

cational life of the Baptists as it was in the earlier days of its history. Hence the bond of union between Acadia and the mass of our Baptist people is to-day not nearly so strong as it once was. Acadia's hold upon the people is at present very largely determined by the attitude that the alumni maintain towards their Alma Mater. The graduates and former students naturally furnish one of the best possible tests of the work done and of the inspiration received at Acadia. To those who have been in close touch with the life of the college, outsiders turn for proof of the advantages to be obtained from participation in that life. Such testimony, voiced in words of commendation and kindly appreciation, or manifesting itself in deeds of worth and noblest endeavour, exerts an influence mighty in power and far reaching in extent. The college lives in the lives of its graduates. Acadia's future depends very much upon what the alumni shall make it. And this not only in the way of reputation, but also in the way of pecuniary assistance. For with the weakening of the bonds connecting the college with the masses comes not only a decrease in interest, but also, because of this lessened interest, a decrease in benevolence. Whether, then, the alumni are doing what they ought becomes a pertinent and exceedingly important question.

Autumn Sports.

THE foot ball interest at Acadia has been quite up to the average this year. Immediately upon the opening of the college a team was organized and put into training under the vigorous discipline of Capt. Cutten. The Class of '95 had figured largely among the champions of last year, and now their places had to be filled with new men. This occasioned some apprehension of weakness, but the team, when chosen, though in some points inferior to that of their predecessors, yet presented a most formidable appearance.

The main interest here has always centered about the annual tournament with Dalhousie. And this year, mainly to remedy a long-felt defect in lack of practice preparatory to this contest, a series of games was arranged with the teams of New Brunswick. A week was spent in the neighboring province, and considering the circumstances under which our team was met, this trip upon the whole was highly satisfactory. After eight hours spent in inconvenient travel by steamer and by rail, our boys lined up with the team of Mount Allison on the 28th of October; and, notwithstanding unfavorable weather and extremely slippery ground, a good game was witnessed resulting in a victory of 8-0 in favor of Acadia. The plays of note were made by Parsons and Cutten of the visiting team. Then followed a game with St. John city—the