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AFTER College, what? To throw a little light upon an answer to this question, these pages are written.

However low in his ideals a man may become after twenty years of business or professional life, the average American college student makes the choice of his life-work from high motives, varied and mixed as those motives may be. Some may over-emphasize wealth, some social position, some political success; but whatever the emphasis, there is sure to be

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a distribution of high resolves and true ambitions.

Is not this a fair statement of the questions that the college student puts to himself, as he thinks over his choice of a profession: "Into what pursuit can I put my life, where, on the whole, I can most effectually help the community and develop myself? And granted that the right calling seems to present itself, am I the man for it? Am I fitted in character, ability, and temperament to meet its conditions?"

On some such basis as this, thousands of young men are deciding for law, medicine, business, the ministry, mining, and a hundred other pursuits. The varieties and proportion of their decisions are proofs that money and pleasure are not the leading nor

serious ambitions of college men. No profession can claim a monopoly of the best men; every honest calling, nobly conceived, is a noble calling.

For various reasons, many young men do not have as clear or as correct an idea of the ministry, its conditions and opportunities, as they do of law, business, or the other callings. My purpose, therefore, is to state in as clear and simple a way as possible a few of the leading features of the ministry.

Taking the student's decisive questions as they stand,—“Where can I most effectually help the community? Where can I best develop myself? Am I fitted in character, ability, and temperament to meet the conditions?”—we may discuss them in that order.

I. The ministry in relation to the community.

Among the most important of the economic problems of the day is that of placing power where it will be most effective. Mechanical invention is now bent upon economy of power. In this age and country, there are enormous forces turned toward the development of wealth, of wise legislation, interpretation of law, and popular education. The community seems to have unlimited power to absorb lawyers, doctors, and shop-keepers, although some people say that certain lines are becoming over-crowded. But no one questions, I suppose, where the weak spot of democracy is likely to come,—not in poverty or ignorance, but in the decadence of character, in the decline, amid increasing wealth, of self-

restraint, moral courage, and a high sense of honor and right. We are developing material resources; we need to develop the spiritual, or character resources of this great conglomerate mass of people which is coming to us from all parts of the world.

Now, while every true man in every honorable calling is doing this more or less directly, the ministry is the calling in which this is and can be most effectually done, for the development of true character is the business of the minister. The lawyer and the doctor have other interests as well as this; but to this the minister devotes his life, and the only claim that he makes upon the community is that they will give him a fair support while he is doing it.

Economy of power consists not only

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