

Now, what the *Alumni* are doing for the College the *Alumnæ* may do for the Seminary. The ladies, properly organized, on behalf of their School, can do as much financially as we on behalf of ours. The record of "The Woman's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces" is good evidence that the Baptist women of these Provinces have a pretty firm grip on the denominational purse strings. Besides, many ladies, eligible for membership in the proposed society, having married outside the pale of the denomination, might fairly be expected to "have a pull on" financial resources, which would not otherwise be available. But apart altogether from money considerations, the loyal sympathy and co-operation of the past students of the Seminary and its predecessors, properly organized, would do much to strengthen the hands of those who are carrying on the work and government of the School, and to increase the membership, popularity and efficiency of the Institution.

As to the material for the organization of such a society, it need only be said here that its proper constituency must now number some hundreds.

The time for the organization of the Society is now ripe. The Board of Governors, by direction of the last Convention, have announced a new departure in Seminary work. An admirable site for proposed new buildings has been purchased at a cost of \$6,000, giving over four additional acres of land for Seminary purposes. About \$25,000 must be raised to cover the cost of land and buildings. If Acadia Seminary is to maintain her place against her competitors in this and the adjoining Province, the policy and plans of the Board of Governors must be carried out. These competitions increase not only in efficiency and the power to attract, but in number. Doubtless every old "Seminarian" will watch with interest the work of enlargement in Seminary work, and of raising the standard of the school. Let them, however, organize and that quickly, for their share in the accomplishment of these plans, and thus make their interest a practical working force!

To become practical, I beg to suggest that several of the ladies, forming a self-constituted committee, might, by public and private invitation, call a meeting of all graduates and former students, to be held during Anniversary week, 1891, to consider the formation of such a society; and, if organization should be decided on, that a constitution somewhat similar to that of

the Associated Alumni of Acadia College be adopted, making eligible for membership, among others, former students of the old Seminary, located in what is now the "Royal Hotel," previous to the establishment of a Ladies' Seminary on the Hill. Once organized, I am convinced the ladies would require no further suggestions or advice from us Alumni. We would probably then have to look to our laurels as a working society. At Sackville there appears to be a joint meeting of *Alumni* and *Alumnæ*, annually, partly of a business and partly of a social and literary character. Some such meetings at Wolfville might be made very interesting and advantageous.

This letter is perhaps too long, Messrs. Editors, but I trust the subject and the possibilities for good in the subject may be deemed of sufficient importance to palliate a trespass on your indulgence.

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Miscellaneous.

OUR LECTURE COURSE.

THE first public lecture of the present college year was delivered in Assembly Hall, on Friday evening, Nov. 7, under the management of the Athenæum Society. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Hon. Attorney-General Longely, who upon special request of the students, gave his interesting lecture on Joseph Howe, delivered on a similar occasion nine years ago.

The lecturer started with the significant fact, that every country has its great men. In this respect Nova Scotia was not behind. Carlye says "The history of the world is the history of its great men." The purpose of the evening was to rescue from neglect the memory of Joseph Howe, a truly great man. To this end it was not his purpose to write a short biography. He desired to consider him as a man with the great purpose of his life.

Joseph Howe was brought up in a newspaper office. When 25 years of age he began to write upon public affairs, which he continued until his death. The Attorney-General then dwelt in a broad manner with the questions of Colonial Government, and the British Constitution, paying a glowing tribute to the latter. The battle for Responsible Government was fought out by Mr. Howe in a way greatly superior to that in the other provinces. His famous Libel Suit was aptly compared to the trial of the Seven Bishops. In speaking of Mr. Howe's remarkable speech on that occasion, the lecturer called it "one of the most masterly Philippics of our language. The peroration