

as before. Otherwise, we must all be subject to a hard-and-fast uniformity. And in the name of every denominational school in Canada, and in the face of every college *federationist*, we object to such uniformity. In "Some Types of University Men," the *Gazette* describes the different ideals of various old-world universities. Similar circumstances create different ideals in Canadian colleges. While progress gives energy and life to every college worthy the name, yet they do not all travel by the same road. As well demand that all men should be of the same complexion and stature, and work at one trade, as ask all colleges to select their courses from one catalogue.

We admit that the scheme looks well, and sounds well. There is a sort of gratifying preciseness about such terms as "one board of examiners and one set of examination papers," and a halo of greatness about their logical consequence, federation, that is as pleasing as it is dazzling. But, brother *Gazette*, while we are proud of Acadia's efficiency, and anxious to see it increased, and while we lament with you the low state of culture in some sister institutions, we are convinced that our own *alma mater* has a separate work to do, and the right to exist alone; wherefore we cheerfully resign the privilege of being eclectic and symmetrical to others.

THE generous donation of Mr. Mark Curry, of Windsor, N. S., called forth from the lips of several of the friends of Acadia the prophecy that it would not be long before other benefactors would follow his worthy example. At a late meeting of the Governors, as has already been announced in the public press, Mr. J. W. Barss, of Wolfville, came forward with an offering of ten thousand dollars. Mr. Barss is a tried friend of Acadia, and from his hands have the institutions received liberal contributions in the past. His present offer was accompanied by the stipulation that the Governors should take an equal sum from his former gifts, which have gone into the general treasury, and set aside the sum of twenty thousand dollars, thus contributed by him for the endowment of a professorship. Needless to say the governing body accepted this generous and thoughtful offer, and forthwith placed on record an expression of gratitude to their benefactor. The new professorship was at once established. At the request of the donor

the classical chair, for many years so ably filled by the present incumbent, Prof. R. V. Jones, Ph. D., was chosen as the chair which will henceforth be known as the John W. Barss Professorship of Classics.

Mr. Barss was formerly Treasurer of the College, and knows well the needs of Acadia and her constituency. As a thoughtful christian and an eminently successful business man, he also knows when he is making a good investment—an investment, the proceeds of which, at his age in life, are not likely to revert to him as an individual, but which will increase the wealth and prosperity of the denomination and country which he thus serves in placing within easy reach of young men and women the advantages of liberal education, which is bound to exert an uplifting influence upon the morals and citizenship of not only our own country but of the entire world. While the Governors are encouraged and helped in the work entrusted to them by the denomination, the students also appreciate Mr. Barss' generosity, which insures for them and their successors greater advantages, and places the donor in the foremost rank of Acadia's benefactors.

OUR newly appointed Professor of Physics, Mr. F. R. Haley, comes to his new position with many complimentary testimonials. The following extract from a letter received by Prof. Tufts from Dr. Keep, who is well-known to the college world by his notes on classical works, speaks for itself. Prof. Haley, it will be remembered, during the last three years has had charge of the Mathematics and subsequently of the Physics, of Norwich Free Academy, of which Dr. Keep is principal:

"He has been of the greatest service to the Academy in every way. His teaching has been admirable, and his influence on the character of the students has been invaluable. We have been so fortunate as to have several teachers of exceptional powers and equally earnest in enthusiasm and devotion to their work. But Mr. Haley in his unostentatious fidelity has carried himself with such steady wisdom, kindness, and fortitude, that his influence has been unequalled by that of any other teacher. . . . I congratulate Acadia on its great acquisition, and you are getting back a friend, but I shall miss him sorely."

Dr. Keep concludes his letter by asking Prof. Tufts to recommend another Acadia man to take Prof. Haley's present position.