

ernment would increase its grant for this purpose as well as for other urgent requirements of the college. There are, however, but four graduates in engineering this year. These men are already practical engineers, having spent their summer vacations employed in various kinds of railway and municipal engineering, and all have offers of good positions. In fact the supply is not equal to the demand, and the only regrettable feature is that the majority of them must seek work outside of the province.

In the other scientific courses very good work is being done and the honor graduates in natural science of recent years have had exceptional success. Much more attention is paid to the sciences of agriculture and of forestry than is generally known, and it would not be difficult to enlarge these courses in a practical way so as to meet the demand for agricultural education in the province.

The course in geology is said to be the best in the Maritime colleges, much time being given to the recognition and valuation of ores and ore products, the conditions of their occurrence and the methods of treatment and an enlargement of this course and that of practical chemistry would allow our students to profit by the increased mining activity in these provinces.

Continuing his remarks, Dr. Bailey said: "So far the situation is satisfactory; but there is another side to the picture. We are expanding, as I have said, in every direction, but that very expansion brings with it forebodings of danger. No body can continue to enlarge without additional support and while we are gratified at the fact of growth we do not like to contemplate the further fact that there has been no corresponding increase in our material foundations. On the contrary we are practically not so well off, so far as means of subsistence go, as we were fifty years ago; for while our revenues remain the same and were even then barely adequate to our requirements, now our course has been enlarged, our staff has been increased, many of the subjects taught require for their proper treatment expensive equipments, while, of course, provision must be made for wear and tear, and the fact be remembered that in the life of the University as in that of its individual professors it is not possible now for a given sum to obtain anything like what could be obtained twenty or thirty years ago. We had hoped that during the last session the government and legislature of the province might have seen their way to give that support, the need of which they fully acknowledge, but failing in this expectation we desire once more to make our appeal to a generous public, trusting that somewhere among the latter may be found individuals of means ready to emulate the examples of private munificence in the cause of educational work which are now becoming so numerous upon every side of us. Only in this way can the continued expansion to which I have referred, which

we all so much desire, and which is fraught with such important consequences to the future well-being of the province, be carried out."

Dr. Bailey did not neglect to refer to what has recently become a crying want in the University. The need of a suitable gymnasium to replace that recently destroyed by fire, and announced that at the meeting of the senate, held just prior to the Encœnia, it had been voted to proceed at once with its erection, a large and influential committee being appointed, who will at once proceed to solicit aid in this direction. It is hoped that this important movement will meet with generous support.

Acadia University.

The educational institutions of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, have just held their anniversary exercises. External conditions, including the weather, were all that could be desired. The gardens and orchards in the outlying farms were profusely decked out in white, scarlet and green. The number of visitors to this annual gathering was unusually large. College Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity at all the public exercises. There was manifest an enthusiasm and expression of hopefulness rarely if ever witnessed with such intensity before. Judging from the attendance at these general functions, it would appear that the interest in these schools was broadening and deepening as the years go by.

The year just closed has been a most successful one and the outlook for larger success was never so bright. The number of students enrolled in the several schools was as follows: In the college, 131; in the Academy, 94, and in Acadia Seminary 174, making a total of 399. The senior class in college numbered 38, being larger than that in any college of the Atlantic provinces this year. Thirty-five received the degree of B.A.

These young people have come from all parts of the provinces, while there were a few from the United States. Through these students, nearly 400 homes have come into touch with the life of these schools, many of them for the first time. Into these homes a new force has entered which will broaden their sympathies, enlarge their outlook and uplift their standard of life. Students who have been rightly adjusted to these schools even for one year, or one term, have received an impress which, whether they will or no, will touch and influence all with whom they associate. How necessary, therefore, that the ideals of such schools should be of the highest and noblest type, and that the spirit and life of the school be strong and wholesome. It is hardly possible for youth to recognize or appreciate to anything like the full value the preciousness of the opportunities now open for them in the schools at Wolfville.

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