

Alumni professorships. But many never even paid the regular tuition fees. For this alone, they should not think of paying less than the interest, five dollars per annum, on this one-fourth of a debt which they might have regularly been asked to pay. If three hundred and fifty alumni would contribute even five dollars per year each, we should have seventeen hundred and fifty dollars per year.

These figures are interesting to think on when the Alumni Society are fearful that they will not be able to raise the salary of one professor without great difficulty. If the gratitude of each Alumnus is not worth at least five dollars a year to the college in cash, it is well to consider whether it would not be well to refuse hereafter to give scholarships to any student who will not give his note of hand for their payment ten years after graduation, the note bearing interest at five per cent. per annum.

The fact is, the Alumni, as a whole, have not yet enjoyed their full privilege. It is hardly well that they have not raised the salary of their Professor yearly, while he was absent, and applied it to the good of the college in some other way. Had they done so, they might now be trained to as easily raise twice the sum. The directors of the Society should be urged to place the full facts before every graduate or former student. This might be done by printed slips with a subscription blank added. If I mistake not, in another Maritime college, there are two Alumni professorships. Acadia should be capable of as much.

I use all expressions and phrases in the above speaking only for myself.

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LECTURE.

On Friday evening, Dec. 10th, a large audience assembled in College Hall to listen to a lecture from Prof. Tufts on the Canadian North-West. During the last summer Prof. Tufts spent some time in Manitoba and the North-West provinces, visiting points of interest and gathering information concerning the progress of the country.

Thus he was well prepared to speak about what had been done and what was now being done by the settlers on this vast prairie.

After giving a short sketch of the early history of Manitoba the lecturer described Winnipeg, Calgary,

Brandon and Regina, the principal towns east of the Rocky Mountains. Each of these showed a rapid and yet healthy growth. Stone and brick buildings gave an air of permanency to the cities of the plains. Then came an account of the wheat lands, their extent, fertility, present production and future possibilities. Contrary to quite a generally conceived notion, he found that the soil did not materially deteriorate as the Rocky Mountains were approached, but that wheat could be raised profitably on the extreme western limit of the prairie.

At an easy calculation 400,000,000 bushels of wheat could be put on the market, each year. If this immense plain were cultivated as rapidly as the advancing tide of immigration promises, this state will be reached at no very distant day. That there will be a market for this great quantity, the rapid increase of population assures.

The lecturer considered the chances for the young people of the Maritime provinces to be much better in the North-West than in the New England States. If they must leave home, let them go where there are possibilities of freedom and advancement rather than to New England, where there is nothing better for a great majority than service at a dollar and a half or two dollars a day. He concluded his address by calling the attention of the young people to the fact that they had a country of immense proportions. In a few years the management of this would be in their hands, and that they should therefore make themselves thoroughly acquainted with its resources and prepare themselves for the duties which would surely be placed in their hands.

CLASS SUPPER.

Before breaking up for the Christmas vacation, the Senior class assembled in the dining-room of Chipman Hall to spend a short time in recalling memories of past experiences as a class, and to express mutual well-wishing for the future. The evening selected was that of Wednesday, December 16th.

Assembling at the time appointed, we sat down to the enjoyments of a well laden table and with laughter as the joke went round, partook of the generous supply of good things so kindly furnished by Mrs. Keddy. At length as our countenances assumed a well satisfied expression and the crack of