

IT may be of interest to Alumni of Acadia to know that the department of Physics and Astronomy, which they have so generously provided for, is ably managed by Prof. Haley, and is a valuable addition to the University. These two important subjects have hitherto been taught by professors whose other duties forbade their giving the amount of time and attention to them which their importance demanded. Now an energetic and thoroughly competent professor gives his whole time to these two branches of science. During this year the work of the Sophomore class has comprised a course in general Physics, conducted largely by means of experimental lectures, with opportunities for practical work. The aim has been to adopt the course as much as possible to the needs of those preparing for Grade A. licenses. The Junior class has been occupied with work usually required in advanced Mechanics. The subjects of Light and Electricity are treated in a more experimental way than heretofore, and an opportunity is given for laboratory work in either or both of these lines. The course in Astronomy has been conducted by means of weekly lectures, in addition to which the students are required to pass examinations from time to time on assigned chapters in a standard text-book. Some new apparatus has been ordered for the department, but it has been the wish of the professor to wait until the new scheme of options, of which an extended notice will be given in our next number, goes into effect, before making any very large purchases. With the elective system now an accomplished fact, he will be in a position to make such selections as will meet more exactly the requirements of the department.

BY the death of Mark Curry, of Windsor, Acadia loses one of her best friends. For many years he had a warm interest in our welfare. From 1874 to 1883 he was an influential member of the Board of Governors of the College. The office of Governor was not then, as it is not now to an earnest, honest man, a sinecure. It is the testimony of his associates in office that Mr. Curry's advice was of great value to the Board. He assisted largely in the erection of Chipman Hall and of the college building, and was a liberal giver to all enterprises of an educational kind in connection with the denomination. Three years ago he assumed the support of the Professorship of History and Political Economy, and he has now provided an endowment of \$20,000 for the same. This chair will bear his name and be of great service to the University.

His benefactions to other departments of the work of the Baptist denominations are large. When the provisions of his will have been executed it is expected that the churches of the Maritime Provinces will receive \$10,000 for Foreign Missions. These donations will, if we are not misinformed, place Mr. Curry at the head of all the givers to the benevolent work of the Baptists in