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Like the first living leaf of some shed tree
Which draws unto its heart the risen sun ;
Or first struck chord of harmonies to be,
Whose dulcet steps come stealing one by one ;
Or fount, that bursts through some decaying root,
From whence has passed sweet blossom and sharp thorn ;
Alights, love guided, thy divinest foot,
Hope, on the mountains beautiful of morn !
Though drops the leaf, though stills the chord ; though all
The rippling waters of the days flow by ;
Though life's sharp thorns should show 'twixt flowers that fall ;
Thou art not, Angel ! of the forms which die.
Though twelve shrunk moons fall dead upon the land.
Thou, heavenly footed Messenger ! shalt stand.

—ELEANORA L. FERVEY.

Theodore Harding Rand, D. C. L.

Nothing is more interesting in Acadia's history than the succession of *types* that has passed her portals. At one period the theological mind seems to predominate. At another science and philosophy are in the ascendancy. At another appears renaissance of more practical and political thought. Dr. Theodore Harding Rand belongs to the classic age and type. He finds his place among a group of graduates who almost without exception are famed for a certain classic flavor and finish which differentiates them from their co-temporaries and successors. One of the chief weaknesses of new-world life is its recency. Times of transition and transplanting are always marked by an amorphousness and thinness of personal and national character. All this Dr. Rand, with his usual good judgment, avoided, by electing to be born of New England puritan ancestry in the lovely Cornwallis Country—for over a century the home of his fathers.