

experience in the city. His health failing, he returned to Wolfville in 1850, where he has since resided, and where he has filled a large place as a citizen, and as an advocate of religious and educational interests.

At the time of Mr. Barss' return from Halifax, the college was found to be in severe financial distress. Acadia had been founded amid the prayers and good-wishes of the early fathers; but for its growth, judicious oversight was required. Lacking this the college had become badly encumbered, and grave fear was entertained for its continued existence. Recognizing the situation, Mr. Barss at once applied himself to its betterment. He visited the annual association held that year in Nictaux, N. S. and laid the matter before the denomination. This was previous to the division of Nova Scotia into district associations, and hence he was enabled to make his appeal to the entire province. Mr. Barss led by liberal contribution himself; and thus by his example, and zealous effort, the debt was removed and the love of the Maritime Baptists quickened for Acadia and her interests.

Mr. Barss then set himself to the task of increasing the staff of professors. For this he planned a scheme of endowment by churches and individuals. He took the agency for the college free of charge, and by visiting the provinces, and contributing largely himself he succeeded in raising moderate endowments, so that the college flourished, and by the quality of work done it was fully shown that the "school of the prophets" yet merited the favor received.

The last donation by Mr. Barss was made some five years ago when he gave \$10,000.00, to be added to what he had previously contributed, for the endowment of a chair known as the "J. W. Barss Professorship of Latin and Greek Languages." This chair is now occupied by our esteemed and pains-taking Professor R. V. Jones Ph. D.

Nor has the interest of Mr. Barss centered solely in Acadia College. The prominent place he has taken in church matters testifies to the value of strong, enthusiastic, christian fellowship, for the furtherance of which his substantial aid may be relied upon. He furnished the capital for the erection of the Baptist church edifice on Gottingen St. Halifax, and half the capital required for the Baptist church and parsonage in Wolfville. Of the latter body he is senior deacon. As long as these structures remain, they stand as monuments to the zeal and liberality of Mr. Barss.

Of retiring manner, amiable disposition, strong conviction and deep christian consecration, Mr. Barss (now with