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"Prodesse Quam Conspici."

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## Easter.

BY FRANK DEMPSTER SHERMAN.

A CROSS the winter's gloom  
There falls a golden ray,  
And from each wild-flower's tomb  
The stone is rolled away.

Once more to life and love  
The buds and leaves of spring  
Come forth and hear above  
The birds like angels sing.

In every words and field  
Behold the symbol shown,—  
The mystery revealed,  
The majesty made known.

Christ who was crucified  
Is risen ! Lo, the sign !  
The earth at Eastertide  
Touched by His hand divine.

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## John W Barss.

THREE factors are essential to a college—Faculty, Student and Benefactor. Last year fitting mention was made of our faculty. Thus far during the present year, our frontispiece has been devoted to eminent alumni. In the present issue we are pleased to accord a place of honor to one of the "fathers"—John W. Barss, to whose interest and support Acadia is largely indebted for the prominent place she holds among Canadian colleges.

John W. Barss, of Loyalist stock, was born at Liverpool, N. S. on the 7th September, 1812. At the age of five he removed with his parents to Wolfville N. S. Here he studied in the public schools enjoying such advantages as the village then afforded. In 1836 he removed to Halifax where for 14 years he held a most lucrative position as ship-chandler and commissioner. Great success as a business man attended his