

university character, and are but poor manifestations of college spirit in comparison with a contest along literary lines. The benefits coming from this source are both social and intellectual. Nothing can be productive of more good than the coming together of students of different colleges in this friendly social way, and nothing tests so severely the character and spirit of college students. In the future may events of this nature be frequent. The ATHENEUM extends congratulations to all the speakers who took part on that occasion. Without exception they acquitted themselves well. To all who helped to make the occasion a successful and enjoyable one, to the judges and to the committees of management much credit should be given, for the manner in which the idea of a debate was carried to a successful issue. The kindness and generous hospitality shown by the ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Windsor and the students of Kings College will not soon be forgotten by the visitors from Acadia.

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A fine spectroscope of German manufacture has recently been purchased for the college. The instrument is made after the Kirchhoff model and was ordered direct from the celebrated manufacturers Schmidt & Eltz. This valuable piece of apparatus was purchased with a portion of the funds so generously placed at the disposal of the Science professors by the graduating class of last June.

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Mr. W. C. Margeson of the Junior class, who is one of the students pursuing the advanced course in Physics, has recently constructed under the direction of Prof. Haley a large tangent galvanometer. This instrument is used for measuring the strength of electric currents, etc. It has been constructed with commendable care and precision.

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"Look well to the foundation," though an old maxim, has many applications in these modern days, when men and women are so often measured by the tests of the practical world. Probably no class of persons can profit more by heeding this maxim than students looking forward to a college or university course, not only because a collegiate superstructure must be of little value, when lacking the requisite basal study, but because the student is necessarily incompetent to do proper building unless he lays well his foundation by thorough training in the elementary branches of knowledge. The attempt to study literary