

few inevitable disadvantages. Socially, for instance, the next four years will form a kind of parenthesis in your history. Although it will be one of the happiest stages in your pilgrimage, ever radiant, in the retrospect, with a celestial halo ; although you will make therein some of the richest and most enduring friendships that the tide of time affords ; nevertheless, there remains that indefinable sector of abnormality, which eludes analysis or description, but which hinders college life from being the all round ideal for a life-time. You go out from this home of your childhood, away from earth's purest and warmest affections, away from these filial and fraternal relations, so strong, so joyous, so divine. All these are girt about with wider circles of comradeship so interwoven with your life from earliest recollection that you can hardly be torn from them without shedding blood. In your new life, what can compensate for this great loss of home and home church !

"You are glad to know that there is a Baptist Church in the place. As you have yourself discovered, in rummaging after the history of the college, this church is the oldest Baptist Church in the Province and either the oldest or one of the oldest in the Dominion. It was organized in 1778. By the way, you will recall the fact that it was with the Baptist Church in Wolfville that the Association was held when our heroic fathers passed that courageous resolution, out of which have sprung our Academy, University and Ladies' Seminary. The memory of that Association, convened in 1828, will endure as long as the sun. That was just fifty years after the organization of the church, and the name of that year is plaited in amaranthine wreaths,—“The Year of Jubilee.”

"From the first, the church has shown its interest in the educational institutions in a very tangible way. Take for instance the munificent gifts of the late Dea. John Barss, every thousand enriched with his heart's undying affection. That this deep interest still throbs in the heart of the church is manifested in the contributions of its people to the Second Forward Movement,—four persons giving \$500.00 each and one giving \$1000.00, with the rank and file following suit with their hundreds, fifties, twenty-fives and smaller amounts, according to their several ability. Indeed, it is no small comfort to me, in parting with you, to know that the heart of the church never beat more kindly toward the hill than it does to-day.