

come. None were more welcome to these graduate schools than the graduates of Acadia. He liked them also from the fact that most of them were Baptists, and Baptists had first recognized and first suffered for toleration and independence in religion in mass.

Letters were received from several alumni who could not be present. Among them were President Schurman, of Cornell; Rev. B. W. Lockhart, of Manchester; and Rev. Robt. McDonald, of Warren Avenue Church, Boston. The whole meeting was an unqualified success.

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THE Missionary Society held a meeting in College Hall on the evening of April 8th for the discussion of missionary interests. M. A. McLean read an interesting paper on the subject of "Corea." He gave a general description of the country, referring particularly to it in its relation to missions. Miss Harrison, of the Seminary, read another excellent paper on "Acadia's Students in the Foreign Field." It was quite surprising to find the number of Acadia's sons and daughters who were engaged in missionary work. Miss Shaw, of the Seminary, then sang a solo. Dr. Sawyer gave one of his usual clear, logical, and instructive addresses. He took up one by one the principle arguments urged against the prosecution of the missionary cause, and ably and conclusively confuted them.

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THE Athenæum Society held an open meeting on April 28th in College Hall. A large number appeared to hear the learning and eloquence of the champions of the evening. Notwithstanding a complication which arose in the transaction of certain business matters, the evening's programme afforded pleasant entertainment. Prof. Haley read a paper on the universities of Germany, which was listened to with an attention which betokened the interest awakened by the speaker. A quartette composed of Messrs. Tufts, McMillan, B. S. Bishop and W. I. Morse, rendered a piece of music in fine style, and thoroughly deserved the hearty encore. The debate read thus: *Resolved*, That Canadian Independence would be more beneficial to Canada than Imperial Federation. The appellants were Messrs. Blackadder, Todd, Oakes, and Morton. The respondents were Messrs. Ferguson, Nickerson, Frank Bishop, and Burpee Bishop. The debate was well conducted. The speakers of both sides, though pressed for time, gave in good style arguments of nearly equal value, as was testified by the closeness of the vote, which stood 28 to 29 against the motion. Mr. Lockhart was critic of the evening. As the Propylæum and Athenæum Societies have given open meetings, we would suggest that the Pierian Society follow the good example of her sister institutions.