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FOR some years on this continent, the custom of setting apart a day of special prayer for colleges has prevailed. This year the regularly appointed day was January 28th, but the preceding day was observed by the friends of Acadia. The change, we understand, was made in order to accommodate the services to the student's weekly prayer-meeting. This can hardly be said to have been sufficient reason to justify the authorities in making the change; for from conflicting newspaper announcements, more or less confusion could not fail to result. Besides, even if all the friends of the college understood the arrangement, it would seem more fitting that uniformity should be observed, so that the same matter would be engaging the attention of all at the same time.

More prominence was given to the services on the Hill than ever before. The regular work was sus-

pending, and three very interesting and profitable meetings were held. The friends of the college, no doubt, will be glad to hear of this. Acadia was founded and has been supported by Christians; her proscribed course of study is arranged with a view to the spiritual need of the students, and her teachers are devoted Christians. She is, in fact, in her sons and in herself the true exponent of the Christianity of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, being not only "the child of Providence," but the hope of the denomination. These are facts not to boast of, but for which to be truly grateful. There was a time when scarcely a college could be found, which was not a centre of Christian influence; but, sad to say, the number of those purely secular is rapidly multiplying. The end is hard to be conceived. We can but hope, that educational institutions shall never drift so far as to forget that they owe their existence to Christianity or feel willing to dispense with the power of prayer.

THE Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen, were engaged, during the first week in February, in passing their sessional examinations. This work has usually been completed before the Christmas Holidays, its occurrence at this time, being a result of the change in the commencement of the college year. Whether this change was a movement in the right direction, is yet an unsettled question. Its merits will have to be established like those of all innovations, by experience. If the time table cannot be readjusted so that the examinations may take place at the close of the term, another argument against the change will be afforded; for it cannot but be deemed injurious to the student, both physically and mentally, to be robbed of the holiday-rest by the thought of approaching examinations. A number of the students are indignant, but whether righteously so or not, remains to be seen. It does seem as though the change was made without the consideration necessary to a subject, which so materially concerns the in-