

of the fact. Severe mental strain in the solitude of his study brought on a slightly morbid condition of the system, and, among other groundless notions, fancied that his services were no longer either appreciated or needed. The sad morning of his departure is still fresh in my memory. Around the coach which was to bear away our beloved professor all the students were gathered. There was something unutterable in the touch of the hand—a strange tremor in the voice that day on which he who had filled so large a place in our hearts, as well as in our academic life and work vanished from our sight.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

GENTLEMEN :

It will certainly please all lovers of our Educational Institution to see growth in the college organ.

It is particularly so to me, as I was one of the originators of the paper. It was then the "day of small things," but the present *status* of the *ATHENÆUM* justifies the prophesies at that time made.

Should you devote a space to the review of books, you will have acted with wisdom. As one cannot be expected to read every book published, one must fall back on the Reviewer for his knowledge of what is passing in the literary world. As educated men you are not expected to be ignorant of modern speculative opinion, and as you will soon be abroad in the world of living men, you will be expected to answer many questions relative to human destiny, and solve many problems which vex men who have not enjoyed your advantages.

To do this your knowledge must be broader than your creed; religious or political. If you remember this you will never make the mistake of supposing that a sneer removes a doubt from the mind of the practical man of the world.

As educated believers in our Lord Jesus, the students of Acadia will never tremble for the Bible's safety in any conflict, but realizing that the "Lords word hath much more light yet to break forth from its sacred pages," you will gladly investigate any theory which promises to solve mystery, by making the Bible easy to be understood and the scheme of Providence comprehensible.

To review a book is not always to agree with it,

far otherwise, but to ignore, or seek ways of hiding from the people, any literature which treats of great questions is not only indicative of shameful narrowness, but positive evidence of moral cowardice. But I have no fear that the policy of Rome will be imitated by the *ATHENÆUM*.

The opening of the columns of your paper for short reviews of books will be advantageous in three ways.

*First.* It will afford a most profitable exercise for those who are fond of reading aside from regular work. To be able to properly review a book is a great matter for one who is obliged to read much. It enables one to gain knowledge of a book quickly and retain it long.

*Second.* It will stimulate the circulation of the paper by increasing interest in it among the *reading* and *thinking* friends of the college. There is room in the denomination for just such a paper as the *ATHENÆUM* can be made, and many who wish to review books of deep interest will no doubt take advantage of your paper if encouraged to do so.

*Third.* Increased circulation will mean increased interest in the institutions at Wolfville. Many laymen of broad and liberal views, who read much on subjects of religious and political, and scientific interest would welcome such a paper, as the *ATHENÆUM* promises to be, to their offices.

I am yours sincerely,

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### OUR RACE ITS ORIGIN AND DESTINY.

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So far as I know the subject treated in Mr. Totten's was first referred to by the immortal Bunyan.

"I strongly suspect," says he, "that we English are the lost tribes." It came to his soul like voice from heaven.

About twenty-five years ago some writers of good ability brought the subject to the attention of bible students, but it was not treated with that seriousness which the thought really called for. It may be assumed that the time had not arrived, in the providence of God, for making known such a revelation to the world. This interpretation of prophecy has, however, enlisted the serious attention of many able scholars, and has continued to gain ground slowly until the present.