

three reasons why a preacher should read and read widely—to gain new facts or ideas ; to see in a new light the grouping or co-ordinating of what he knows ; and to acquire greater strength, clearness and beauty in his style. To the question How shall time be found for this reading ? the reply is, "The sufficient answer for this question is that we *must* find time for reading. When once this categorical imperative takes hold of a man, time becomes elastic."

Other exchanges received : *King's College Record, The Theologue, O. A. C. Review, College Review, College Index, Niagara Index, Excelsior, Trinity University Review, Manitoba College Journal.*

De Alumnis.

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We are permitted this month to present a sketch of another of Acadia's graduates whose labors at the Bar have been crowned with success. Among the Barristers of the western part of Nova Scotia none has made a better record than

THOMAS EDGAR CORNING.

Mr Corning is of English descent. His ancestors came to America in 1640 and settled in Beverley, Massachusetts. His great-grandfather removed in 1764 and was one of the first settlers in Yarmouth. His father was Nelson Corning of Chegoggin, Yarmouth, at which place Mr. Corning was born on April 11th, 1842. The early days of his life were spent at Chegoggin where he attended the public school. He entered Acadia in 1861 and was graduated on June 6th, 1865. Besides holding the degree of B. A., Mr. Corning was in 1873 elected a scholar and member of the Senate of Acadia University.

Having finished his classical studies, he entered upon the study of law and was admitted to the Bar on October 30th, 1869. His thoroughness and practical business turn of mind soon secured to him a fair share of the legal business of Yarmouth, and he now enjoys the reputation of being one of the best lawyers in Yarmouth County. He is head of the firm of Corning & Chipman, and was appointed a Queen's Counsel by the Dominion Government on the 25th of June 1890. As a cross-examiner he has few equals; woe be to the witness who has to submit to the withering fire of Mr. Corning's questions. He is a cool-headed, self-possessed man who comes out of the ordeal without having told several different stories.

Mr Corning held the offices of Treasurer and Solicitor of the Municipality of Yarmouth from 1874 until the Incorporation the town of Yarmouth in November 1890. Since that event he has held the office of Recorder of the town.

He married on August 25th, 1880, Jane Alder Baxter, daughter of John Baxter of Yarmouth.