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It is with pleasure that we present our readers with this sketch of the life and work of our esteemed Professor in Mathematics, Daniel Francis Higgins, M. A., Ph. D., whose portrait appears in this issue.

The subject of our sketch was born at Rawdon, Hants Co., N. S. in 1830. By his own efforts he obtained his early education. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in teaching for one year, and in 1854 matriculated from Horton Collegiate Academy. He took his freshman year, and once more engaged in teaching. Coming back after one year he completed his college course without interruption, graduating from Acadia in 1859. After graduation Dr. Higgins held a position on the teaching staff of Horton Academy for one year, and at its close received his appointment as Tutor in Mathematics in Acadia College. In 1861 he was appointed to the position of Professor in the same department, where, ever since, he has performed his duties faithfully and well.

In the same year he received from his Alma Mater the degree of M. A., and that of Ph. D., in 1882.

Since the time of his graduation he has been regarded as one of the foremost educators of the Province of Nova Scotia. It was no small tribute to his intellect and ability, when the governors of Acadia College recognized in this graduate the man who was needed to fill the mathematical chair. Dr. Higgins is also one of the Provincial Examiners in Mathematics, under the Common School Law of Nova Scotia; and was one of the Senators of the University of Halifax, when the scheme for the alliance of all the provincial universities, under one regime, and under the name of the University of Halifax, was being promoted. He is now one of the Senators of Acadia University.

As a scholar Dr. Higgins is mature and keen. He has made a specialty of more than one branch of knowledge. He possesses superior ability as a linguist, being especially intimate with the Hebrew, the French and German languages.

The judgment of thirty years, and of many graduates has been given on the work of Dr. Higgins. All recognize