

Eliphalet A. Read was born at Gaspereau, N. S., in 1866. He is of United Empire Loyalist parentage, his ancestors having settled at Sackville, N. B., during the American Revolution. He is a grandson of the late Rev. Willard Parker, one of the pioneer ministers of Anna. Co. His father, Rev. E. O. Read, pastor of the Baptist Church at Waterville, N. S., has been engaged in the ministry for over forty years, within the limits of Kings Co.

The early education of the subject of this sketch was obtained in the excellent public schools of Berwick. Entering Acadia College in 1887, he graduated with honors in Political Economy in 1891. Both before and after matriculation, Mr. Read was principal of the public schools in Berwick, and in other places. He was the orator at Commencement Class Day exercises. In the autumn of 1891, Mr. Read entered Morgan Park Theological Seminary. In the following year he entered the University of Chicago, holding the Burchard Scholarship for two years. In 1894 he was made Fellow in Systematic Theology, which rank he held until January, 1896, when he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, *magna cum laude*. The subject of his graduating Thesis was "The Christian Idea of God in Relation to Theology." Mr. Read was also Head of South Divinity House during a large portion of his period of study at Chicago—a position at the disposal of the Trustees of the University.

In January, 1896, Dr. Read was called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Pontiac, Ill. Here he was ordained to the ministry, and until September, 1897, he performed the duties of the pastorate with marked ability and fidelity.

A call to a professorship in Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich., appealed strongly to Dr. Read's native qualifications as a teacher, as well as to his thorough training and broad scholarship, and since assuming professorial duties at Kalamazoo, Prof. Read has ably and commendably filled the chair of Philosophy in that Institution.

Acadia follows all her graduates with interest that is both constant and sympathetic. The successes of many who have gone forth from her halls never fail to awaken a sense of gratification nor to elicit her recognition. Members of Acadia's Alumni have in the past ably filled positions of great trust and influence and still larger numbers are year after year pressing to formost places and worthily occupying spheres of dignity and noble service.

Dr. Read is among the younger graduates of Acadia, whose brilliancy of attainment during under-graduate years was but a pledge of future achievement, which the constant successes of later years have amply fulfilled.