

The gift toward the professorship is comparatively small and the Alumni are numerous. The sum will be bestowed as a distinctively Alumni offering and, it is hoped, will do much to arouse and stimulate the interest of the givers in Acadia College and the Academies, as the sons of these institutions. It is unnecessary for me to add anything to the appeals made by the circulars.

The Directors of the Society are particularly desirous of adding to the membership all of that large class of former students of the College and Academies who are not graduates of the College. Most of the graduates are members, but very many of the other class have not united with the Society, probably because they are not aware that they are eligible. The Directors are also anxious to include in the membership of the Society all "friends of the Institutions," who are eligible for membership as pointed out in the circular below. It is hoped that the circulation of the "ATHENÆUM" will reach some of these classes whom the Directors have not been able to address directly by the circulars.

I have only to add that I hope the undergraduates of the Jubilee year will not be behind the Alumni in making an organized effort to lay at the feet of *Alma Mater* a gift expressive of their gratitude and esteem for all that she has been and done during the period of her fifty years' honorable service in the cause of higher education. The students have already heard a committee of the Board of Governors on the subject of the Scholarships. Whatever the legal rights of those now enjoying the use of these Scholarships (so-called) may be, it occurs to me that the undergraduates would worthily commemorate the Jubilee year by causing all the Scholarships to be surrendered to the Governors.

Hoping I may be pardoned for suggesting this plan to a body of men so proverbially fertile of resource as the undergraduates of Acadia College,

I am, respectfully yours,

W. F. PARKER.

HALIFAX, July 7, 1887.

Dear Sir,—

At the last annual meeting the Associated Alumni of Acadia College, having learned of the intention of the Board of Governors to establish a Chair of Modern

Languages, resolved to contribute, for the academic year of 1887-88, the sum of \$500 towards the salary of the Professor of the new Chair.

This resolution was received by the Associated Alumni with the greatest favour for the following reasons: a Chair of Modern Languages at Acadia has been a long felt want. On account of this want, the standing and prestige of the College have severely suffered. Only a short time ago, the fact that Acadia had no such chair was hurled at us by one of our daily papers, and is being continually used by the friends and supporters of rival institutions as an argument against us. It is believed by the Associated Alumni that the alumni of our institutions of learning could, in a most effectual way, help to remove all such causes of detractive criticism, and at the same time show, in a very tangible manner, their interest in their *Alma Mater* and the education of young men of the future by helping to establish a Chair of Modern Languages. A rival institution assumes that "the law of the survival of the fittest" holds true among Maritime Colleges, and that all must, at no distant day, gravitate towards her and become absorbed by her.

But because there have been no available funds, the Governors have hesitated to establish this chair. The Associated Alumni, seeing the urgent necessity of its immediate establishment, resolved to aid the Governors in order that it might be founded at once.

Each Alumnus is under special obligations to our institutions. Not only have they been mighty factors in the progress of provincial education and Christianity but they have also conferred upon their alumni a personal benefit and advantage for which suitable returns may be made. The Alumni are numerous. The College and the Baptist Academies and Seminaries must look more and more to their Alumni for support and advancement. The earnest, determined, enthusiastic united help of all can keep our institutions in the van of Maritime Colleges. This should be the aim of every one.

The Associated Alumni calls upon each Alumnus to assist in this effort to organize, develop and utilize its latent powers and possibilities; and its Executive are confident of a generous response. You are requested to fill up, detach and return, at the earliest possible date, the accompanying blank to S. W. Cummings, Secy-Treas., 21 George Street, Halifax, N. S.

The amount required from each one has not been fixed, you are left free to say what you think is your just contribution to this very important undertaking, but you will bear in mind, in determining the amount you wish to contribute, that \$500 is the amount to be raised and that there are about 125 members in the Associated Alumni. We hope there will be a goodly number of \$10 and \$5 subscriptions.

We would suggest for obvious reasons that the whole amount should be in the hands of the Treasurer by the