

Acadia's Advantages.

SUCH is the subject upon which a few paragraphs are requested. Now some of us have been so long and so thoroughly identified, in one way and another, with Acadia College, that conformity with this request appears like laudation of one's own kindred or even one's own self. But this age is much given to advertising, to an exaltation of the good features in anything which has competitors, to an exaggeration indeed of excellences with a corresponding belittlement oftentimes of what stands in rivalry. And just as soon as there is unfairness, injustice, or misrepresentation, whether it be among rival grocers or rival colleges, in selling shrubs or in seeking students for Theological Seminaries, there is something at work for impairment of the general weal, the evil wrought being all the greater where the end in view is most worthy. With these things in mind, therefore, and under their tempering influence we would now write.

Acadia's present advantages are essentially what they were, so that what is here said is a presentation of the old rather than of the new. She is highly favored, in the first place, with respect to her physical location. Times innumerable has this been stated, but it must continue to have repetition for the benefit of those who keep coming forward with desire for higher education. Natural surroundings are universally recognized as holding an important place among educative agencies. About us here there is a varied excellence to which the many who come and go are paying highest tribute. After all allowance is made for the inclination of kind and courteous visitors to speak in flattering terms of what they see among those with whom they tarry for a little, there still remains a large margin that goes to prove that our schools of learning are blessed as few others are in the natural attractions by which they are encircled. These winsome aspects are bringing tourists thither in increasing numbers from year to year. Our calendar is not dealing in fulsome rhetoric but giving sober fact in saying: "The surroundings are of unsurpassed beauty and breadth; and all that the kind face of nature may inspire in a man is here."

The town of Wolfville itself is small and quiet. To some it might seem more gainful for students to be near a great and stirring centre; but experience rather confirms the belief that at such a founda-