

**The Tupper Contest in Oratory.** After considerable delay President Trotter has been enabled to announce that the annual contest for the Kerr Boyce Tupper gold medal, awarded for excellence in oratory, will take place early in May. Subjects for essays will be made known within a few days. It is to be hoped that many of the students will endeavor to secure this highly-desirable prize; to show that the interest taken in Acadia's welfare by friends without, is meeting a hearty response from the students, whom the well-being of our college most deeply concerns; and also to show that they recognize that the ability to address the audience in a clear, pleasing, convincing manner is one of the chief desiderata in a cultured man. Of course, "they which run in a race run all but one receiveth the prize," yet this should not deter men from contesting whose prospects of victory are slight for, excepting members of the senior class, any man failing is free to try again and with this advantage that his experimental lesson has given him self-possession, grace and power.

But let us not forget that if the awarding of this medal produces interest in the contest alone, the object in offering it is almost entirely unrealized. Its true purpose is to arouse the students to a sense of their inefficiency in public address, and to induce them to make the best of the means the college offers for attaining proficiency. To this end, every lower class man especially should from the first have held before him the possibility of winning this coveted prize.

**Forward Movement Fund.** We learn with great pleasure that the certificate of the president and treasurer of the college was recently forwarded to the American Baptist Education Society, certifying that nine thousand dollars, not previously reported, had been collected on the pledges to the Acadia Forward Movement Fund. In response to this the Society's cheque was received a few days later for something over twenty-two hundred dollars. The total amount now reported to the society as actually collected is something over fifty-four thousand dollars, in acknowledgment of which a total of something over thirteen thousand dollars has been received from Mr. Rockefeller through the Society. There remains a balance of six thousand dollars to be raised on the home field, and it is earnestly hoped that the friends of the institutions will aid in bringing the movement to a triumphant completion.

### Exchanges.

Perhaps nowhere is seen so clearly the close relationship of colleges as in the college papers. The past month nearly all the papers contain the notice of the International Convention of the Student Vol-