

of questions of national concern should be encouraged in the university. The writing of essays on the lives and achievements of the leading public men of our country should be encouraged. Much then could be done towards fostering patriotism among the students and thus towards increasing the union between college and state.

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THUS much have we said on what the university owes to the nation. The union between the two should be more close. The university by inviting the students to a greater interest in the affairs of the nation, by encouraging them to a fuller acquaintance with the lives and works of the leading public men who have lived and still live, can do much toward producing such a result. But the nation owes a debt to the university. The leading men of our land, by lecturing before the different colleges, could do much toward increasing interest among the students in the affairs of our country—could do much toward fostering patriotism for our Canada. To some extent we are glad to say this has been done. Acadia's students have had the pleasure and benefit of listening to not a few of Canada's great men. We hope that the future of our university may be favoured in this respect still more than in the past. We have listened in our halls to Americans in abundance, and enjoyed what they have had to say; but we fear that too often we have seemed to give American lecturers an unnecessary preference to those of our own land. We hope that in the not very distant future the students may be able to provide for a course of lectures in which Canadians instead of Americans shall principally figure.

The Month.

THE fourth lecture of the Star Course was delivered in College Hall on Monday, January 29th, by Jahu DeWitt Miller. Owing to some change in the course arrangement he also lectured here on Tuesday. His subjects were, "The Stranger at our Gates," and "Love, Courtship and Marriage." On both occasions he spoke to a well filled house. Rarely indeed has Acadia had such a magnificent treat. As an orator and wit it would be hard to find his superior. Nature has been kind to Mr. Miller. A striking personal appearance, a glowing imagination, wonderful fluency of speech, broad sympathy, and a voice of great compass and power, all combine to make him one of the most attractive speakers whom we have ever heard. During a lecture of two hours he held his audience spellbound. His transitions from deepest pathos and stirring eloquence to sparkling wit were marvellous. Although fun abounded, yet one could readily see that he built his superstructure on a solid basis of principle and morality. His treatment of his subjects was peculiar, partaking