

Island is kind to its dead. The clean unresting currents roll them and wash them; the clean sands swathe and cover them away. The "Isle of Sable," a deposit of the drift of meeting currents. It is the nucleus of the densest fogs, the vortex of the wildest storms of the North Atlantic. It is moving eastward before the prevailing winds, and rapidly decreasing in size. The name of "French Gardens," applied to a sheltered spot in the Island, was traced to the first settlers—a band of prisoners landed there in 1598 by *Marquis de la Roche*, who had been made viceroy of Canada and Acadia. In minutest detail the story of their sufferings and subsequent release was rehearsed.

A brief account was given of the "Order of a Good Time," an institution organized by Champlain, at Port Royal, and afterwards celebrated by the "Merry Marc Lescarbot." Interesting accounts were also given of the attack of Charnisay upon Fort La Tour, at the mouth of the St. John River,—the heroism of La Tour's wife in its defence, her final defeat and death.

The description of a feud, said to have taken place between an old Puritan settler on the Oromocto and a young loyalist intruder, afforded much merriment. A comparison of a Christmas celebration at Port Royal, 276 years ago, with a similar event among the Acadians, at Madawaska, in these modern times, closed a most interesting lecture.

In all these descriptions the speaker exercised a power of painting scenes with a clearness, and in language that compelled attention. We hope he may favor us again.

The thanks of the Literary Society were tendered letco the turer by the President.

#### ENTE TAINED.

It having become known to the students of the college that Prof. Tufts intended shortly to leave Wolfville, for a time at least, and he having expressed a willingness to give the students the benefit of a paper which he had previously read before a meeting of the Faculty, the members of the various college classes gathered in the President's hall on Thursday evening, 17th ult., and for an hour listened with deepest interest to the delivery of a paper on "Trusts and Combines." The flattering remarks of the mover and seconder of a vote of thanks, which was heartily

and unanimously carried, attested both to the appreciation by the students of the discussion of this deeply interesting subject, and also to the popularity of the speaker.

At the close of this meeting Prof. Tufts was invited to meet the senior class, in the dining room at Chipman Hall, where an energetic committee were prepared to satisfy the wants of the inner man.

When the once attractive table had been robbed of its charms, a college song was sung, and then the chairman, C. H. McIntyre, in behalf of the class, addressed the guest of the evening, referring to the pleasant relations that had existed between the Professor and the class, both in and out of class-room; expressing in fitting terms the high regard in which he was held by members of the class, as a teacher and as a gentleman, and wishing him abundant prosperity in the future. Prof. Tufts's reply was cordial and appreciative. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in one of the student's rooms, and the result of the Professor's visit only tended to increase the number of pleasing impressions he has made upon the class of '89.

#### EXCHANGES.

THE *University Monthly* of December is an excellent number. It favours the formation of the Canadian Press Association. "A talk with my Grandfather" is in conception and finish admirable.

THE *Adelphian* for January is very interesting. "The Antithesis of Life" deserves especial mention.

*Dalhousie Gazette* of January appears with the usual array of strong editorials. In its role as exponent of the students' claims which we consider the most important function of a college paper the *Gazette* ranks high. A correspondent urges that elocution be made compulsory. The Y. M. C. A. is in a flourishing condition.

THE *Censon* though small is in quality of matter surpassed by few

THE *King's College Record* is giving a series of articles on the Canadian poets. These articles in addition to their high literary excellence cannot fail to arouse an interest in our own writers and lead to a more general study of their productions. We are under the impression that our esteemed contemporary is no annexationist.

THE *Chironian* is always welcome especially to those among us who look to the medical profession.