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AT MINAS BASIN.

About the buried feet of Blomidon,
Red-breasted sphynx with crown of grey and green.
Swirl the tides of Minas, their crescent queen
On high, fleet-oared by galleys of the sun.
The tidal breeze blows its divinest gale!
The blue air winks with life-like headed wine!
Stories of Glooscap, of Evangeline—
Each to the setting sun this sea did sail.
Opulent day outpours its living gold,
'Till all the west is belt with crimson bars,
Then darkness lights its silver moon and stars,—
The festal beauty of the world new-old.
Facing the dawn, in vigil that ne'er sleeps,
The sphinx her secret of the Basin keeps.

T. H. RAND, in Canadian Magazine.

OUR PRESIDENT.

We have much pleasure in placing as a frontispiece the portrait of our esteemed president Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D.D., LL.D., whose long and active service in the interest of our Alma Mater, has raised her to that honorable position among Universities which she to day occupies. A short sketch of his life will be acceptable to the many graduates and friends of Acadia University.

Artemas Wyman Sawyer was borne at West Haven, Vermont, in 1827, and was the son of Rev. Reuben Sawyer, a minister of the Baptist denomination. He received his preparatory education at New London (now Colby) Academy, in New Hampshire, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1847. For three years he occupied a position on the high school staff at Windsor, Vt., then entered upon theological studies at Newton, Mass. Here he met his friend and classmate Rev. S. W. DeBlois, D. D. on whose recommendation Dr. Sawyer was appointed to the chair of classics at Acadia College in 1855.

After graduating at Newton, President Sawyer was pastor of the Baptist church at Lawrence, Mass., where he was ordained. Responding to the call from Acadia he resigned his pastorate at Lawrence and entered upon his duties here. He filled the classical chair with marked ability for four years, and brought into prominence and popularity the benefits of a liberal culture in the classics. Returning to the United States in 1860 he was pastor of the Baptist church at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. until 1864, when he was appointed principal of New London