives at from weighing these and other disadvantages of 'residency' against its advantages, make the resolve to do the better.

I trust something further will be said on this subject. There is a happy mean

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