

now the youngest college president. A pamphlet issued by him entitled: *Why should you go to Shurtleff College?* gives a good idea of the standing of our sister university in the west. Shurtleff is the oldest Baptist college west of New York State. It is the oldest college in Illinois, having been for 70 years an educational and denominational centre. Toil and sacrifice similar to that allied with the early history of Acadia were also factors in the rise of Shurtleff. Alton, Ill. is situated on a beautiful hill two miles from the Mississippi and 22 miles from the city of St. Louis. In the matter of religious and social influences and opportunities, the pamphlet presents the counterpart of those at Acadia. The Chicago Standard in discussing the inaugural address of the new president says: "It will be seen at once that a fresh personal force of marked character, has entered into the educational life of the state. It is rarely that principles so fundamentally vital in education, are set forth with such clearness and vigor. President DeBlois has studied in the German Universities and travelled on the continent. He was principal of the Union Baptist Seminary St. Martin's, N. B., for two years, and is well fitted by a liberal and practical education, for the responsible position which he now occupies.

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In many of the issues since the opening of College the *Acadian* has printed correspondence in reference to numerous depredations which are being somewhat systematically committed within the limits of the town. These letters are becoming quite interesting to the college fraternity, and the weekly issue of the *Acadian* is awaited with a wondering expectancy. The most curious features of the articles referred to, are the philosophical and elaborate discussions on the relation of culture and education to civil and social demeanour in which ethical problems too deep for words are set forth. Each correspondent follows in the same old well-beaten track, and proceeds to turn his fire on college students. No one seems anxious to distinguish himself—and indeed it would be a distinction—by following any other trail, but with chronic spitefulness and blind splenetic impulse each turns to the old familiar practice of vilifying the students for acts of depredation which some of their own sons are highly capable of committing. Property in which the students themselves have surely too much interest to destroy—notably the band-stand and the goal posts on the campus—has been destroyed, and by whom? The *Acadian* recently referred to some like proceedings which occurred during the summer, such as the destruc-