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RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE OF OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

We refer to this subject again because of its unspeakable importance. A church may have a name to live and be dead, and the injury be limited to a small area.

We have already pointed out how much depends upon the Christian professors who lead the thought of our institutions, and who are in a position, from this very reason, to exert a shaping power on the character, aims and lives of the students.

Nevertheless, it must be admitted that very much depends upon the Christian students themselves. They mingle with the other students, and there are no barriers to prevent the fresh exercise of influence, both conscious and unconscious.

Many of these have the ministry in view, and are naturally expected by their fellow-students to lead in all that is good in life and effort.

What can be done by even one consecrated student, was illustrated in Woodstock, when we were pastor there. There was one dear brother there who looked upon his association with his fellow-students as an opportunity given him of God.

Not only is this Christian labor on the part of students needed for the sake of the conversion of the unconverted, it is indispensable to their own spiritual welfare.

The excessive pursuit of knowledge does have a deadening effect upon the inner life. There is liable to be the drawing away of all the energies of the life to the head, and the heart be neglected.

There can be no doubt that the student to guard against this tendency in attention to secret devotions, and in holding direct fellowship with Christ; but the student who is attentive to these will be impelled to the effort we speak of, and will thus be drawn upward with double power.

We speak strongly on this point because we feel strongly because we believe unshakably much is depending. Our students must do Christian work during their course of study, or they may become sluggish, spiritually, and go forth to impress a low form of life and a sluggish form of activity upon our churches.

In this same line there is another point which may be noticed. The great principle is, give our Christian students work to

do, if we wish them to form proper habits in the work, and to be made strong by it. Not only should all the work which is to be done in the institutions be sought out, but work outside should be taken up.

Finally, much depends upon the churches associated with our institutions. If the spiritual life there be fervent, if the activity intense, if the methods of church work systematic and efficient, then it will be moulding the ideas and lives of students in the most beneficial way.

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THE SALVATION ARMY.

In judging of the Army, it must be remembered it is a separate organization, which holds all its own influence to itself.

It is true that those who have had but a short acquaintance with the Army may not be aware of this. At the beginning of operations in a new place it is almost the invariable custom of the leaders to declare that they come to help the churches.

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Neither need we be surprised at the fact that the officers strive to retain all they can for the Army. This is a part of their instructions from General Booth.

fine themselves to the Bible, the Salvation Army Hymn Book, General Orders, War Cry, and "books published at our own stores." If the marriage service used at Carleton recently is authorized, the parties have to promise to train everybody in it (the home) to faithful service in the Salvation Army.

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seriousness. We do not hope, however, that the people will be so wanting in respect for our Lord that they can feel easy while in an institution which ignores his instructions.

QUESTIONS.

"How should a member of a Baptist Church be dealt with who joins what is known as the Salvation Army?"

When one of our members joins another church which holds false views as to the church and the ordinances, we withdraw the right hand of fellowship. Here is an organization, which has scarcely a feature of a gospel church, and which ignores the ordinances altogether; can we do less when one of our members unites with it?

"Is the Y. M. C. Association, as an organization, essential to the existence and prosperity of the Church?"

Y. M. C. A.'s are certainly not essential to the existence of the church; for she existed about eighteen centuries before the Y. M. C. A. was thought of. Our own opinion is that our Lord has made the church the one organization for all his people.

CONCERNING PECUNIARITY.

"Is it impossible for a sinless being, i.e., one who has no sin in the nature, to commit sin? If so, how about Adam the first? Was he not made in the image and after the likeness of God?"

For ourselves, we believe that it is possible for a sinless being to be tempted and to sin. But when we attempt to understand how this can be, it is doubtful whether there can be any satisfactory explanation given.

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Foreign Missions.

The February meeting of the Foreign Mission Board was held on Wednesday last. The attendance of members was large, and the business transacted was of much importance.

letter from W. J. McKay, corresponding secretary of the Fyfe Missionary Society, McMaster Hall, Toronto, stating that \$50 per annum would be permanently paid into the treasury of the Board to support a native preacher.

A letter was read from a young man in Saint John who desires to give himself to the Foreign Mission service. He is at present pursuing his studies, and asked that his application might be kept in mind until the close of his college course.

During the progress of the meeting the Board was favored with a visit from the Executive Committee of the Women's Baptist Missionary Union, with whom a very cordial and profitable conference was had upon questions as to the best methods of conducting the work in certain departments at home and abroad.

Our Great West, and How to Supply It. No. 1. So soon as a company of believers unite together in church fellowship, their first need is a pastor to take the oversight of them.

The importance and perpetuity of this office are further shown by the explicitness with which the qualifications for it are stated. According to the Word of God, the bishop, or pastor, should be a man of high moral character, of unblemished reputation, not a novice, not a man pleaser, not a lover of money, apt to teach, and faithful as God's steward.

But if the New Testament attaches so much importance to the pastorate, is it not apparent that if a large number of churches are without pastors, there exists a state of things which should receive the most serious attention of the denomination?

The following will perhaps give a more correct idea of the number of men required. According to a plan of grouping which I have made out, and which I have reason to believe is correct, except for a few counties, there are in the limits of our Convention at least 190 fields. In other words we require to supply our 353 churches 190 men.

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Acadia College.

Referring to the Appeal of the Finance Committee in MESSENGER AND VISITOR of the 10th instant—and to facilitate the prompt and generous response for which we hope—it is thought advisable to republish the action of the Board, with the revised list of brethren appointed collectors, as follows:

Queens, Rev. J. F. Kempton, Chastart; Annapolis and Elby, Rev. W. H. Weston; Georgetown, Kings and Hants, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Upper Casard; Halifax, Rev. J. W. Manning; Cumberland, Rev. D. A. Steele, Amherst; Colchester, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Truro; Antigonish, C. B. Whidden, M.P.P.; Guysboro, E. H. B. Cunningham, Esq.; Cape Breton Island, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, North Sydney; Westmorland and Albert, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Dunbar; York and Carleton, H. C. Creed, Esq.; Fredericton; Kings and Queens, Rev. G. E. Good, Hampton; St. John, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Esq.; Charlottetown and Sarnby, Rev. Ralph Hunt; P. E. Island, Rev. D. G. McDonald, Freetown.

The Treasurer of the College, X. Z. Chipman, Esq., of Wolfville, was selected to act as Chairman of this Committee, and to furnish to each a list of all pledges, subscriptions and notes in his respective district, and urge them all on as may be necessary in the work of collecting.

On behalf of the Board, [Signed] T. A. Higgins, Secy., X. Z. CHIPMAN, Treasurer.

Those students on the hill should be reported for well-doing. They had an especially good missionary meeting on Wednesday evening, 3rd Inst. All friends of the College, Academy and Seminary would have been pleased could they have witnessed the large audience, made up from these three departments, which filled the Academy Hall.

The first was read by a member of the Senior class. It treated of home missions as beginning "at us from Jerusalem," and extending outward to the Jew. The second was given by a member of the Sophomore class. It represented home missions from the student's standpoint.

Interesting figures were given, showing the home mission work done by fourteen students during the last summer's vacation. As one result, one hundred and four persons had been baptized, if we mistake not. These essays, with singing, and the reading of an appropriate selection of poetry by a young lady from the Seminary, were followed by an excellent, well-heard address from Rev. S. McO. Black, pastor of the church at Kentville.

We were much pleased. We entertain high hopes of those at the institutions and pray for their success. R. SANFORD.

Acadia Seminary.

This is an institution that is becoming well and favorably known to our Baptist public; but not any more widely known than it should be, considering the work it is doing and the important place it holds in our educational machinery.

The walls and ceiling were painted in colors by a competent artist over a year ago, and now, through the generosity of Mrs. Lovitt, of Yarmouth, the room has been carpeted in a style to match and harmonize with the mural decorations.

In company with the principal, I visited the library and reading-room. In the former they have nearly 400 volumes. Is looking over them I saw all the leading poets and essayists represented, and several of the better writers of fiction. There were also standard works in other departments of literature and valuable books of reference.

The reading-room is supplied with the leading provincial papers, and a few American. The arrangement of the material is very convenient, and as the room is always open and easy of access, the young ladies have no excuse for not becoming acquainted with the current events of the day.

The equipment of this school is now most satisfactory. The teachers have skill and experience, and there is prevailing the whole work of the institution, a very healthful, moral and religious tone. Acadia Seminary is a school to be commended to those who wish a thorough education at a moderate expense.

In coming institution Thursday, earnestly students of a general Chapel, at the hearing religious con Canada, and reports were a year ago been turned bers are co-plaint was ports, professing hindrance college.

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