

year before us, one of blessing to the schools and of triumph for the Leader of the hosts of truth.

It may be interesting to read a few statistics as to the attendance. There were 590 students present, representing 27 races and nations. Delegates came from the British Isles, from Germany, France, Switzerland, Norway and Holland; from Syria, India, China, Ceylon, Corea; from Japan and Australia; from Cape Colony and Transvaal; from Chili, Venezuela, Central America and Mexico; besides numbers from the United States and Canada, not to forget the representatives of the Negroes of the South and the Indians of the West. The largest number from any one State was 171 from 20 Colleges in Pennsylvania. New York came next with 97 from 9 Colleges; and Massachusetts followed with 73 from 5 Institutions of learning. Canada sent 14 delegates from 7 Colleges; and of these, 5 went from Acadia.

Denominationally also there was great variety. There was at least one delegate from each of 36 religious denominations. There were 109 Presbyterians, 98 Baptists, 80 Congregationalists, 78 Methodists, 23 Episcopalians, 21 Friends, 19 Lutherans, 13 Reformed Lutherans and smaller numbers from 28 other religious bodies.

The meetings were full of interest and enthusiasm throughout. Plans for the Conference had been carefully made and their successful execution will mean new life and inspiration to men engaged in Christian work in Educational Institutions the world over.

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### *Our Friends—the Class of '97.*

Years pass, classes are matriculated and graduated, anniversary seasons come and go, yet all the while the educational interests centred at Wolfville are becoming strengthened and more thoroughly in touch with the expanding life of the times. Year by year Acadia University makes valuable contributions to the intellectual and religious life of the country and the world. For nearly sixty years have these streams of influence been flowing forth from the Hill to bless and gladden the people. The life of the world is the richer, truer, nobler, because of the men and women who are numbered among the Graduates of our College. Acadia has abundant reason to be proud of her graduates, and her sons are placed under a heavy debt of gratitude for the benefits of their College course.

The years spent in the associations of College life are fruitful in ties of friendship closely cemented by congenial tastes, united efforts and mutual sympathies. When the day arrives on which the relations of years must be severed, mingled with the hearty expressions of good-will and best wishes, there is the feeling of sadness occasioned by the necessity of separation.