

the students. The committee is composed of the following:—E. L. Bruce, M. R. Bow, E. L. Longmore, J. W. North and A. P. Menzies.

[For the information of graduates and others we publish below a circular sent out this week by the committee to all undergraduates.—Ed.]

"It has been felt for some time that there is a great need for more adequate religious work among the students of Queen's. At present the only means of reaching the student body are Convocation services on Sunday afternoon, and the churches of the city. That these have not been adequate is borne out by the following facts: Not over 40% of the students attend church regularly, and not over 25% have a definite church home. At Convocation services, the average attendance of students is less than one hundred and fifty. Further, very few of the students are brought under the personal influence of the ministers of the city or even know them personally. This is not the fault of the ministers, who have their full share of work in their own charges.

In view of this situation, the responsibility for the solution of the problem must rest with the students. This is especially true since any effective religious work must depend upon the active co-operation and support of the students.

The solution proposed is a university pastor whose work shall be solely among students. A regular organization will develop later, but the plan suggested now is for one service each Sunday for the students, to be made as attractive and inspiring as possible. Besides this service, the pastor's time would be given to friendly intercourse with the students. For students who move largely in a world of their own, and have intellectual problems of their own, such intercourse would be specially helpful. This work to be successful would call for a man of outstanding ability as a preacher, of strong personality, and of keen insight into student affairs. We feel confident that there are men of this type who would be attracted by the wonderful possibilities of the work. Denominational lines would not be drawn in any particular and would as a matter of fact be in direct opposition to the work that it is felt a man of the calibre we want could do.

It is evident that for such a plan the liberal support of the student body would be necessary. In so far as salary is concerned, in all probability \$2,500 would have to be offered to secure a man with the proper qualifications for such a great work. At least half of this amount would have to come from the students.

This circular is issued simply in an effort to arouse the interest of the student body and to find out what is their attitude on this question. It is hoped that student organization will develop later and that a committee will be authorized to act for the students. You will be interviewed in the course of the next few days and asked to express your opinion. Cards will be circulated bearing the following questions:

- (1) Are you in favor of a university pastor?
- (2) Would you support such a scheme as has been outlined?

Kindly give this matter your careful attention and be prepared to register your honest opinion."