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A Ready Response.

WE were strolling along through the shady ravine;
The streamlets lay stilled in the frost king's embrace;
An occasional squirrel was but to be seen,
And I said to my heart,—How propitious the place!

As I looked on the face of companion so dear,
I thought I discerned a reciprocal glance;
My heart mustered courage and cast out its fear,
And longed to express its emotions at once.

With anticipation of pleasure so sweet
I hastened forthwith my request to declare:
O, ye rocks, never tell; O, ye streams, ne'er repeat
With what rapturous bliss the response was made there.

With a glance at the hills, then a glance at that face,
I made known that request in words simple and few.
But ne'er came response with more consummate grace
Than that which was answer to "Give me a chew."

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WITH no small degree of pleasure do we present as the frontispiece to this number the portrait of another of Acadia's Alumni, who has recently attained a position of eminence—Dr. M. S. Read of the department of Philosophy in Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.

Melbourne Stuart Read was born in Berwick, N.S., September 27th, 1869. He is of Loyalist extraction and a son of the Rev. E. O. Read, one of Nova Scotia's veteran Baptist pastors. He received his early education in the public schools of his native province and prepared for College at the Berwick High School, entering Acadia in September, 1886, with the class of '90. Remaining out of College one year during his course, Mr. Read was graduated with the class of '91, taking first rank honors in Political Science. Throughout his entire course his work was executed in a manner indi-