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THE first number of this paper for the year 1875-6 is wanted to complete a fyle for the library. If anyone has this number, and will forward it to us, he will confer a great favor.

Once more the Sackville institutions have suffered from fire. The destruction on the 8th inst. of the Male Academy must be regarded as a great calamity. We tender our most cordial sympathy,—a sympathy all the greater from the fact that Acadia so recently passed through a similar trial. The proverbial energy of our Methodist friends will doubtless at once be displayed in erecting a new building upon the ruins of the old.

We are pleased to have contributions this month from friends who are not living under the shadow of Acadia. The letter from Dr. Bill will be read with interest, because of the subject of which it treats, and, not less, in consequence of the fact that the writer has

long been an enthusiastic friend and supporter of our Alma Mater. We know, also, that all will be glad to hear again from "Kayoshk," whether they are able to pronounce his *nom de plume* or not. The letter from Brown is kindly contributed by a member of the Sophomore class of that university.

Last summer the Free Baptist Conference passed certain resolutions approving university consolidation, and recommending their youth to attend Dalhousie. The *Dalhousie Gazette* copies these, prefixing a few comments, of which the last sentence is: "With all due sympathy for them in this affliction, we recommend a careful perusal of the following to our Acadia friends." Our friends are in haste to wipe away our tears; but it might be wise first to learn whether we are weeping. If the Methodists should adopt resolutions commending Mount Allison, or the Episcopalians praising Kings, or the Presbyterians lauding Dalhousie, we should not feel afflicted: then why should we lament because the Free Baptists have recommended Dalhousie to their young men? Are the *Gazette* men so profoundly ignorant as to suppose that the Free Baptists form any part of the denomination that established Acadia College? The *Gazette* is deeply moved by these resolutions, and for a moment bows its head and fawningly cries, "This section of the Baptists, though small in numbers, is perhaps the most intelligent body in Nova Scotia." The ability of this body to discover the pre-eminent excellencies of Dalhousie is certainly proof of *singular* intelligence.

At the close of last term, a public entertainment was given by students of the Seminary and Academy. Some of the parts were rendered exceptionally well. The proficiency of