

yet the human voice which daily rises from broad acres and crowded cities of heathendom receives from us no response. Yet distance is no longer our excuse. Why not make our society, in part, a help to missionary study? Let it be known one month beforehand that some particular portion of the heathen world or the work of some missionary society, would be made the subject of study at the next meeting, and that this one topic was to be a matter of thought to all the members in the meantime. This would give point to the meetings and make them the means of valuable culture.

WEDNESDAY, the 27th ult., was observed as a day of special prayer for Acadia and affiliated institutions. Services were held in the afternoon and evening, in the Academy hall. All the members of the Faculty and a number of students and others were in attendance. As might be expected, the spiritual condition of the students came up for review, and the importance of their welfare in this regard argued and enforced. Rev. T. A. Higgins, who presided at the evening service, regretted that in late years there had been so much separation between the students and the village church, in work and worship, and expressed a desire for a return to former custom. Possibly this would be the proper thing, but we are not sure but that the tendency should be toward further separation rather than union. The time may come when the endowment of a chaplaincy would be as great a boon as a new professorship. Under the present conditions students are necessarily deprived of much of that pastoral care and direction which is invaluable.

THE *Gazette* in its last number suggests the institution of an inter-collegiate society, the object of which shall be to bring the students of the various colleges together for the discussion of matters concerning student life, and for the development of general good

will and interest in each other's welfare. We have not given the suggestion much thought but have no doubt that something of this nature might prove valuable. The society might partake, in part, of a literary or scientific character. The session might close with a public debate on some well chosen subject by picked men of the different colleges. This, we think, would have an excellent reflex influence upon our several literary societies.

The *Gazette* takes its cue from the teachers' associations which are now so generally established. These have often suggested to us something of a slightly different nature. We have wondered why the professors of our colleges never met in similar associations. The manner and matter of higher education are topics of tremendous importance and would afford abundance of subject matter for profitable discussion.

SOME changes in the New Brunswick school law have recently been made. After the present year the school terms will begin on the first of January and July, and the Normal School term will be divided into two terms, as formerly. The former change will have some advantages. It will be a more convenient division of the year from a fiscal point of view, and also to teachers moving to new districts. As each term's work will begin immediately after the holidays, there need be no loss of time.

The change in the Normal School, however, seems to us like retrograde legislation. Its effect will be to impair the teaching service by subtracting from the training of candidates for license, and by reducing the salaries of teachers through increased competition. Already the supply of teachers is equal to the demand; and yet, judging from the past, the increase in the manufacture, following this change, will be over 50 per cent. So far the government have left untouched that part of the law they were expected to modify. The inspector and grading systems, however fine