

study is the Association's most effective way of contributing to the higher life of the student body. Bible Study at Queen's has hitherto been conducted by means of the large class, but the conviction has been growing that at the best this can reach only a limited number of students. Hence to the Society here it was a pleasure and indeed almost a revelation to hear of the success that the Group Class has met with in the other universities. The term Bible class has hitherto conveyed too exclusively the idea of teacher and taught. But under the Group Class system the prejudice accompanying this old idea has no place. Men of somewhat similar tastes and habits simply meet together to discuss the part of the Bible they have read and to exchange opinions on the problems of life there presented. The leader's duty is not to teach, but, remaining as far as possible an unseen force, to take the general direction of the class's meetings and studies. It would seem that here the work of the Queen's Society for the coming year should centre—the organizing of a system of group classes under the best leaders obtainable, with a leader's class conducted by some person who is qualified both to point the way to a solution of the difficult problems that arise in the class study and also to give the whole course its proper direction. It is too late in the term for the formation of the classes now, but there should be some definite organization this spring and then there need be no delay in beginning work in October.

This conference having turned out so satisfactorily, it was the common

opinion of the delegates and the Queen's Association that it should be made an annual one, and McGill's kind invitation for next year will probably be accepted. The committee should begin its work early and get subjects and work definitely assigned to the men who shall take part. Accompanying the first conference there may be a certain interest that can hardly be looked for in later meetings, and for their success these must depend upon well-laid plans, careful preparation, and, following this, the value that each Association receives from the gathering.

GRADUATES AS IDEALISTS.

HARPER'S Weekly recently, in referring to some political action of a prominent citizen, remarked that "like most college graduates Mr. R. was an idealist when he began his public career, but he has more than once adverted with some show of importance to the folly of repudiating a second best boon because one cannot get the best boon." The remark seems to contain a covert sneer at college men in general. They are merely idealists. Of course they are idealists, if their college training has done for them what it should have done. It is the business of colleges to instil ideals and to create ideals. If they fail in this, they have missed their great work, no matter what the number of lawyers and doctors, engineers and preachers they succeed in turning out. A people to progress, politically and morally, or even economically and industrially, must have high standards of perfection and beauty. Where are these to come from if they are not formulated in the higher seats