

were wont to confess that in important particulars, the Acadia graduates were often the better men.

Were an outside judgment needed on the point of educational efficiency, it would be easy to cite expressions of the most authoritative kind. Last year the New England branch of the Alumni took steps to bring the work of Acadia to the notice of New England Baptists, in the hope of some day accomplishing the endowment of a chair. In connection with that effort, distinguished men furnished for publication their views respecting Acadia's work. I am tempted to quote two or three of these expressions as samples. President Elliot of Harvard wrote :

"It gives me pleasure to say that Acadia College has for many years seemed to me to be an institution of substantial merit and large serviceableness. I hope that the effort which is to be made by her graduates in this vicinity to raise a fund for the benefit of the College will be abundantly successful."

President Strong of Rochester Theological Seminary, a seminary which admits only college graduates, but these from colleges all over the Continent, wrote :

"It gives me much pleasure to testify to the thoroughness and value of the work done by Acadia College. I have of late years had many of her graduates under my instruction, and I am sure that no college whatever has furnished our seminary with better scholars or better men. The Christian and missionary spirit of Acadia, moreover, is admirable."

President Schurman of Cornell wrote :

"It would be a very graceful act for the Acadia Alumni in New England to raise a fund to help their Alma Mater. I cannot forbear expressing admiration of the excellent work which Acadia College has always done, and that too in the face of great financial straits."

President Harper of Chicago wrote :

"From the character of those of its graduates with whom I have a personal acquaintanceship, I can speak most heartily for the high ideals of the Faculty of Acadia College and the thoroughness with which they perform their work. The College has done for the cause of education and the cause of Christianity an immense work in the past. I sincerely hope that its friends will rally to its support and enable it to do even a greater work in the future."

If I may step beyond this list, and quote an expression recently penned by one who ranks among the first educationalists of the Dominion, it shall be the following expression from the eloquent pen of Dr. Theodore H. Rand, who though a graduate, has been at a distance long enough to form some true estimate of Acadia's work. He writes:

"I seem, in looking back, to owe all I am and all that I have been permitted to do, to the stimulus of my undergraduate years at Acadia, and the inspiring life and fellowship of those years. The work which Acadia's sons have accomplished, at home and abroad, is