

The Month.

"The Month" owes an apology to the general public and the student body especially for not mentioning in last issue the visit to our institutions of Mr. Sayford, College-evangelist, who spent several days of December in very helpful service with and for us. A report of the meetings held by Mr. Sayford was prepared, but in the hurry and confusion attendant upon home-going for the holidays, was overlooked when the copy was sent to the press. Its absence was not only a slight, though an unintentional one to the body under whose auspices Mr. Sayford came, but also left in the column an unrelated paragraph the opening lines of which would seem to indicate that he who wrote them was even more befogged than usual.

The opening lecture in the "Star Course" was delivered Jan. 18th, by Sir John G. Bourinot, Clerk of the House of Commons and the foremost constitutional authority in Canada. His subject was—"Reminiscences of Nova Scotia's famous men." As a fitting introduction the Speaker recalled briefly some facts of Acadian history, mentioning in this connection the chief sources of Provincial population.—French, English, Americans of both pre-Loyalist and Loyalist immigrations, Scotch and Irish who with their descendants served or are serving well their day. Then Sir John caused to pass before his interested audience some of the scenes of the old Legislative Hall in the capital city where more than forty years ago along with our late lamented premier, Sir John Thompson, then a young man, he reported the speeches of the legislators. Sir William Young, a leading Liberal and afterward Chief-Justice, Hon. James W. Johnston the famous Conservative chieftain, Joseph Howe, the friend of the people, Dr., now, Sir Charles Tupper and many others who had an important part in making the history of those stirring times, in the wonderfully vivid word-pictures of a skilled artist, peopled again the council chambers of our province, and re-enacted there their parts as patriots and reformers. Referring to the noble inheritance into which this generation has come, and with an eloquent tribute to the far-reaching influence for good, the sons of our province have exercised, Sir John closed his lecture permitting his audience to return again to the commonplaces of daily life.

The following day Sir John addressed the student body and a few invited guests upon, "The strength and weakness of our political institutions." It needs not to be said that the lecture was scholarly and accurate; nor did it lack in clearness of expression and genuine interest. Not anyone who listened will hold in memory all that was said, but if an interest in the study of political science and an enlarged respect for our governing institutions result from his lecture, Sir John will not consider his work in vain. Attorney-General Longley, —Dr. Longley at Acadia, came from Halifax with Sir John Bourinot and was present at both lectures. Called upon, as usual, he gave evidence of forensic abilities all unimpaired by his devotion to liter-