

has consistently supported missions, Acadia College, and the various denominational enterprises, and its policy has in the main been at one with the "Messenger," though on minor points the papers have diverged, and it has been thought by many that these divergent policies had a tendency to perpetuate Sectionalism, and to some extent to disintegrate the denomination. The new paper will be the organ of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, and will in addition to the intelligent discussion of the various social and economic questions that will naturally present themselves for consideration, give a vigorous support to Acadia College, and its affiliated schools, and Home and Foreign missions, and do this in such a way as to secure unification of interest and purpose among Maritime Baptists. We therefore look for good results from the consummation of the "one paper movement."

THERE has been some discussion lately in certain circles respecting the advisability of extending the college year to the first of June, thus returning to the order of things which prevailed some years ago. At the present time the three lower classes are dismissed early in May, and the graduating class alone remains to represent the College at the anniversary. This arrangement, it is claimed is more satisfactory, in many respects, than that which formerly obtained.

The question was debated before the Athenæum Society a few weeks ago and the decision arrived at by the students on that occasion was unanimously in favor of an early suspension of college work. The arguments which inclined the students to this opinion are briefly as follows: (1) Experience goes far to show that the month of May is entirely unsuited for study: it brings with it a certain amount of physical languor against which Nature seeks an antidote in a

larger measure of out-door life; it presents attractions in the shape of balmy air, pleasant sunshine, springing flowers and verdant meadows, which even the most studious find it impossible to resist. The amount of work performed during the month is therefore merely nominal; hence if more time for study be the object in desiring to extend the term the object is defeated by conditions over which the student has little or no control. (2) It is said that at our anniversaries the College is but poorly represented, and visitors receive incorrect impressions with regard to the actual number of its undergraduates. It may be urged in reply that a large attendance during the college year is of more practical importance than for the mere purpose of exhibition; and if, by shortening the term, students are induced to seek Acadia who would otherwise have insufficient means to carry them through, then by all means let us have an early close. (3) Many of the students are obliged to depend on their earnings during vacation to maintain themselves in college. To extend the term till June would be to shorten the vacation, and correspondingly diminish their income. (4) A departure from the present arrangement would be an inconvenience to those students who belong to the teaching profession, as the school term begins the first of May, and applicants for situations are not always successful after that period. (5) An extended vacation will afford our overworked professors an opportunity for foreign travel and study which the former regulation rendered impossible. (6) The custom of closing in May is growing in favor and is being generally adopted in English and American Universities. These are but a few out of the many reasons that might be urged in favor of the present arrangement. To some of our friends the position we take on this question may be a surprise, as we learn that many of the Alumni at the last anniversary were led to infer that a large number of the students held opinions ex-