

partments is thirty-six. A fair library, a gynasium and a reading room are open to the students on certain conditions. Dalhousie has grown very rapidly, and has been fortunate in having wealthy and benevolent friends.

Perhaps of all our colleges the one which has shown the most rapid rate of growth in proportion to its advantages is Acadia. The number of regular students is over one hundred, with a faculty of nine professors and two instructors. It has advanced under unfavorable circumstances, until now it offers facilities unsurpassed by any of the sister institutions. Until this year the arts course was the only one. The prescribed work is extensive, with numerous options, and honor courses for those desiring extra work. Two new courses have been added—an M. A. course of advanced work, and a course at the completion of which the degree of Bachelor of Theology is given. The M. A. course is designed to provide a full year's work in advance of the Senior year. This consists of half courses in Philosophy, Classics, Mathematics, Science and Modern Languages, any two of which may be taken. The other new course is allied to the Arts, part of the work being the same. The library contains about four thousand volumes, with additions continually being made. A reading room containing all the greater periodicals of Canada, with many magazines of the United States and England, is accessible to the students. A fully equipped gymnasium is open to the students.

The faculty of Mount Allison College consists of eight professors and one lecturer. The number of regular students is about seventy-five. For those wishing more elective studies than are prescribed in the Arts course, a course of study is arranged, those completing which are given the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. A theological course is also provided here for those especially who are to enter the ministry of the Methodist Church. A reading room, library and gymnasium are available for the use of all students.

In each of these institutions a college paper is edited and managed by the students. The principle of university extension is being tried by the University of New Brunswick and Mount Allison College, lectures being delivered in St. John and Charlottetown.

That there are too many institutions aspiring for university dignity in the Maritime Provinces is beyond dispute. Neither is our country populous nor our wealth great enough to foster the growth of so many colleges into great institutions. The one or two which are to enjoy the greatest prosperity are those which will ally themselves most closely with the spirit of the times and supply the public needs in the cheapest and most satisfactory manner.

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