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## April's Passing.

April fickle, and fond and fair,  
The glad earth echoes your passing by,  
A rustle of wings in the moist sweet air,  
A ripple of song in a tender sky,

New life astir in the heart of the wood,  
Leaves fold their nests, as the soul it dreams,  
The Mayflower thrills in its snow flower hood  
At the gushing laugh of the dancing streams.

The young hearts echo the song of love,  
The memories rise in the older breast,  
And the soul of Nature, below, above,  
Awakens life to a new unrest.

Oh, April you laugh and frown and sigh,  
But the glad earth echoes your passing by.

EMMA PLAYTER SEABURY, in *Outing*.

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## Prof. J. F. Tufts, M. A.

Next in our series of biographical essays it gives us pleasure to record briefly some of the chief events in the life of our esteemed professor in History and Political Science.

As the majority of the members of the faculty have done, Professor Tufts prepared for college at Horton Collegiate Academy, in addition spending a short time at the Nova Scotia Normal School, after which he taught school for a year and one-half. He entered Acadia College in 1864 and graduated in due time, having taken honours throughout his course in history and classics.

After graduation Prof. Tufts spent one year as assistant teacher in Horton Academy, then went to Harvard University to pursue further study.

An interesting fact to be noted here is that Prof. Tufts was the first student from Acadia to enter the arts course at Harvard, so was required to pass full matriculation examination, as well as to stand the test by examination on the full college requirements for advanced