

**D**URING the present college year not one collegian has taken French. Is this as it should be? Who will endow a chair of modern languages? What a splendid investment for the moneyed friends of Acadia.

**T**OWARDS the close of last college year a somewhat extensive programme of social and literary entertainments was announced for the year just closing. Unfortunately this now proves to have been altogether too ideal.

**D**EATH has once more visited the family of the Queen. This is the second time she has been called to mourn the loss of one of her children. The death of the Princess Alice a few years ago, is now followed by the death of the youngest son, Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, at the early age of thirty-one. The young Prince was endowed with intellectual gifts of a high order. He early devoted himself to the study of literature and art, and in both these branches he attained no small degree of distinction. He was benevolent and philanthropic in his aims, and warmly supported any wise project that had for its object the improvement of the social and moral condition of the people. In mind and character he much resembled his father, and like him too he had the happy faculty of winning friends. His death has caused the profoundest sorrow throughout the entire nation, and expressions of sympathy and condolence have reached his royal mother from all quarters.

**T**HERE has been some agitation of late in respect to the establishment of an agricultural college in Nova Scotia. Two schemes have been suggested—one proposing a separate institution, the other, affiliation with some existing college. While the former has some strong arguments in its favor, it is impracticable on the ground of expense. The latter, by utilizing existing institutions, would not only be more practicable, but for a time perhaps equally efficient. If such a plan is

adopted the choice will fall between Kings and Acadia. The location of the latter in the best farming and fruit-growing region of the Province, and within easy reach of all parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, renders it peculiarly adapted to the purposes in view. In addition to the ample buildings recently erected, there is a large acreage of land in connection with the college which would be available for experimental purposes. By endowing a few chairs, an elaborate course in theoretical and practical agriculture might be provided, and pursued along with opportunities for English and other studies.

**A**LATE number of the *Dalhousie Gazette* contains an article on the "Plug." This term is used to designate the hard student, the one who continuously confines himself to his texts, books, giving no attention to anything outside of them. By continuing such a practice as this through the college course such a student becomes unevenly developed. The strictly intellectual side of his nature is all that is cultivated and that sometimes imperfectly by this unnatural process. If the aim of a college course is to develop a symmetrical character then evidently the Plug is not the ideal student; but rather he who regards himself as possessing a physical, moral and social, as well as an intellectual nature, and accordingly attempts the harmonious development of them. Well developed physical powers, fine social sympathies, are qualities which not only command the respect and admiration of men, but are potent factors in securing that much coveted prize, success in life. And just here may be seen the cause of the failure in the lives of some students, who, while at college, gave promise of a successful career. Again by over study it becomes impossible for one to acquire that vital energy, or reserved force, so necessary in order to endure prolonged exertion.

The intellect, speaking generally, is given for the direction of the other powers; but if