pears, the Christmas season will remain with us merely as a memory. We therefore take this opportunity of wishing our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New Books.

We are always pleased to note in this Journal any success which has followed the work of our graduates. Many valuable contributions to the intellectual life of the world have been made in the past by men who claim Acadia as their *alma mater*. Recently four valuable works from the pens of graduates have appeared which are attracting wide attention and bringing fame and glory to their authors.

The Copp Clark Company, of Toronto, have recently issued a book on the subject of Love, written by Hon. J. W. Longley, D. C. L., Attorney General of Nova Scotia, who graduated from Acadia in the class of 1871.

In his Preface remarks, Mr. Longley states that he "has aimed to show in the several chapters that Love in its essence is the same in all its manifestations. It is simply a recognition of the tremendous principle that while in the natural world self preservation is the first law, in the spiritual world the conditions are exactly the reverse and the first law of spiritual growth is self-sacrifice and self-effacement."

He defines Love as "that undying emotion planted within the human heart which prompts the soul to look away from merely worldly aims to a destiny which stretches into eternity. Love is the link which binds this mortal to the immortal life. Love is the ladder by which men can ascend from earth to Heaven. Love is religion because it unites mortal man to immortal God." He claims that "Love working in the human heart constitutes the greatest token of immortality which human reason is capable of applying."

In the second chapter Mr. Longley beautifully discusses the manifestations of Love as displayed in a mother sacrificing her life to save the life of her helpless child, in a patriot who counts it even glory and sweetness if he may die for his country, and in a martyr who "goes smiling to the stake with the sanction of his conscience and with the glorious thought that he is lighting a fire which will hereafter assist in blazoning the truth."

One of the most interesting chapters in the book is on Love between men and women. The author claims that love-making is a great power in keeping alive whatever there is of sentiment and divinity in a world naturally materialistic. "The moment a man or woman is in love that moment a spark of the divine has entered the human soul." In the same chapter he states that Love not only keeps alive whatever there is of sentiment in the world, but it