

\$1000.00 or so needed to meet the Society's obligations has been raised from the contributions of the Alumni. It will be readily seen that an average subscription of \$4.00 per member would more than meet all demands. This surely is not an excessive demand upon the generosity of Acadia's Alumni. The difficulty lies in the fact that only about one quarter of the Alumni contribute anything beyond the annual fee. Those who have given so far have done nobly. Some contribute as high as \$25.00 yearly, others in amounts varying with the power and willingness of the giver.

In this connection, the efforts of the New England Branch of the Alumni should receive full recognition. This Society was organized some three years ago among the Alumni and friends of Acadia resident in the New England States. The assistance rendered by this daughter of the Associated Alumni is very considerable. An annual contribution of \$200.00 or more is now received from this Society. Already the Branch has a goodly sum which it is proposed, when it shall have become sufficiently large, ultimately to turn to the endowment of another Professorship. Meantime the interest of this fund, together with other sums is generously donated to the support of the Alumni Professorship. Nowhere has Acadia warmer friends or more loyal supporters than are found among the members of the New England Branch.

The Associated Alumni, in supporting the Alumni Chair of Physics, is carrying a heavy burden; but, by no means one that is beyond its powers. The character of the work done in the department of Physics in Acadia College is of itself ample justification for the generous giving of the Alumni. The fact that the efficiency of the College has been very materially increased by the introduction of this department ought to be a source of great encouragement; while the knowledge that the withdrawal of the support of the Alumni would probably mean not only the discontinuance of the work now done in physics, but also a very serious crippling of the powers of the College, should nerve all interested in the cause of education at Acadia to the most strenuous exertions that such calamities may be averted.

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**D**ID you ever hear of a man who had striven all his life faithfully and singly toward an object, and in no measure obtained it? If a man constantly aspires, is he not elevated? Did ever a man try heroism, magnanimity, ruth, sincerity, and find that there was no advantage in them—that it was a vain endeavor?—THOREAU.