

be published as soon as possible after examinations are held. This might easily be done in any of the leading provincial papers. The wide circulation of these papers would inspire the student to pursue his work with all available diligence and in the end would yield greater satisfaction to both professor and student.

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In our last issue brief mention was made indicating the attitude of "Acadia" toward intercollegiate debating. Since then the contest has been held with Kings College of which mention is made in another column. Although of this debate we are not privileged to record the success of last year so far as the decision is concerned, yet we feel that for practical benefit to the individual colleges it equalled those of March last. The value of these debates does not lie in the victory won, but in the inspiration such intellectual contests bring to the colleges represented. Indeed we think they would fulfil their purpose equally well if no decision were given save that of the popular sentiment aroused in the audience. This thought is strengthened by the difficulty found in procuring judges free from prejudice in favor of one or another of our provincial colleges. For judgment upon these contests no formulated rules are to be had by which each point can be measured as in the case of intercollegiate athletics. Moreover we are sure that the personal interests of the speaker and the honor of his college would be a sufficiently strong motive impelling him to do his utmost to win the interest and sympathy of his audience. This latter would find its expression quite as widely as that of a set judgment.

Again in addition to the inspiration subjective to the individual colleges, there is also another feature of value in these debates. We refer to the friendly social acquaintances one is privileged to make with another when thus he meets in friendly controversy. The debates do not represent physical force, nor do they represent mere men, they embody *ideas* which are struggling for supremacy.

We sincerely hope that the present debating interest may be cherished and that it may ultimate in the founding of a regular maritime intercollegiate society somewhat after the plan indicated in the February *Gazette*.

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The Fourth Annual Meeting of the New England Association of Acadia College Alumni was held at the United States Hotel, Boston, on 2nd inst. A company of more than forty assembled at the