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## The Sanctum.

ACADIA is being blessed with bunting. Mr. John B. Mills, M. P. elect for Annapolis, recently presented the members of our three institutions with a Canadian flag. As our native-born students are nothing if not Canadian in their ideas, the gift was appreciated, and a proper acknowledgment sent to the donor.

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THE Sophomores have ever shown a spirit of loyalty to their *Alma Mater*. This was unmistakably proven a few days since when upon the receipt of the Dominion flag above mentioned, a member of the Sophomore class quietly informed us that at a class-meeting previously they had passed a resolution to present such a flag, according to the suggestion made by a contributor in the January number of this paper. We are glad to hear it, Sophs, and do not think for one moment because Mr. Mills forestalled your intentions, that your presentation would

be the less acceptable. There should be one flag at least for each of our public buildings. The Athenæum and Gymnasium are still without recognition of British and Canadian nationality. The Athenæum should have one Canadian flag at least which can be called its own; and we believe that you are in a position to see that hope realized. Besides floating upon special occasions, there will be ample use for decorations on other public days. Acadia is always ready to show her attachment to her Country's flag.

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THE religious ardor and Christian zeal in which our college was founded produced from the beginning a warm place in the affections of her constituents. Deeply rooted though this feeling was at the start, her religious history has deepened and made more permanent and possibly more practical the affection of the Maritime Baptists for their college. At no time has a more intelligent and sincere interest been taken in religious work by the Christian students both among themselves, their unsaved classmates, and the surrounding communities than during the present year. A disposition to work for Christ and for souls, showed itself at the commencement of the college year and has continued. Rich spiritual blessings have rested upon the institutions in answer to faithful prayer and intelligent Christian work. A number of special meetings were held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and as a result a goodly number sought and found the Lord. All the institutions shared in the blessing and the spiritual life of many has been greatly quickened. Upon request, Rev. G. O. Gates of St. John, gladly came to us, full of love for Christ and for souls, and spent a week very profitably with us. His earnest words inspired many to higher attainments in Christian life. The development in spiritual life among the students has been a particularly pleasing feature of this year's work to those who have watched it most carefully. The attendance at religious services has been unusually large, and nearly all of the professing Christians have ever been ready to give a reason for the hope within