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## THE MARSH.

The suns and shadows of thy seasons many  
Have not upraised thee from thy low estate ;  
Nor make thy strong, slow pulses fluctuate,  
Through quickening sunlight and long hours rainy.  
Against thy side the sea's strong arm falls puny :  
Upon thy breast, vain is the creek's far flow ;  
The measuring march or rivers' tidal glow—  
Only the sky may span thee, dark or sunny.

When grasses wave, or all is wrapt in snow,  
There comes to thee no glad awakening  
Beneath the flight of days and flow of tides.  
The wafting wings that circle thee are slow ;  
And seldom voice awakes the gathering  
Of days, wherein thy purpose calmly bides.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.

—J. F. HERBIN.

## THE GERMAN STUDENT.

SOME two years ago, at the request of the ATHENÆUM, I wrote from Berlin two articles on “The American Student in Germany.” Being again invited to contribute something, it occurs to me that that the Canadian student in “fair Acadia” may like to know something of his foreign brother, the German student in Germany.

In almost every respect the German student is a type of the race to which he belongs. You will notice this both in his appearance and in his disposition. He is of good physique, of resolute nature, deliberate in movement, of strong passion when roused, reserved in manner, jealous of his rights, but kindly in heart and generous towards his fellows. He takes life earnestly. The light and trivial side of life has little attractiveness for him ; in truth, he does not understand it. His self-consciousness debars him from frivolity. He is a Teuton. The German preacher must go to the heart of things ; of effervescent and sensational oratory he