

the highest order. He took honors in Belles Letters, and was the successful competitor for the first Alumni Essay prize—his subject being "The Claims of the Natural Sciences."

After graduation, Mr. Parsons pursued the teaching profession, and for several years was Inspector of schools for Halifax county. Later he resigned his inspectorship, and having studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1876. Then in the firm of "Parsons & Fielding," and later in the firm of "Eaton, Parsons & Beckwith," he enjoyed a long and successful period in practising the legal profession. And at one time he was prothonotary for the county of Halifax. In 1894 he was appointed to the agency of Marine and Fisheries department for Nova Scotia.

Mr. Parsons is a man of great activity in many departments. In politics he is an ardent conservative and twice was honored with the nomination by his party for representation in the provincial legislation. He is also an earnest temperance worker, and for many years filled the office of Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance for Nova Scotia.

Mr. Parsons' place is always filled and his voice heard in educational and denominational gatherings. At present he is one of the Senate of Acadia University and President of the Maritime Baptist Convention, in both of which capacities his duties are discharged in a most judicious and business-like manner. Acadia well knows the value of men of such vigor and enthusiasm as Mr. Parsons has shown himself to be. May his shadow never grow less!

Joseph Howe's Place in Canadian History.

HERE is no question, as to the place which Joseph Howe should be accorded among the public men of his time in N. S. For a period of thirty years or more, no man filled so large a place in the public life, or occupied a place so deeply entrenched in the heart of his countrymen. He was a people's man, an ardent lover of his country and a devoted subject of the queen. Above all men of his day he was fitted to make the fight which someone had to make against privilege and in favor of popular government.

Mr. Howe was no narrow Provincialist. He devised the largest things possible. He had national ideas and imperial visions toward which the present age is yet advancing. How much he accomplished for his countrymen, the present gen-