

We are led to ask has Acadia, in her half century of unparalleled progress, outgrown or advanced beyond those Christian principles for the defence and perpetuation of which she was founded? We reply in the negative. Fifty years ago the Baptists of the Maritimes were a mere sect,—few in number, poor in purse, and of necessity for the most part uneducated. The grand story of the founding of our college is familiar. We need only note that its foundations were laid by men of strong religious convictions and firm faith in Christ. In fifty years the sect has grown to a representative body—distinguished for its intelligent sympathy with all true advance, while the school, founded amidst remarkable discouragements, needs no voice to proclaim its progress. Never in all our history has the inspiration of the Bible and the Divine origin of Christ been more universally acknowledged among us.

And yet Acadia is not behind the age. Her graduates show themselves well fitted to meet the nineteenth century world and grapple with its problems, at least as successfully as do the sons of other colleges. Her curriculum affords to philosophy and science their fair share of attention, while the names of her Faculty are, alone, sufficient guarantee that *Truth* will always be eagerly sought and unhesitatingly accepted and defended in her halls.

We believe that so long as Acadia remains an exponent and defender of Bible principles, so long will prosperity attend her ways. She had her origin in hearts purified and strengthened by the power of Christ's religion of love. Her history has been moulded, her course directed by men claiming to have drawn their inspiration and guidance from Holy Writ. To-day she is supported by a christian constituency, possesses a christian faculty, and rejoices in the fact that no atheist is to be found among her hundred and thirty-five under-graduates. It needs no prophet to predict that in its great battle with infidelity, the Christian religion will, in the future as in the past, find here able and intelligent support. Amidst the loud and pretentious claims of Free Thought and so-called Higher Criticism in the intellectual world, there appears to be reasonable grounds for our affirming that in this institution of learning at least the Bible is recognized to be our chief corner-stone, uncorroded as yet by the malignant acidity of ambitious scepticism.

**D**URING the college year just closed, ten seniors occupied rooms in Chipman Hall. It is needless to say that the steward and matron were highly esteemed by all, and that their untiring efforts to add to the comfort of the boys were fully appreciated. Owing to the numbers who left the Hall on account of the failure in the junior expedition, and also of those who took schools for the summer term, it was not deemed advisable to attempt a general manifestation of good will toward our host and hostess, as all could not give expression to their gratitude. In view of this, the outgoing boys considered that as this was their last opportunity, they should leave some tangible evidence of their heartfelt thanks for the many kindly considerations of Mr. and Mrs. Keddy during their stay with them. Having assembled in Mrs. Keddy's parlor, L. F. Eaton on behalf of the boys in a few pointed and well-chosen remarks made the presentation, to which Mr. Keddy made a touching reply. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" the boys dispersed feeling that the friendship between themselves and Mr. and Mrs. Keddy was now stronger than ever before. We only hope that those who return next year may be sufficiently fortunate to be greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Keddy on their arrival at the Hall.

**M**IGHT it not be well to attempt a reform in the matter of receptions? The opportunities for cultivating the acquaintance of the young ladies are extremely limited, as one is not permitted to speak to them without first having gone through the formality of an introduction. Having once attained this most desired end, you are allowed the unspeakable happiness of bowing to them on the street during recreation hours, excepting in winter when their walking hours are changed. Of course the "hat rims" are saved a great deal of extra "touching," but we have no hesitancy in affirming that the boys will most gladly incur the extra expense of purchasing *two* hats per year instead of only *one*, for the pleasure of a more extended acquaintance. Has not the time arrived when two receptions per month will be in order?—one each for the boys of the College and Academy. We feel quite safe in saying that the boys will not object to the change, but will rather hail it as a step in the right