

higher course of study than that afforded by the common schools, and we are assured that as a result many will come to Acadia who otherwise would either have failed in the realization of their purpose, or would have gone to other institutions.

The denomination owes a deep debt of gratitude to President Trotter for his untiring efforts, in bringing this movement to a successful issue. By his unfailing tact, genial manner, and indomitable pluck he was eminently fitted to stir to practical expression the feelings that Baptists have for their educational institutions.

### Mid-Year Examinations.

**T**WICE every year at Acadia the knowledge possessed by the students on the subjects laid down in the college curriculum is tested by means of written examinations. These examinations are looked forward to by the average student with no very pleasant anticipations. As we go to press the air is heavy with sighs and good resolutions, and even the musical members of the Hall have hung up their instruments of torture to prepare for the coming ordeal.

When the present system of examinations is abolished, and some more humane method of extracting information on prescribed studies is invented, then will the golden age be ushered in to college students. The advance of science in the last half century has been marvellous, and it may be that the present Freshmen will live to see the day, when some happy genius will invent a *Phrenometre* which will measure a man's information on given subjects, far more accurately than could be done by any examination paper.

### Lectures at Acadia.

**I**N another column of this paper will be found an account of the lectures recently delivered in college hall by Sir John Bourinot. Both of the lectures given by the honorable gentleman were dominated by a strong patriotic spirit, and were received with great interest by all who heard them. Attorney General Longley, who is always a welcome visitor to Acadia accompanied Sir John Bourinot, and made several characteristic addresses. The lectures given by Sir John Bourinot at the different colleges in the Maritime Provinces cannot fail in developing a deeper spirit of patriotism among our students.

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