

college as well in the musical as in the elocutionary department. This success—leaving out of view his peculiar fitness for the work—is due rather to his great energy and unremitting enthusiasm than to advantageous conditions which hitherto have assuredly been at minimum. If so much that is praise-worthy can be accomplished amidst adverse and discouraging circumstances, what a grand showing might be effected were elocution established as a regular study of the course.

IT is evident that those who are managing the affairs of the Institution here, are determined that as far as their resources will permit, their equipment shall be such as will insure the confidence and support of all who have sons and daughters to educate. At the closing meeting of the Board of Governors, Prof. J. F. Tufts who resigned the principalship of the Collegiate Academy last year, and who has since been studying at Harvard, was appointed to the Chair of History and Political Economy. To all who knew Prof. Tufts as a gentleman and as a teacher this appointment will be most satisfactory. We understand that the appointment of a tutor in the science department will probably be made before college opens, and perhaps the same addition made to the English department. The professor in each of these departments certainly deserves assistance, and this proposed enlargement of the staff will add materially to the efficiency of the college.

The interests of the other departments also received due attention. The resignation of Miss Wadsworth, Principal of the Ladies' Seminary was accepted and steps taken to procure a successor. It is rumored that the appointment has been offered to Miss Graves who so long and so successfully filled the position previous to Miss Wadsworth. All who have the best interests of Acadia Seminary at heart, will hope that Miss Graves may be induced to return. It is to be regretted that Miss Margeson, a graduate of Acadia and for the last three years, the popular teacher of French and English, has severed her connection with the Seminary. It is to be hoped that a worthy successor may be found for this position also.

A donation of \$300, from the Ladies' Jubilee Offering, was made to the College library and the graduating class contributed \$100, to the same object.

AT a meeting of the rate-payers of the village of Wolfville it was decided to provide a system of water works to supply the dwellings and to provide necessary precautions against fire. Upon several occasions within very few years, what might have been but a trifling fire, has for want of an abundant water supply and proper appliances terminated most disastrously. We therefore most heartily commend this new enterprise and hope that its effects may also be felt upon the hill. True the buildings on the hill, have a fair water supply most of the year, but at times even this is insufficient and there is no special protection against fire. This need not beso. With a few hydrants conveniently located in the vicinity of each of the buildings, a moderate amount of rubber hose and a good force of water, a fire company might be organized from *the men on the hill*, that would extinguish almost any ordinary fire. May this be among the many improvements so soon to be made at Acadia.

SOME months ago, the following clipping appeared among our excerpts. "Praise is not always sweet, nor is censure always bitter. The moral value of either praise or censure, depends greatly upon the moral value of the person who proffers it. To be praised by some people is reason enough to make one ask what evil one has done; to be censured by them is a mark of honor. When one is praised, then, or when one is blamed, is it not worth while to ask one's self who does it and why?" We believe this doctrine to be perfectly true and are more convinced than ever before, that much that would seem to be honest praise or fair criticism would be seen to be worthless if put to the test of the *who and why*. Glowing reports of some oratorical or literary effort may emanate from the pen of the one most deeply concerned as on the other hand unfair and depreciating remarks may be the outcome of personal enmity. Of the treatment received from the public press, by the Students of the institutions at Acadia, in the reports given of the various public exercises, it may be said in a general way that no complaint is due and indeed in some cases the most careful attention is paid to the proceedings and very full and fair reports are given—none more appreciative than the attention shown by the representatives of the St. John Sun—but still