

place he has taken in educational circles and now that he has felt obliged to relinquish the responsibility of the Mathematical department, we extend to the retiring professor, the wish that these days of comparative freedom from taxing duties may be rich in the fruition of life's efforts and the benediction of the Master whom he has not hesitated to acknowledge in all his relations; and we congratulate the College upon the retention of Dr. Higgins as Lecturer and Professor Emeritus.

Our Institutions.

Important changes are being made in the professorial staff of the College. Prof. F. R. Haley, M. A., for some years Alumni professor of Physics, will have in charge both the departments of Mathematics and Physical Science. Dr. Higgins, who on account of failing years, has resigned the Mathematical chair, will be Professor Emeritus for life and will continue to lecture in Mathematical science to advanced classes,—a position for which he has unsurpassed qualifications.

Mr. Cecil C. Jones, M. A., a graduate of the University of New Brunswick with the highest honors and of Harvard University has been appointed assistant in the departments in charge of Prof. Haley. The department of Chemistry, Geology and Mineralogy will be conducted by Mr. Ernest Haycock, M. A., who took distinguished standing with Acadia's Class of '96, and has since received the M. A. degree at Harvard where he has taken the highest rank. Both Messrs Jones and Haycock, come to Acadia as young men not only of exceptional ability in their departments of study but as possessing teaching qualifications of superior order. Dr. Trotter will also assume duties as professor at the opening of the school. These additions to the teaching staff and the contribution of fresh life to the College is a pledge of increasing efficiency in the conduct of the University, and will furnish stimulus towards the best attainments.

A number of changes are to be made in the teaching staff of Acadia Seminary, but complete announcements cannot yet be made. Later they will appear from President Trotter. The public may be assured that every thought and care will be devoted to the duty of securing instructors of such ability and thoroughness as to command the fullest confidence in the unexcelled efficiency of the Seminary.

The Forward Movement is progressing slowly but surely. The Baptists of these Provinces and many others as well are, more and more, recognizing the eminent contribution to intellectual and spiritual life Acadia is making, and they will show their appreciation of past services and expectation of nobler results in the future, by making this "Forward" effort a grand success.

The work of 1898 in all the affiliated schools has been most cheering in every regard and the prospect for the coming year is full of splendid encouragement and warrant for the largest hopefulness. Acadia is assuredly the place to which all our young people should come. Hither they are looking in increasing numbers. A very few years will witness their multiplied representation at this educational centre. Intending students who may desire information additional to that contained in the calendars of the several Institutions should address, during the summer months: Rev T. Trotter, D. D., Wolfville, President of the University; Miss A. F. True, M. A., Waterville, Me., Principal of Acadia Seminary; or Mr. I. B. Oakes, M. A., Wolfville, Principal of Horton Academy.

Editors' Passing.

WITH this issue the editors for the year 1897-'98 withdraw from their conspicuous but unenviable position. The editor-in-chief desires to place on record his appreciation of the hearty manner in which the associates and assistants have contributed to the interests of the ATHENÆUM. When we accepted the responsibilities of editorship we determined to do our best in the service of our constituency. We have tried. None can be more conscious than the staff of failure to reach the standard in the management of the paper, anticipated at the first of the year. Now we pass the pen to our successors and with it our best wishes for the year '98-'99.