

tirely satisfactory, not from the lack of talent, but from failure in the regular monthly supply. This year arrangements have already been made whereby some of the best available talent has been secured, and strenuous efforts, with good prospects of success, are being put forth to supply each month of the college year with a literary treat.

The preparation of a lecture means an extensive course of reading, a wide range of travel, a laborious process of thought, or a compound of all three. We, therefore, conclude that a course of lectures furnishes a source of information not easily obtained elsewhere. Yet we regret to say that there are people, within easy distance of the lecture room, who seldom or never, avail themselves of such valuable privileges. We guarantee lectures of merit and ability, and therefore cordially solicit the hearty patronage of the public.

SO much has been said and written about Wolfville as an educational centre that any further allusion to the subject may be regarded as superfluous. But with all its attractions, both natural and artificial, Wolfville is, to some extent a terra incognita to a large number of the friends of the college. Many a man has shown his loyalty to these institutions by generous donations and noble self-sacrificing effort, and yet he may never have set his eyes on the stately buildings that he assisted to erect on College Hill. As a rule our anniversaries, however interesting, only attract a special class, and the personnel of these gatherings is not very materially changed from year to year. Generally at the closing exercises the more distant sections of the Province are not represented. Especially is this true of the farming communities. Farmers find it impossible to attend at the season in which the College anniversary is held. As Commencement Day cannot conveniently be changed, could not the next meeting of the Convention be held in Wolfville, and the fine audience room in the College be utilized for the purpose, and the three boarding departments on the "Hill" turned to account for the accommodation of the guests? This is a mere suggestion,

but we think the idea might be successfully worked out.

SINCE the close of last term the quiet village of Wolfville has been brightened and enlivened by the appearance of "The New Star," a four page weekly newspaper, edited and published by A. J. Pineo, A. B. This paper supplies a want long felt throughout the community, comprising, as it does, an epitome of local and general news, a suitable number of spicy editorials, and the various other departments usually found in a provincial weekly. One noteworthy feature is the appointment of agents and correspondents in different places throughout the county and province, whose contributions each week add much to the interest of its columns, and will doubtless be instrumental in greatly extending its circulation. The quality of the paper on which it is printed is excellent, the impression clear and distinct, and the general appearance and make-up such as to commend it to the careful attention and perusal of all.

Mr. Pineo is a graduate of Acadia in the class of '81, and is already well and favorably known to many of our readers as the enterprising editor of the "Canadian Science Monthly," a journal now in the 2nd year of its publication. We trust that "The New Star," whose appearance in the editorial firmament has been noted with such a degree of pleasure on all sides, may long continue to shed forth its benignant rays, and that the finger of time, instead of obliterating, may tend but to increase its brilliancy and power.

THE following is Tyndall's latest deliverance on evolution. It does not afford much consolation to the supporters of the theory:—

"If asked whether science has solved, or in our day is likely to solve, the problem of the universe, I must shake my head in doubt. Behind, above, and around us, the real mystery of the universe lies unsolved and as far as we are concerned, is incapable of solution. The problem of the connection of the body and soul is as insoluble in its modern form as it was in the pre-scientific age. There ought to be a clear distinction made between science in the state of hypothesis, and science in the state of fact, and inasmuch as it is still in the hypothetical stage, the ban of exclusion ought to fall upon the theory of evolution."