

mountains, it is not with the dazzling splendor of sunset in tropical climes, but with a softened glory that lights up the distant mountains and spreads a rich sheet of gold in the western sky.

We who have not been accustomed to look at mountains have a keen appreciation of the hills to be seen from Acadia, that seem like giants to us. We think of the noted bravery of the Highland Scotch,—we remember the daring resistance of the Welsh within their native mountains,—and we wonder whether or not we at Acadia shall gather the daring spirit and bold independence that mountains seem always to inspire.

Be that as it may, we have returned for the work of the College year. The vacation slipped away joyously, and we look back to it with pleasure. We enjoyed ourselves immensely, and though our books for the most part lay quietly on the shelf, we do not count the time lost, for we come back invigorated in body and mind, ready to perform the onerous duties of the coming year with ardor. Notwithstanding the general "hard times," all our number, with few exceptions, are on the ground; so that as the graduating class last year was small, and the matriculating class large, the College is well filled.

We now have the full staff of Professors in College. What we want is resolution and diligence on the part of the students. Let them have strict regard for the passing moments, for the scraps of time which seem so small, but are as precious as gold dust. We would not have them deprive themselves of suitable recreation, but during the time for study, let their whole mental force, to the exclusion of all trivial and irrelevant thoughts, be centred upon the task in hand. The power of concentration is the great secret of the student's success. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

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THE Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces held its meetings for this year in Wolfville. This Convention has charge of the Missionary and educational interests of the denomination. The Governors of Acadia College report to it, and vacancies at the Board are filled by this body. At the meeting in August,

D. R. Eaton, Esq., A. F. Randolph, Esq., Avar Longley, Esq., M. P. P., B. H. Eaton, Esq., John R. Calhoun, Esq., M. P. P., of P. E. Island and T. H. Rand, D. C. L., Superintendent of Education in New Brunswick, were appointed Governors for a term of nine years, and Hon. Dr. Parker was re-elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge McCully.

As it will be fifty years next June since the N. S. Education Society was organized, which immediately, after its organization, proceeded to found an educational institution in Wolfville, which has developed into Acadia College, it was decided to hold special exercises in connection with the next anniversary of the College in honor of the semi-centennial. The Executive Committee of the College were instructed to make arrangements for this celebration. Rev. Dr. Crawley was invited to prepare a history of the rise and progress of the higher education in the Province of Nova Scotia in connection with the rise and progress of the Baptist denomination in the Province. Dr. Crawley's personal acquaintance with the principal facts of such a history, will give him great advantage in the preparation of such a paper, and we may expect from him a history of great interest and value. Rev. Dr. Cramp was also requested to prepare a paper containing a history of the revivals of religion in the institutions in Wolfville. This will be a congenial subject for Dr. Cramp, and he will prepare an interesting and useful paper.

The Governors made appropriations for the Library and Scientific Department and for repainting the interior of the new Boarding Hall, and for repainting and improving the halls of the College Building. The reports of the Agents engaged in raising the new Endowment Fund, were cheering; over one-third of the proposed sum has been subscribed and the prospect is good that the whole will be made up.

On the whole the Governors of the College enter on the fiftieth year of their work with most hopeful prospects, and we anticipate a deeply interesting and encouraging celebration at the close of the year.

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