

Again, the founding of one chair will have little or no influence to keep our men from going abroad, for, as we have just shown, if a man wants a B. A. degree, he must, to obtain it honorably, neglect most of the subjects taught by one theological professor, and give his whole time to arts, or, if he be permitted to take theology as an elective in place of an equivalent amount of arts work, when he receives his degree (should such a degree, by any strange chance, be granted him), it will neither be for arts or theology but *for a suspicious mixture of the two*—a fact which must inevitably lower the standard of education among our ministers.

Moreover, it is evident that the man who works four or six years for an Arts degree at Acadia and gets it, will still go abroad for his theology, since the training obtained from a single professor would not keep him when compared with the advantages of a thoroughly equipped seminary. Besides after a young man has reached years of discretion, a change will do him good, for if in his entire *school* education he meets only one style of thinking, and one set of thinkers there is danger of his contracting bad mental habits which have their rise in narrowness of view.

The times advance. Acadia must keep pace with progress or lose her place as first among Maritime Colleges. The arts departments need all the men and money we can spare.

If the introduction of an indifferent theological school, is going to detract from the energies of the arts, while not being in itself of sufficient importance to be recognized among theological seminaries, then we believe such a course to be fraught with great danger and subject to grave criticism.

The work, for the performance of which the governors have lately made provision, is necessary and will be helpful to those who preach during vacations, and who need a little instruction as to methods, &c. If this is the beginning of a first-class theological seminary to be supported altogether by capital *not now in use*, or if, this be both the beginning and the end of opportunities for such instruction at Acadia, we have nothing but good wishes for the success of the undertaking, and congratulations that those in authority recognizing the need, have been able to supply it so efficiently and easily.

As an *honor course* a limited amount of theological studies may be carried on to great advantage by men

who may be able to do a little extra work, and would like that work to bear directly upon the calling to which they hope to devote their lives, while the assistance and guidance of Dr. Sawyer and Prof. Keirstead will make even a limited amount of work of this kind much more interesting and profitable than is the usual Honor Course.

But the danger is not from this action *in itself*. It is rather in what it *may lead to*. When Acadia's friends are ready to endow a respectable theological seminary at Wolfville with a staff of four or six first class professors, without in any way drawing upon the capital now supporting the Arts work at Acadia, and without in any way hindering her in her future progress, then, and then only, shall we hail with delight any further movement along this line beyond that lately taken by the governors.

We have a successful and flourishing Arts college. Let us keep it such. Let Acadia's friends do nothing which will tend to dissipate her energies or diminish her revenue. Our needs grow much faster than their supply, and if our already sadly depleted exchequer, in addition to its present pressing demands, be called upon to nourish a weak foundling whose life may prove more of a burden than a comfort to its friends—we sincerely hope that an early death may relieve the tender infant of its sufferings and remove it to the oblivious rest of history.

THE late official announcement that Mark Curry, Esq., of Windsor, N. S., had endowed a chair in Acadia was received with expressions of deepest gratitude on the part of every friend of our college and especially among her students, past and present, since they can more fully appreciate the great benefits arising from such an act, both to their beloved Alma Mater and to the country at large. Mr. Curry, through a long and eminently successful business career, has given much thought to the study of the great social and economic questions of the day; and, feeling the deep necessity of placing within the reach of the young men of his country a more thorough knowledge of those great principles upon which has been builded the world's social advancement and economic success, he has most generously endowed a chair in Acadia, in the subjects of History and Political Economy.