

in the York Street School, Fredericton, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *Canadian Journal*, published in Toronto, in the interest of literature and art. He will doubtless win laurels in his new and important position.

TOO NARROW.

"These letters complain that the Chair, while well enough for a State college is not especially desirable for a denominational college, and Baptists, as such, have no special interest in it."—*Christian Visitor*.

There may be fatal objections to the new Chair of Education, but we do not think they are found in the doctrine of the above paragraph. We fail to see any sharp distinction between the objects of denominational and state colleges. The various religious bodies are not working in antagonism to the State, but are a part of it, and by spiritual and intellectual culture are laboring to ennoble its citizenship.

The interests of higher education are the same by whomsoever assumed, and as we understand it, denominations do not seek the control of education in order to limit its operations, but rather to extend and broaden it into its proper proportions as the great factor in the development of the race. A college does not exist simply for the few men who yearly leave its walls, but also for the masses who are blessed mediately through those persons.

No institution reaches its ideal so long as it can add to the power of its graduates. If, therefore, it is possible to outline the kind of education which the world in its varied circumstances needs, and to increase the ability of men to meet these needs, we do not understand how the performance of such work falls beyond the scope of denominational interests. We cannot allow sectarianism, parsimony or any false principle to squeeze Acadia into a nut-shell.

READING ROOMS.

The study of the subjects embraced in a college curriculum, naturally tends to withdraw our minds from the study of events transpiring in the world around us. While we spend hours in the preparation of our Classics and Mathematics, we give but a few minutes to the perusal of the daily papers and periodicals. In this way we compel ourselves to become quite ignorant of the condition of the world at the present time—ignorant in regard to its political relations, and unacquainted with the recent developments in science and art. We soon find ourselves behind the times, and not in full sympathy with the onward march of progress. It is possible to find young men, who have not enjoyed the advantages of a college education manifesting a more thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the world of to-day than many of our graduates. This should not be the case. To prevent such a state of things it is not only necessary that an Institution should have a Reading Room, well supplied with representative journals and periodicals, but that every student devote, say one hour each day, to the intelligent perusal of such publications.

A good reading room should contain not only the daily and weekly papers, but a selection of scientific and literary monthlies and educational journals. Our Reading Room this year is notably deficient in this last particular, but it is hoped that the defect will be soon remedied.

The management of our Reading Room is indeed very creditable. A new code of regulations has been drawn up and they have thus far been thoroughly complied with.

TRIFLES IN COLLEGE LIFE.

Many small matters may disturb the serenity of college life. Thus things, in themselves scarcely worthy of notice, become in the light of consequences, painful facts.

Sometimes the spirit of criticism will so