

thusiasm, under the efficient direction of Principal Oakes. Here, too, valuable additions have been made to the numbers in attendance; and notwithstanding the improved condition of the public schools of the provinces since its foundation, this Academy still offers its rare inducements to students in collegiate preparation.

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Probably among the graduates of no other institution will you find more unswerving loyalty and warm hearted devotion shown towards their Alma Mater than are manifested by the Alumni of Acadia. There may not always be entire agreement as to what are the best methods and ways, but all unite in loving filial regard for "Old Acadia." While, however, fair words and kindly speech are valuable, as evidences of the friendly disposition that lies behind, yet a warm-hearted sentiment that contents itself with mere words will never be productive of much real good. Acadia's Alumni, however, have not contented themselves with a mere verbal expression of kindly feelings. These feelings have taken form in generous deeds. And that too, although for many years the Alumni were neither numerous nor wealthy. What has been done and what is now being done?

On the evening of Thursday, December 20th, 1859, the Associated Alumni of Acadia College was organized. Of those present at that meeting the only ones now living are, of the graduates, J. W. Johnstone, Alfred Chipman and D. F. Higgins; of the Senior class in the College, E. Hickson, R. V. Jones, W. A. Chase, Silas Alward, J. E. Wells and T. H. Rand. It is worthy of note that the object of the Society as recorded on the first page of the minute book is "the promotion of education in connection with Acadia College by contributions to its funds—by founding and sustaining either partially or wholly professorships and scholarships."

In June 1860, at a public meeting in Wolfville, held under the direction of the Alumni, the following resolution was passed: "That we regard the Associated Alumni of Acadia College as one of the best measures for promoting the efficiency of that institution."

During the early years of its existence the membership of the Society was small. The annual fee was fixed at one pound.

Still in the first year of its history the very respectable sum of £67 was raised. Of this amount nearly £50 was paid over to the Treasurer of the College toward the salary of the tutor in Mathematics.

At a meeting of the Society held in Nictaux, August 26th, 1861, it was resolved to assume the support of a professor in the College. Coupled with this resolution was the name of the Rev. John Pryor,