

So princely a gift is well worthy of a thoughtful christian man. While petty self-seekers struggle and wrangle to obtain a shabby and short-lived notoriety, Mr. Curry, grasping the true idea, that to make our country prosperous we must know and conform to those laws which govern all progress and all prosperity, has followed the more manly and noble way of placing within the reach of the young intelligence of the land, that thorough instruction necessary to a proper understanding of the duties, qualifications, and privileges of citizenship and true manhood.

The man, who like Mark Curry, shews by his actions a patriotic and Christian desire to place within the reach of the young of this great country the coveted opportunity of preparing themselves for life's hard battle, will live forever in the memory of his countrymen, loved and honored, while his influence through the on-coming ages will be constant and strong for the elevation of his fellows towards man's true place in the economy of nature. On the other hand, he who lives enslaved in the contemptible bondage of a selfish lust of power and dies from the dry rot of a degrading and miserly love of money will, in spite of his ill-gotten power and unspent gain, be held as a stumbling block and snare while living and too despicable for thought or memory when dead.

Mr. Curry has done a noble thing for Acadia as a college, for the Baptists as a denomination, and for Canada as a great and growing country, whose future will depend largely upon the thought and life of the present.

While we give expression to our appreciation of Mr. Curry's loyal and princely generosity towards the enterprises of his denomination we cannot refrain from congratulating the governors upon their good fortune in the appointment of Professor Tufts to this important chair. Although unfortunately ill during a part of the year the Professor has already shewn himself master of his subjects. While infusing into his classes a spirit of enthusiasm in the study of Political Economy and History, he, at the same time strives to, and succeeds in, inculcating sentiments of patriotism and intelligent respect for our great Canada not founded upon mere assertion but upon an impartial study and comparison of *facts and figures*, in his knowledge of, and ability to use which it is well known he has, in this country at least, no peer.

HAD not the Juniors done the best they could, we would censure them for not going on the Junior Expedition. As however their schooner did not arrive at the port of Wolfville at the appointed time, they have our sincerest pity. It is one bright part of the college course that every student looks back on with satisfaction. It seems a fitting close to a year's hard study, and if educative agencies are to be measured by the inspiration given for doing better work, the expedition must have a foremost place. A trip to the cliffs of The Joggin's, Blomidon and Five Islands does much to illumine the dry pages of Dana. "The earth's autobiography," nowhere more plainly written than in the rock structure and coal seams around the headwaters of the Bay of Fundy, seems deserving of some *direct* study. We cannot become chemists and never use chemicals, astronomers and never see the stars, nor can we know much geology from class room work alone. Facts but dimly seen and faintly grasped slip from the mind unless impressed by examination of the actual, "for things seen are mightier than things heard." For future expeditions we hope more perfect arrangements will be made so that not only for a good time, but for the study of geology, they will be a perfect success.

NO son of Acadia ever forgets his Alma Mater. Hence it is that, in the words of an esteemed contemporary, "the Associated Alumni has become a recognized power among the forces upon which our college depends." Although already contributing generously to the funds of the college, at the annual meetings of the society, held in June, it was decided to undertake permanently the support of a new chair, its naming to be left in the hands of the Governors. At a subsequent meeting of the Governors it was decided to found a Chair in Physics, to be called The Alumni Professorship of Physics in the department of Natural Sciences.

It may be premature to venture an opinion as to whom the senate will nominate to fill this chair, but it is generally understood that the man to be selected must have had long and successful experience as a teacher, and have made for himself more than a provincial reputation as an educationalist. In this age it is imperative that our professional chairs be filled by men of tried and marked ability as teachers and