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## Schneelied.

Deep on the sordid earth,  
Straight from its heavenly birth,  
Emblem of purity, spotless and white;  
Covering earth's foul stains  
Till not a blot remains,  
Nature's protector,—a sign of its might.

Moulding with forms of grace,  
Holding in firm embrace  
All the sharp outlines,—the handwork of man ;  
Changing as seasons change  
With force beyond our range,  
Part of God's nature, part of God's plan.

*W. R. B. '07.*



## The "Young Teazer."

(SECOND PRIZE STORY.)

ON a warm June afternoon in the year 1813, an old man wearing the garb of a 'long-shore fisherman sauntered slowly down the quiet street in the little village of Chester. He stopped as he came near a small garden, and spoke to a youth at work there. "Good mornin', Silas. How's yer tater crop? Dry weather hurt 'em any? Powerful scorchin' day, this."

The young man stopped hoeing, and turned to greet his visitor

who was leaning against the fence, mopping his fat red face with a gay colored bandanna.

"Good morning, Uncle Ruben. Glad you came over. Yes, the weather is dry sure enough. There hasn't been a shower for three weeks. Crops 'll be light this year I'm afraid. How's fishing today? I heard you had a good catch last week."

"Yes, fishin' is fair," returned the old salt, "and I can't complain, but I came over this mornin' to see if you had heerd anything about the war lately. Pretty stirrin' times they're hevin' up there in Canedy. Last week a handful of British 'bottled up' a whole host uv Americans at Stony Creek. I heerd, too, that the Americans hed fitted out some ships that they call Privateers, and are sendin' them down this way to plunder the settlements along our coasts. Shouldn't be surprised if some night they'll be sneakin, 'round our cove. There's hogsheads of fish and lots of other things thet they could steal from us."

While the old man was speaking, the two stood looking out upon the blue waters of the bay. The old man's eyes were a little dim with age, and the glare of the setting sun on the water was dazzling, so that he could not see distant objects clearly. But the eagle eyes of the young man were keenly watching a dark object on the horizon. As the old man talked on, the object grew larger, and another and another appeared around a headland. "Uncle Ruben," said he, "do you see those specks out there on the bay? I've been watching them, and I'm much mistaken if they are not vessels coming this way."

"I do see somethin' out there," said Uncle Ruben, "and I guess you're right. They be a-gittin' bigger. Perhaps they're traders coming in here. You know fishin' has been good this spring, and them Yankee fellers is a mighty good market."

"If that is their purpose we shall welcome them," said Silas, "but we must wait till they come nearer before we can do any bargaining with them, or even be sure who they are. They are coming along pretty fast."

He stepped to the door of the house and called to his mother and sister, who were spinning flax in the kitchen. They came out and stood near the garden fence gaily chatting with Uncle Ruben, and several other neighbors who had just come up, and were watching the three ships which a fair wind was bringing rapidly nearer.

"They're actin' mighty queer," said Uncle Ruben. "'Pears to me I never see vessels act like that afore. What's the matter o' that head one? Look what she be a-doin'. There's a land lubber at her helm, sure. What's she dodgin' around fer? The wind is due south east, and if they're comin' into this harbor, they could fetch the western point of Quaker Island as fair as a die. Suthin's wrong, Silas. See how them hind vessels is a-follerin'. If my old eyes ain't deceivin', that's a chase. Hey Silas? That's my solution."

"It looks as if you were right, Uncle Ruben," said Silas. "The head vessel seems to be manœvering to get to windward, and the others are trying to head her off."

It was evident now that the first vessel was an American, the other two British. Silas thought of the Privateers but said nothing. Excitement ran high in the little groups as they watched the scene, and there was much debating as to the cause and probable outcome of the chase. The vessels were now but a few miles distant, the pursuers steadily gaining on their victim. Suddenly, when capture seemed to the watchers inevitable, they saw a column of smoke, and a sheet of flame leap into the air, and a thunderous report sounded which thrilled them. The smoke cleared. They looked for the pursued vessel. Where she had been the waves were running high and fresh, sparkling in the sunset glow. Speechless with horror the group of spectators stood for an instant. Uncle Ruben was the first to recover from the shock. "Lads," he said, "it's time for us to take a hand in this game. There's trouble out there. To the boats, every man of you."

Leading the way, with the agility of a youth, this veteran of the sea clambered down the rocky shore, and first reached his boat. Silas jumped in with him, hoisted the sail and put out from shore. Three other boats were manned in a trice and the breeze carried them swiftly over the intervening space to the scene of the explosion.

Some hours later they returned, and the people on the shore saw in each boat a mound heaped up and covered with tarpaulin to hide the ghastly thing beneath. In a few words Uncle Ruben told the eager questioners what he had heard from the men on the ships. The "Young Teazer" was a privateer, and bent on plunder, had been sailing around the coast for some time. The two British cruisers had caught sight of her as she entered Mahone Bay and had pursued. They suspected there might be British deserters on board, which conjecture

was true. They had chased her up the bay, and when the last hope of escape was gone, the deserter, rather than be captured, had thrown fire into the magazine. There had been thirty-two men on board, but only eight remained alive. These were taken on board the ships and had told Uncle Ruben the story which he now related to the sympathetic villagers. Then came the work of burying the dead. There were eleven, all that could be recovered at that time, and they were buried in a corner of the cemetery, in the centre of the village. Their resting place is still pointed out by the oldest people of the village, whose parents assisted in the sad rite.

*Mildred W. Daniels, '08.*



## The College and the Church.

FROM three Chief Editors, in succession, has come a request for a few remarks upon the relation between the college and the church. Convinced that this vital subject was not a question for any one-sided treatment, but rather a theme for discussion in open parliament, the writer for three successive years, has prayed to be excused. However, the inexorable Editor of the current year has refused to hearken to this petition, and there is nothing to do, but stand up and open the discussion, like a man who makes a motion for the sake of bringing others to their feet. The writer, hereby, expresses his strong desire to have the rousing inspiration of an Open Parliament, on this live question, with the whole body of students, say on a Wednesday evening or at any time and place that may be named by the College Y. M. C. A. These few paragraphs, therefore are to be regarded merely as prolegomena to what may be said, in that assembly, mainly by the students themselves.

We may venture, then, this preliminary observation, that no church is what it ought to be. No church has yet attained unto the ideal, either in its relations to the head of the church or in the mutual relations of its own members or in its relations to other institutions, corporations or individuals. A wise mediator, therefore, would counsel both church and college, in the very beginning of the investigation, to cast themselves upon each others mercy and plead for a mutually charitable judgment.

It would be a good thing, if, during the first week of each college year, a reception could be given by the church to the three institutions. Such a function would symbolise the real attitude of the heart of the church toward the hill and would aid in the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and confidence. Often, has this desideratum been discussed in committee and in private conversation, but always the stubborn query arises, "where in our church building, is there suitable room to give meet welcome to our guests?" It is hoped that, in the near future, there may be some practical solution of this problem. Meanwhile, permit the writer to avow that no such social function could begin to express the good-will, the warm regard of the high hopes which he entertains, without ceasing, for those who live above us on our historic hill, and occupy the highest seats in our synagogues. Would that these seats were as comfortable as they are high! If they were the best pews to be found in any cathedral on the continent, the comfort thereof would not exaggerate the welcome which the church proffers to those who occupy them.

It will not be lacking in verisimilitude to suppose the case of an old Acadia graduate who is settled in the Middle States of the neighboring Republic and is about to send his son to college. Out of all the universities, he chooses his own Alma Mater. As father and son are met together, in the study for a parting chat, we overhear the following :—

"Well, my boy, the day has come for you to start for old Acadia. You begin your course with one advantage over many others. That is, you are well acquainted with the stirring history of the college from its beginning. You have ransacked my library and unearthed every item that refers to its inception or progress. You have given me rare delight, also, in forcing me to live over again and again those halcyon days by recounting to you the incidents of my own college life. Painful as the separation is, we gladly speed you on your journey thither, to live laborious and delightful days in those sacred halls, "Nourishing a youth sublime with the fairy tales of science and the long result of time," under the sound of the old college bell.

"You have not lived, even your glad and buoyant years, without discovering that there are no great advantages on this sublunary sphere, without a few disadvantages. In the great opportunities which you are about to enjoy, you will not fail to experience these

few inevitable disadvantages. Socially, for instance, the next four years will form a kind of parenthesis in your history. Although it will be one of the happiest stages in your pilgrimage, ever radiant, in the retrospect, with a celestial halo ; although you will make therein some of the richest and most enduring friendships that the tide of time affords ; nevertheless, there remains that indefinable sector of abnormality, which eludes analysis or description, but which hinders college life from being the all round ideal for a life-time. You go out from this home of your childhood, away from earth's purest and warmest affections, away from these filial and fraternal relations, so strong, so joyous, so divine. All these are girt about with wider circles of comradeship so interwoven with your life from earliest recollection that you can hardly be torn from them without shedding blood. In your new life, what can compensate for this great loss of home and home church !

“You are glad to know that there is a Baptist Church in the place. As you have yourself discovered, in rummaging after the history of the college, this church is the oldest Baptist Church in the Province and either the oldest or one of the oldest in the Dominion. It was organized in 1778. By the way, you will recall the fact that it was with the Baptist Church in Wolfville that the Association was held when our heroic fathers passed that courageous resolution, out of which have sprung our Academy, University and Ladies' Seminary. The memory of that Association, convened in 1828, will endure as long as the sun. That was just fifty years after the organization of the church, and the name of that year is plaited in amaranthine wreaths,—“The Year of Jubilee.”

“From the first, the church has shown its interest in the educational institutions in a very tangible way. Take for instance the munificent gifts of the late Dea. John Barss, every thousand enriched with his heart's undying affection. That this deep interest still throbs in the heart of the church is manifested in the contributions of its people to the Second Forward Movement,—four persons giving \$500.00 each and one giving \$1000.00, with the rank and file following suit with their hundreds, fifties, twenty-fives and smaller amounts, according to their several ability. Indeed, it is no small comfort to me, in parting with you, to know that the heart of the church never beat more kindly toward the hill than it does to-day.

“If the old church building is still standing, you may go down into the vestry and see upon its walls, portraits of Father Harding and Dr. DeBlois. The former was pastor of the church for sixty years,— from 1795 to 1855. The latter was pastor for over twenty-eight years, from December, 1855 to his death in February, 1884. If you go up into the audience room and look on the wall west of the pulpit, you will see a marble tablet erected to his memory. When you read the true words engraven there, you will remember how I have oft affirmed that this ministry was one of the most educative and uplifting influences that came into my early life. The hours spent in the old gallery, amid my fellow-students and under the sound of his earnest, honest voice, are among the most treasured memories of the sacred past.”

Thus ended the talk of father and son. The last we saw of them together was at the railway station, where their parting conversation was drowned in the thunder of the incoming express.

Fain would that same pulpit still keep up the glorious traditions of such a mighty past ! Who could aspire to a more enduring monument than the grace and glory of God written by his ministry upon the hearts of the select youth of our land, who shall go forth from their high advantages on the hill to sit upon thrones of power and influence in every continent ? The sun never sets upon the Acadia graduate, and therefore,— ; but here let this side of the discussion close for now, to be discussed, we trust, later on in that Open Parliament.

*L. D. Morse, '88.*



## A Story of Child Life.

THE day before Christmas ! The thought does not bring to Willie the thrill of joy that most boys experience when they remember that old Santa is coaxing his reindeers to resume their wonted speed of encircling the globe in twenty-four hours. As he wanders aimlessly from one street to another, he is reminded so forcibly of the preceding Christmas season that his throat aches and the large eyes look larger from the effort to keep back the tears.

How well he remembers that time ! For weeks he had anticipated the promised drive to the city with father, and when at length he found himself seated between father and neighbor Bingay, he thought it all too good to be true. The chime of the bells was not one whit more merry than Willie's joyous and repeated laughter as it rang out in the clear, frosty air. Then his first visit to the city ! Going to X— at any time would have been a delight, but at Christmas,—Willie thought he must be in fairyland. The beautifully lighted streets and stores, the crowds of men, women and children hurrying hither and thither, the lovely, lovely things he saw in every place he went, all combined to convince Willie that the city was as nearly like Heaven as he would care to have it. There were a thousand things that he wanted to buy with the dollar father had given him, and how he had gripped it when he saw a Santa Claus holding in one hand a pair of skates ! One thought, however, of the mother and sister at home, not able even to see what he was enjoying, and in a few moments the dollar had been exchanged for a collar and a doll.

Christmas day had been, if anything, happier than Christmas Eve. When Willie discovered that Santa had brought the long-coveted skates his joy knew no bounds. Then the dinner, prepared by mother's own hands ! As the happy quartette partook of the delicious chicken, and simple, home-made condiments, methinks Royalty might well envy the merry laughs that bespoke the care-free hearts. If only Willie could stop remembering at this point !

But Memory, always doubly kind or cruel at this season, continued, with relentless hand, to turn the pages of his more recent history. The young features seemed to age as he recalled the terrible accident in the mill when father and two others had been ushered, without a moment's notice, into Eternity. Then the subsequent hardships, when finally to procure the necessaries of life, the mother had sold the little homestead and the three had come to the city. A suspicious moisture crept into his eyes as he thought of mother's cough becoming daily worse, until one day she called him to her. The wasted hand tenderly smoothed his hair, and the loving eyes gazed longingly, hungrily into his.

"Willie, mother will soon have to leave her pets, and she wants to talk with you before going away. My little man—God alone knows how hard it is to give you up, but it is His will, and just as surely as

He is taking me just so surely will He be a Father to you and Betty. Trust Him, Willie, and be honest in all your dealings. Mother's little man——”

A fit of coughing interrupted her and Willie choked down the sobs to administer the medicine.

Alone in the world! No, not alone; a little sister dependent upon him for food raiment. The large tears slowly coursed down his cheeks when he remembered that he had stolen away leaving Betty alone in the cheerless little room. Why? Because he knew her heart would ache as his did now to hear the gay laughs, the merry exchange of Season's Greetings, and to see the temptingly arrayed windows that appeal to every child's heart. Unconsciously Willie had stopped in front of one of the largest and most popular stores in X——. Everything that could please the rich and torture the poor was most artistically exhibited. It wouldn't be so hard if only he could buy Betty that doll he had heard her admire, but one thought of the pale little face, and of what it would mean if he should lose HER and his resolution to spend his few extra dimes in medicine for Betty was unshaken.

The store door opened and a lady emerged bearing numerous parcels which she deposited in the sleigh. Willie recognized the wealthy Mrs. L——, and as she handed a large parcel to the driver he saw a small article fall from her hands into the street. As soon as the sleigh moved on he had it in his hands. A purse! Joyful surprise and fear of discovery gave wings to flight and in a very few moments several blocks intervened between him and the scene of his good fortune. Now he could take time to examine the contents of his treasure. A five dollar bill and a whole handful of silver! His brown eyes danced with joy as he held it close to his heart fearful lest one of the passers-by might question his right to the ownership. Betty's medicine! Betty's present! He would go at once and get them to make her Christmas a happy one. But somehow when he started in the direction of the store the light died out of his eyes and his feet grew heavy.

“Be honest in all your dealings,——mother's man.” The words repeated themselves again and again until he could almost hear those loving accents and feel the tender stroke of that wasted hand upon his head. With every repetition his steps became slower and slower until he stopped. The little torn heart could stand it no longer.

Like a soothing refrain the twilight shades whispered “Mother's little man—be honest in all your dealings.”

*Bessie MacMillan Miller, '02.*

## Love and the River,

(SECOND PRIZE POEM.)

My love and I went wandering one day  
 Adown the trail amid the sunburned grass,  
 Down where the river like a might glass  
 The forms of sky and clouds did there portray.  
 And when a gay Chinook had come to play  
 Out from its source within the mountain pass  
 The stream would seem to change and be a mass  
 Of rocking ripples which would seemed to sway  
 The sky and clouds and everything above  
 E'en as our tempers seemed to sway our love.  
 But when the wind was gone and all was still,  
 And when the river was again serene,  
 We kissed, then slowly turned and climbed the hill;  
 Our hearts were calm and she again was queen.

*Gilbert V. White '09*



## An Ideal Public Library System For Nova Scotia

NOVA SCOTIA has an excellent public school system. Through this agency instruction is given to her youth. But any large opportunity for study practically ends with the school days except for the limited number who attend for a few years longer the various institutions of learning. The newspaper and the magazine are the chief sources of information for the people. However excellent these may be they certainly are not sufficient. Education rightly considered is not an affair merely of the school room or the college. It ought to be carried on through life. When the scholar leaves the school the teacher needs to be replaced by some ever present opportunity for the acquisition of knowledge. And this end, it seems to me, can probably best be attained for the entire people of Nova Scotia by the establishment of a public library system.

Granted an economical system the advantage of public libraries throughout the province would, I think, be generally conceded. The only libraries of this character at the present time in Nova Scotia are those in Halifax and Sydney. And their use is of course limited to the cities in which they are located. The great majority of the counties do not possess a free library within their borders, unless the libraries in Sunday and high schools be thus designated. There is moreover in many places a considerable dearth of books for private reading. This is especially true of rural districts, since naturally the farther one travels from the towns the fewer are the chances to purchase good reading material. Even in towns, the limited stock sometimes found on bookstores reveals the absence of any large demand for them. This unawakened need is itself frequently occasioned by the absence of public libraries since with their existence the tendency is always for an increase in the private circulation of books. Through the influence of libraries all the homes would become better equipped with good reading. The fact moreover that the province may now be as well provided with the general facilities for intellectual improvement as are most other countries cannot be taken as a standard by those who desire her to march in advance of them. A system, if feasible, by which public libraries could be founded which would prove serviceable alike to rural districts and to towns throughout the province would appear therefore to be a present desideratum.

The adoption by the government of Nova Scotia of a public library system is here suggested as a method possibly the best adapted in the absence of local resources for the creation of libraries to meet the intellectual needs of the entire people. Let the government establish at the outset a central provincial library. The scope of the Legislative Library possibly might be enlarged for this purpose. Next supplement this provincial library with a branch library in each county. Let the size and importance of these branch libraries be determined in some degree by the amount of the additional grants from the various municipal councils and by the extent of private benefactions. Place in these branch libraries the necessary standard works and for other books draw as required on the central provincial library. The needs of the different villages in the several counties could be met from the county library by a system of circulating libraries somewhat after the fashion

of the Book Lover's Library. A method of rural delivery from well chosen private houses could farther be added for the benefit of remote districts. The general administration of this system of libraries might well be a function of the new Council of Public Instruction.

The practicability of such a public library system, with a central library and branch libraries, is proven by its successful operation in cities with a greater population than that of the whole province. Its great economy is evident as it prevents the unnecessary duplication of books, since those of the central library are made available to all. It also avoids the expense of large plants in the various counties unless provided by them, as the branch libraries are centres chiefly of distribution. It meets the demands not of favored sections but of all the people. At least as one ideal by which to provide permanent information and instruction throughout the entire province of Nova Scotia a public library system as here outlined seems to me to be worthy of consideration.

*Benjamin Rand, Ph. D., Acadia '75.*



## Prize Etchings

### Das Wankelmutige Feuer.

WITHOUT, the dark. Within, a flickering brightness, cast by the glowing embers upon the sombre tones of the large room. Among the shadows flit the fairies of the fire-light, turning to fine, spun gold the yellow curls strewn along their pathway. Beneath the curls a little brain is working, working, while "long, long thoughts" are forming which mean great things to come. The eyes are bright, the face is fresh and hope is high with promise. The future all unknown! What can it hold but joy and light and laughter. 'Tis written in the fire.

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Without, the night. Within, a light, mysterious and subdued. The fire-glow like a sweet caress, rests on the snowy head and wrinkled brow of age. A figure bowed and crooked, leans with a heaviness

upon its massive chair. The eyes are dim, the face is drawn, the spirit lost in meditation. His thoughts are of the past, the *future* of his youth. His life looms dark before him. What did it hold for him but pain and grief and struggling. *'Tis written in the fire.*

Mary I. Currie, '07.



### The Spirit of the Wilderness Passeth.

“This is the forest primeval, the murmuring pines and the hemlocks.  
Bearded with moss, and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight.”

Ah! Twilight! There was no day here. For even when the sun at its noonday height poured his fierce rays through the leafy rampart, the shadows never surrendered, but clung tenaciously to their ancestral halls, lurking behind the trunks of giant trees, or darting timidly across the open glades. But now, reinforced by the coming night, they were boldly advancing; and when at last the sun, withdrawing his shining legions, retreated behind the western hills, darkness reigned supreme, except where the tent-fire cast its wavering glow through the forest. But in vain the light struggled, now advancing, now retreating, now leaping high in the air, or showering sparks in all directions, numbers told. Even now the shadows were pressing in from all sides, silently cutting off all retreat, stealthily creeping nearer through the hollows, or rushing boldly on the dying foe, until finally the murmur of the fire, becoming fainter and fainter, died away to occasional snappings, and long drawn signs.—Then all was still.

Untuned to the beauties of this solitude, the hunter slept. But presently something struck the chord of his nature, and he awoke,—every muscle tense,—listening. A ringing silence followed. Ah, there it was again—the rattling of antlers. Reaching for his weapon, he slipped silently through the tent door, then vanished in the darkness. The wind sighed mournfully through the trees. The night owl hooted diconsolately, making the silence deeper. Suddenly there was a flash and an explosion, followed by a heavy plunge and the breaking of branches, then silence. A flurry of wind seized the ashes, whirled them aloft, and sprinkled them far into the night. A coal fanned to life glowed brightly for an instant, dimly outlining the

hunter entering the tent, then with a suddenness that was startling, went out. Silence fell, except for "the murmuring pines and the hemlocks."

*W. J. Wright, '07.*



## Hockey as a College Sport.

**H**OCKEY—the Canadian game—*ergo*, the prince of games. Football, baseball, track sports all have their charms, but for real enjoyment play hockey. Added to the attractions of other games is that exhilaration from swiftness, obtained in no other sport.

Football is truly the college sport and it will probably always remain so. On the other hand, hockey is the great game throughout the towns of Canada. The development of hockey and skating has been due to their popularity wherever there is to be found a rink. Again, Nature is in our favor, giving us an ideal climate for ice sports. Thus, hockey has come into high favor as a college sport, since those coming to college are already interested in the game.

Acadia this year has entered the Intercollegiate League, formed a year ago by several of the Maritime colleges. It was plain that, unless this was done, hockey would sink to a minor position, such as basketball now holds. But now we are in the league and hockey has received proper recognition in college athletics. What success may be attained this year and in coming years remains to be seen, but, if all goes well, there seems no good reason why Acadia should not hold her own in hockey, as well as in football and track athletics. This league has a peculiar value from the fact that it is the only one into which all the Maritime Colleges can readily enter, a circumstance due to the small number required for a team, which makes the question of distance less formidable.

In entering the league, the only cause for hesitation was the money problem. By the time the football season is over, the treasury of the Athletic Association is rather barren. The Association, however, has been willing this year to give the hockey team its support and we believe will be willing to do the same in the future. The

league can each year be divided so as to keep the expenses within reasonable bounds.

Although there are some drawbacks to hockey at Acadia, there is much in its favor. Evangeline Rink, which was opened last season, is of good size and well suited to the game. Already it has aided greatly in the development of hockey in Wolfville. Moreover, during the last few years, the addition of the science students, who as a general rule are athletic, has had its effect on hockey as well as on the other sports.

On the other hand, we are somewhat handicapped from the fact that the mid-year examinations are written in the middle of winter. The interest in practices is not as hearty as it might be until after the examinations are over and by that time the skating season is far spent. Yet this drawback is not so great as to seriously affect our participation in intercollegiate hockey. All practices are held in the afternoons, so no evenings are disturbed. There are but two practices a week or, at most, three, and this furnishes only a reasonable amount of exercise. A second disadvantage is that Wolfville is outside the circuit of the provincial league, thus depriving us from seeing frequent exhibitions of good hockey.

One thing, however, must be done if hockey is to be properly developed at Acadia. The rink should be obtained for practices by a contract for the season. This may seem, at first sight, an unnecessary expense to the Athletic Association and a benefit to a few players only, but such is not the case. If the rink were opened two or three times a week for all who wished to play, a fair proportion of the student body would take advantage of the privilege. Thus the price of hiring the rink for the season would not be an added expense, but the paying of the same amount from the common fund with increased benefit to the individual members. At present the daily toll at the rink door successfully acts in keeping away all but a handful, who have already attained some skill in the game.

*J. S. B., '08.*

## Intercollegiate Debating.

**A** GAIN the season of Intercollegiate Debating has returned to us. This year we meet Mt. Allison for the first time in debate, and the contest promises to be as keen as any in athletic circles. According to the Intercollegiate rules, Mt. Allison, the visiting college, has submitted the subject and we have had first choice of sides. The following is the exact wording of the question: "Resolved that the Legislative Union of the Maritime Provinces, on terms alike equitable and agreeable, would be advantageous." Acadia has chosen to defend the negative and the following men have been elected to uphold the decision.—Balcom, '07, Knott, '07, Shortliffe, '08.

The three judge system will be followed and by mutual agreement between the two colleges, Judge Landry, of Dorchester, N. B., Judge Russell, of Halifax, and the Hon. W. T. Pipes, of Amherst, have been placed in this capacity. Although the date has not yet been settled upon, the debate probably will come off in early March.

For many reasons, it is desirable that Acadia should win. As the end of the present league approaches, we should do our utmost to sustain our past record in the Forum and to uphold the honor of Acadia in general. The successes of the past years have been attributed largely to the oratorical members of the faculty, who, by precept and example, inspired us with the requisite skill. The most of these have gone and now it becomes us to reveal the fact that the members of the faculty alone are not responsible for our success, although we recognize and admire their interest in this important function of college life. Again,—although quite evenly divided, popular opinion is somewhat against us. We realize from the experiences of other years, the greater satisfaction we get in winning against greater odds. This, however, should be a minor motive, as compared with the highest motive of all, that of debating for debating's sake and the love of honest manly contest.

In view of this, each member of our college should take an individual interest in the coming debate. Although we feel that we have chosen well and can place full confidence in our debaters, let each one of us encourage them by our interest and williness to do our part toward another victory.

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## Editorial.

AS will be remembered, the managers of the Athenæum paper diverged last year from the beaten path of previous editors by instituting a literary contest in which prizes were offered for the best stories and poems submitted by the student body. This was done in order to bring to light as much as possible the literary talent of the ones attending our institutions here, with a view to making the college paper better representative of the composite literary ability of the undergraduates. The contest last year was considered a success, as we believe ten articles in all were submitted. Indeed, the results were so favorable for the first year that the present managers of the paper felt justified in not only repeating the Contest, but also in extending it to cover more fields, and thus permitting a larger number to participate in the same. In addition to the prizes for stories and poems similar to the ones offered last year, prizes were offered for suitable Etchings and Jokes.

That the present contest has been a success is evident from the large number of participants. Seventeen persons entered the contest, submitting twenty-four articles, classed as follows:—Five stories, eleven poems, seven etchings and one joke. That it has been just a little disappointing is shown by the fact that the judges could not feel justified to award either a first prize to any story submitted, or a first prize to a poem. This is not due to any lack of literary ability on the part of the contestants, but wholly to the hasty manner in which the articles evidently had been developed,—this being quite apparent from loosely constructed sentences and lack of connection between the parts. This was especially true of, though not wholly confined to the poems. Quite a number of these were poetical in conception, developed part way through in a very pleasing manner, but were ended either before the thought was completed, or not until a new thought entirely foreign to the subject of the poem had been introduced. A little more time spent by the various contestants in strengthening sentences and unifying the parts, would have made it possible for the full list of prizes to be awarded and that too without exhausting the list of articles worthy of the same.

Considering the fact that these prizes were not awarded, we have, because of the large number of poems submitted, added two extra prizes of two dollars each, for two poems which show poetical thought and careful development. We take pleasure in announcing the successful contestants:—

Among the stories the second prize was awarded to Miss Mildred Daniels, '08. Her story is entitled, The "Young Teaser" and is a tale of the Southern Coast.

For poems, prizes were awarded as follows: Second prize to Gilbert White, '09, for poem, "Love and the River." The winners of the two special prizes mentioned above were Miss Amy Kelly, Acadia Seminary, for poem, "Eventide," and Miss Hilda Vaughn, '08, for poem, "A Twilight Reverie."

The prizes for the two best etchings were captured by Miss Mary Currie, '07, for sketch entitled, "Das Wankelmütige Feuer," and W. J. Wright, '07, for one entitled, "The Spirit of the Wilderness passeth." Both these etchings together with the second prize story and poem appear in this issue.

The larger part of the articles submitted will, after some necessary

changes are made, find their way into our columns. Meanwhile we congratulate the winners, and heartily thank all who entered the contest.



## Exchanges

EACH month from several of the prominent American colleges arrive for our table various literary magazines such as the Yale Lit., Harvard Monthly, Amherst Lit., Nassau Lit., Red and Blue etc., which all contain fiction, sketches and poetry of a high degree of merit, reflecting the solid literary spirit of the institutions from which they issue. This month our attention is especially called to the Nassau Literary Magazine and the Amherst Literary Monthly. In the former, the most notable contribution, a story entitled "Golden Apples" is from the pen of a man, who, a graduate of Princeton, has acquired some degree of reputation and popularity as a writer of fiction—Van Tassel Sutphen. The story has a humorous, but rather impossible plot. "Dreams" and "The Edge of the Forest" are two charming sketches, suggestive of Xmas tide, quaintly imagined, and possessed of that rare virtue—originality.

In the Amherst Monthly a story which cannot fail to attract interest, is "The Fledgeling." It is a football yarn, of somewhat commonplace sentiments, yet it is well written, and holds the attention to the end. The various etchings in the Sketch Book are well worth the reading. Indeed the Sketch Book of this publication has always contained contributions which uphold fully the by no means indifferent reputation of the paper.

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### MERRILY WAGS THE WORLD

Whirl, skirl, twist and twirl,  
 Merrily falls the snow ;  
 It eddies round in the fitful gust,  
 And sprinkles the pine-trees with diamond dust,—  
 Whirl, skirl, twist and twirl,  
 Merrily falls the snow.

Joy and tinkle, tinkle and joy,  
 Merrily ring the bells ;  
 The cutters speed o'er the firm white street,  
 The greeting is joyous as drivers meet,—  
 Joy and tinkle, tinkle and joy,  
 Merrily ring the bells.

Glow and crackle, flame and flare,  
 Merrily burns the fire ;  
 A-glint with its red are the andirons bright,  
 And cosy the home at the coming of night,—  
 Glow and crackle, flame and flare,  
 Merrily burns the fire.

*Nassau Literary Magazine.*

#### THE SPARE-ROOM CARPET

When we go to visit grandma, the room that I like best  
 Is the big spare room where every night I go to be undressed.  
 It has the nicest carpet—I play it is the sea,  
 And the funny big brown flowers make stepping-stones for me.  
 But once, when I was hopping so carefully around,  
 My foot slipped on a dangerous rock, and I fell in and drowned.

*Pauline Knickerbocker Angell in The Vassar Miscellany.*

The Xmas number of the McGill Outlook has two notable contributions in the realms of literature and music, the one from the pen of Miss Susan Cameron, the other from that of the well-known Canadian musician and composer, C. A. E. Harris. Dr. Harris makes just complaint that though music as a profession deserves to rank and in fact, does rank as high as any of the other walks of life, yet the status of musical education in Canada is about where it was 25 years ago, which means that no provision whatever has been made for the higher musical training. He claims that there are many going abroad each year for music, who would undoubtedly remain in Canada, were there any opportunity for the needed education. Let us quote :—

“Music has an undoubted right to claim the just and earnest attention of those dignitaries who exercise university control, and when the universities of Canada do more for the neglected profession of

music they will only be fulfilling the measure of a righteous debt long since owing to those of us who regret the lukewarmness hitherto displayed by the higher educational bodies of this Dominion in having failed thus far to recognize and to compel throughout our country the recognition of music as a profession, and the equal of those professions for the pursuit of which they offer so many facilities."

The article by Miss Cameron is a tribute to the genius of G. K. Chesterton, whose recently published *Critical Study of Dickens* has aroused such wide-spread and favorable comment. Mr. Chesterton has already by his essays gained a place among English writers by no means inferior to the great English essayists like Carlyle, Ruskin, and Macaulay.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Red Light—Danger ; stop ; father's still up and sitting in the parlor.

II

Green Light—Come ahead slowly ; father is going to bed.

III

White Light—Full speed ahead ; father's asleep and snoring.

*Puck.*

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She :—I thought your arm was in a sling.

He :—I took it out when I heard you were coming home.

*Acta Victoriana.*

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In connection with John D. Rockefeller's gift to McMaster, appears the following effusion in their magazine, which is in harmony with our own feelings in regard to the matter :

"The only taint about John D.'s gift is 'taint enough."

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TWO IS COMPANY.

Aunt:—"Oh, Tommy, how cruel ! Why did you cut that poor worm in two ?"

Tommy :—"Oh, he seemed so lonely."—*Punch.*

A hen was cackling loud and long ;  
 Said I to her, "How strange your song !"  
 Said she "It's not a song. In fact  
 It's just a lay, to be eggs-act."

*Exchange.*

By far the most ambitious of our exchanges this month is the Christmas and Book Number of "Acta Victoriana." One of its first numbers introduced us to a well known Canadian artist, G. A. Reid, R. C. A. Mr. Reid is one of the foremost representatives of Canadian Art. Though Canada's art is but in its infancy, Mr. Reid thinks it is fast developing, and has the capabilities of becoming a representative school. The article is illustrated by reprints of various masterpieces of the artist, which add not only to the article itself, but to the artistic value of the whole issue. "The Future of the Novel" was the unique question propounded by Acta Victoriana to several of the popular and successful writers of fiction. Their answers are published in the paper. The replies, however, were very vague, and in no case gave much light on the subject, so that, outside of the autographs, if they are worth anything, nothing of particular value was gained from the experiment. In the articles entitled "Where Adonais Rests" and "The Shelley-Keats Memorial" elegant tributes are paid to those gifted young poets, each of whom died at such an untimely age. The story of the "Young Matador" is interesting fiction, and at the same time contains the true dramatic element. Considerable portion of the paper, as is fitting, is confined to college news. This section is made the more interesting by the various cuts with which it is illustrated. The management of the Acta Victoriana are to be congratulated on the successful upholding of their high standard of Christmas numbers.

Fashionable Residence 1.30 a. m. The young man is being ejected from the house by his irate papa :

Fair one (in background) :—"I'll be at home Sunday night, dear."

The young man :—"So will I."

*Queens University Journal.*

The following verse was quoted by the town clerk at Exeter in prosecuting a butcher who was fined 40s. for selling unsound sausages.

“Thou still unfathomed bag of mystery  
 Thou foster child of chemistry and crime,  
 Toothsome comestible whose scent should be  
 The luscious mate of herbs and fragrant thyme,  
 What horrid legend hangs about thy shape.”

*Queens University Journal.*

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BIOLOGY

You never hear a bee complain,  
 Nor hear it weep nor wail ;  
 But if it wish it can unfold  
 A very painful tail.

*Edinburgh Student.*

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CHEAP AS DIRT

“You fellows charge an exorbitant price for pulling teeth,” said the real estate dealer to the dentist. “Oh, I don’t know about that,” was the reply, “we only charge one dollar an acher.”—*Hya Yaka.*

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In the *Argosy* for December is a clever and very encouraging essay on the subject of early rising. Somehow or other we have held the belief that we were wrong in lying abed so late in the morning, though, alas, we persisted in our offence. This article has entirely removed that pernicious delusion. We see we were gloriously mistaken. We need now have no more qualms about our innate laziness. According to this writer early rising can be defended neither as regards to health, nor as regards to morality. He says :

“To use the phraseology of modern science, early rising is in truth a “survival,” an anachronism, a practice properly belonging to primeval barbarism, but still existing sporadically in a civilization of which it really forms no part.”

“The Lost West” deals in an interesting way, with various problems concerning the relation of the East and the West, while in the following article on “College Words and Phrases,” an attempt is made to show the meanings and prevalence of some of the slang terms, peculiar to college life. The subject, if investigated, is at once interesting and instructive.

"I sometimes think I'd rather crow  
And be a rooster, than to roost  
And be a crow. But—I dunno.

"A rooster, he can roost also,  
Which don't seem fair when crows can't crow,  
Which may help some. Still, I dunno.

"Crows should be glad of one thing though,  
Nobody thinks of eating crow,  
While roosters, they are good enough  
For anyone, unless they're tough.

"There's lots of tough, old roosters, though,  
And, anyway, a crow can't crow,  
So, maybe, roosters stand more show;  
It looks that way. But I dunno."

*Buff and Blue.*

We beg to acknowledge the following exchanges:

*Prince of Wales College Observer, McGill Outlook, University of Ottawa Review, Argosy, McMaster University Monthly, Manitoba College Journal, University of Toronto Monthly, Queens' University Monthly, Acta Victoriana, Kings' College Record, Amherst Literary Monthly, Nassau Literary Magazine, U. N. B. Monthly, Harvard Monthly.*



## The Month

JANUARY is the College Lenten season,—not from choice but from necessity. The proximity of the mid-year exams. forbid, upon our return from the holidays, any events of a social nature, while during the "mid-years" even the rink suffers loss from the attractions of text books and examination papers.

On Thursday evening, January 17, Acadia defeated Kings, 17—3, at a practice game of hockey in Evangeline rink.

The Acadia team consisted of Skinner, Hughes, Bates and L.

Archibald, forwards; Lewis, '08, goal; Estey, point; and Lewis, '09, cover point. Martell, Bullock, Moore, and Wilson, forwards; Forsythe, goal; Morse, point; and Betton, cover point, constituted the team for Kings.

Hughes played the star game for Acadia. Skinner and Bates played good combination with Hughes. Also Lewis, '09, did splendidly in his new position as cover point.

The Windsor boys did good individual playing, but Acadia was much stronger on combination.

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The Seminary held "open rink" on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 19th, and a large number of the college and academy students attended. As everyone behaved very comely, perhaps we may be permitted to skate with the sems again soon. Greater wonders could you know happen.

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The new concert grand piano in College Hall is indeed an acquisition. The need has been long felt, as heretofore when classical music was to be rendered by the "fair ones," a grand piano had to be moved in from the Seminary for the occasion.

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On Tuesday evening, January 22, the senior-Junior class in English gave a dramatic presentation of Romeo and Juliet. The audience was, for the most part, an invited one. The actual presentation of the drama is a new departiure in English.

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In the presence of about five hundred madly cheering people Acadia beat Mt. Allison at hockey in Evangeline Rink on the evening of January 24th, by a score of 11-7. This was the second game in the Maritime Inter-collegiate series for the Hewson cup, the first one taking place between St. F. X. and Dalhousie, with a victory to the former. As the ice was in good condition a fast game was expected, and a fast game it was.

At the very first of the game things looked a little discouraging for Acadia, as the puck was played hard and fast around Acadia's goal. Soon, however, Acadia got control of it, and rushed it to the other end, and kept it there until she succeeded in scoring. Then things rushed for Acadia until six goals had been made in succession. Mt. Allison tried hard to recover command of the puck, and in the

latter part of the first half she succeeded in scoring twice to Acadia's once. First half ended 7-2 in Acadia's favor.

The second half opened with swift playing on both sides. After a couple of scores had been made by each team, Mt. A. by good combination and fast playing made three scores in rapid succession. The game seemed still to be in doubt, but Acadia soon after began to play hard again, and two goals were made in quick order, the last one being called just before the whistle sounded for time. Game ended 11-7 in Acadia's favor.

The line up was as follows:

ACADIA		MT. ALLISON.
G. E. Lewis	Goal	Murchie
Estey, (Capt.)	Point	Spence
F. L. Lewis	Cover Point	Bell (Capt.)
Hughes	Rover	Russell
Skinner	Centre	Dayton
Bates	L. Wing	Patterson
E. Archibald	R. Wing	Kilburn

Barkley, of the Halifax Wanderers, refereed the game satisfactorily.

This was the best exhibition of hockey that has been given in Wolfville for a number of years. Both teams showed excellent combination and the game was fast throughout.



## The Pierian

(of Acadia Seminary)

EDITOR—GRACE PRISK, '06

**A**FTER three delightful weeks of rest and pleasure we have again assembled at Acadia Seminary. Although the weather left much to be desired the holidays were too short. We are now deep in our school work and vacation is merely a bright memory of the past year, still we are glad to be back again in our school home and ready to welcome all. The new year has begun with many delightful anticipations which we hope will result in delightful realities before its end. Many new faces are seen among us and these we welcome heartily knowing they will enjoy their sojourn with us.

Within a few days after the opening of the term twenty new girls had been registered and two or three, who for various reasons have been delayed expect to enter by February 1. When all the students new and old have arrived the number of pupils in residence will be 98. The school can accommodate 100. Only once before has the number exceeded this winter's registration. We note also a large addition to the number of non resident pupils. Altogether the registration of pupils will be largely in excess of any previous year.

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In consequence of this increased attendance the Primary Department which was organized last term has been compelled to relinquish the use of Room 1 for a class room and take up temporary quarters in the home recently occupied by President Trotter. Could a proper class room be provided the number of day pupils in this department could be increased indefinitely.

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What is needed is a *new building* to be erected on the Seminary Campus to the southeast of the quadrangle. In this building there should be provided, a new art studio, a larger assembly hall with a pipe organ, a residence with class rooms for Junior and Primary pupils, and a Hospital. In this way a residence could be made in the existing buildings for all the college girls now boarding in the town. Who will provide the amount required or one half of it?

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By the adoption of the half-hour schedule system the arrangement of the programme of work has been somewhat simplified. The college classes are arranged on an hour basis. The Seminary and Academy classes are by the adoption of the half-hour schedule thus articulated with the College, while in the Seminary the practice is more easily provided for. It is felt, however, that the ideal arrangement is the *three-quarter hour* period. This was only surrendered to try the experiment from which we hope to lose less time in overlapping of class periods.

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To provide instruction for the increasing number of pupils in pianoforte Miss Alice Celeste Huntington has been engaged as assistant. Miss Huntington is a graduate of the Seminary, Diploma in

Pianoforte, 1903. During the year 1904 she pursued post graduate studies with Mr. G. P. Maxim and engaged in teaching. In the year 1905 she went abroad and spent a year in travel and study. Her work was carried on at Leipzig; in pianoforte under Herr Alois Reckendorf, in Harmony under Herr Prof. Gustav Schreek. We welcome Miss Huntington to her Alma Mater. Five teachers are now engaged in Pianoforte work in the Seminary.

Changes, Additions, Improvements, Progress are characteristic of Acadia Seminary. This time it is a picture. The following clipped from the Halifax Herald merely states the fact. To be appreciated the picture must be seen. We hope shortly to present our readers with a good half tone production.

On Wednesday, January 2, Rev. J. G. Coulter White, was in Wolfville superintending the hanging in the reception room of the seminary, a picture which will be a decided acquisition to the school as well as to Wolfville and the vicinity. The picture is from the collection of the late Mrs. Ellershausen, and has been recently acquired by Mr. White from W. H. Blanchard, of Windsor. It is a large oil painting, the mature work of Alfred Schoeck, of Berne, Switzerland, a medalist at the Vienna World's fair. It was painted at Geneva in 1872 and purchased by Mr. Ellershausen and hung in his mansion at Ellershouse, where it has since remained until removed to Wolfville. The picture, which is in size nine feet by six, represents the meeting of the rivers Rhone and Walserein. It has been characterized by competent critics as a bold and successful attempt to set forth a scene in the Alps most beautiful and sublime. The seminary authorities much appreciate the kindness of Mr. White in thus placing at the disposal of its art students as well as the public generally that which must be not only a source of perpetual pleasure but large educational value.

In this connection we gratefully acknowledge the reception of a set of books by the Rev. A. W. H. Eaton, of New York City. The list includes the following titles:—

Acadian Ballads, Poems of the Christian Year, the Lotus of the Nile, The Heart of the Creeds, The Church in Nova Scotia.

Among other additions to the Library we note, The Oxford Book

of English Verse, Cadwalladers "History of the Five Nations of Canada," Harmon's "Journal of Voyages and Travels in the interior of North America," McKenzie's "Voyages to the Arctic," Patterson's "School Directory for 1906-1907," Ralph Conner's "The Doctor," The Oxford Shakespeare, complete in one volume, Acadian Geology by Sir William Dawson.

Among the improvements may be mentioned a new floor in the corridor of Music Hall and the refinishing of the floors in main stairways and corridors of the East Wing as well as the floor of the Dining Room.

Several changes and additions are contemplated which will add to the efficiency of the gymnasium.

Work in Mineralogy and Geology has been substituted for Chemistry in the First Year Collegiate course this year. The school has a very good working collection of Canadian minerals and, in the spring, the vicinity affords excellent opportunity for outdoor work in geology. Moreover this latter subject in its historical aspects supplements the work in Biology taken last term, hence the substitution gives a more connected and symmetrical course to the collegiate pupils than could be secured from a brief study of Chemistry.

A fine cabinet was placed in the Physical Laboratory at the beginning of the present term. It is of white wood to match the wainscoting of the room. Since the Seminary offers vastly more wall space than floor space, the cabinet was designed and built with a view to utilizing the former. It is ten feet high by four feet nine inches wide and eighteen inches deep. The lower part is arranged for storing large, tall pieces of apparatus, while the upper six feet is fitted with shelves for smaller articles. With its glass panelled doors and sides it is a most convenient and at the same time ornamental piece of furniture.



### In General.

A pleasant social afternoon was spent at the rink on Saturday, January the nineteenth. The three institutions, College, Academy and Seminary, were well represented and all appeared to enjoy themselves. Such an afternoon adds a new zest to school life and breaks the usual routine of Saturday's work.

Miss M. E. Chipman, our enterprising art teacher, spent the holidays visiting some of the Art Studios and Exhibitions of Boston and New York. New ideas and new vigor may be expected this term in the work of the Art Department.

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The placing of a fine Knabe Concert Grand Pianoforte in College Hall will be greatly appreciated by the pupils in the musical department. We shall be able to get along for some time with two grand pianos.

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So many pupils have entered the music department that music hall does not afford practice room for all. Recreation time has been utilized for practice, and some of the town pupils who formerly practiced in music hall have been obliged to find pianos elsewhere.

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The following officers of the Pierian Society have been elected to serve during the present term :

President	Una Layton, '07.
Vice President (1)	Georgie McQuarrie, '08
Vice President (2)	Louise Thompson, '08
Secy.-Treasurer	Beatrice Shand, '08
Convener of Program Com.	Margaret West
Convener of Com. on Arrangement	Jeanette Ingraham

We anticipate a good winter's work. The first regular meeting will be held Saturday, February 2.

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The Department of Oratory is full to overflowing. Two new classes have been organized. One class works for the cultivation of the speaking voice, the other, a class in Dramatic Art, has been organized for the study of the Merchant of Venice. This class will prove especially valuable to the students, teaching them a great life principle of looking at things from "the other person's point of view." In addition to these classes there has been provided for pupils in the course, a class in Physical Culture.

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We hope that we shall not be called unduly vain in quoting at length a communication which recently appeared in the columns of the

Maritime Baptist. It was written by one who has had experience in educational work.

Mr. Editor :—“Permit me through the columns of your paper to say a word from the parents’ standpoint, about Acadia Seminary.

The work has been quietly yet steadily advancing during the last few years until now our Seminary stands easily in the front ranks among secondary schools of Canada.

As a denomination we perhaps do not realize how much reason we have for gratitude that so excellent an opportunity is afforded our daughters to receive the training that will develop within them the highest type of womanhood. *In the teaching, there is no trace of the superficiality so often found in girls’ schools.* The teachers bring to their tasks the wealth of wide experience, of careful training and a thorough knowledge both of the subject taught and also of the great work in which they are engaged. The home atmosphere is such as to lead our girls up to the table lands of high ideals, and of true Christian character.

The introduction this year of a new system of physical culture under the supervision of so able a teacher as Miss Muzzey, is a step in the right direction, and gives to the student an advantage enjoyed by few schools in the Dominion. Let us not forget that the heights of efficiency thus obtained have not been “reached at a single bound, but are the results of wide vision and of unflagging effort. Let us remember, too, to pray that God’s blessing may rest upon the school so dear to us all. We believe it is largely used by Him in enriching the life of our homes, our denominations our nation and the world.”

*A Mother.*



## The Lyceum

*(Of Horton Academy.)*

EDITORS:—T. S. ROY, G. A. BARSS, W. L. KINGDON.



ON Wednesday, January 9, the second term of our school year opened. Although there were not many fellows present on the opening day, it was not long until all the old boys were back, and quite a few new ones were added to our number. The usual confusion

lasted for a few days, until the students found their places and settled down to work. Now everything is running as smoothly as if there had been no break. We trust that the boys will enter into the work this term as they have done in the past, and take in all its departments ; the intellectual, the religious, and the athletic. All these are important, and are necessary in making an ideal type of manhood, and unless we take some part in all of them, we will, in some respects, be deficient.

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We notice with pleasure that the work of the course is being remodelled. Some of the work, which has hitherto been taken up in the senior year, is being dropped back to the junior and middle years, and some of the languages are being started one year earlier than usual. This is a good plan, as it will make the last year of the course much easier, and the first two years a little harder. In this way the work will be divided more evenly, and there will be a better chance to enlarge the course if deemed advisable.



## Athletics

The outlook in hockey is bright, as the Academy possesses enough material for two good teams, and the boys are keeping up their practice, which comes twice a week. J. S. McLeod, who has had experience in hockey, was appointed captain of the team. We feel that he is the right man for this position, for he not only understands the game, but is as swift on the ice as he is on the football field. We hope that the H. C. A. first and second teams may be able to keep up their former record.



## Personalia

Mr. J. W. DeBow, and Mr. Frank Tabor, both of the class of '06 are working in Fredericton. We hope to see them back at Acadia in the coming fall.

Charles W. McKenzie, '06 is in the first year of the Arts Course at Dalhousie. We wish him success.

Lew Morton, '07 is working at Hastings, N. S. We understand that he intends coming back to Acadia next fall.

Paul Balcom, '06 is studying osteopathy in the Huntington Avenue School, Boston. Paul's many friends in the Academy wish him success in his work.

Frank Elkin, '05 is working in the employ of the R. C. Elkin Co., St. John.

"Bunny" Thurbur, '05 is on the staff of instructors at the Normal School, Winnipeg.

W. H. Anderson, '05 is studying medicine at McGill,

W. M. Jenkins, '04 is taking a course in engineering at McGill.



## The Acadia Jester.

We would advise Foster, before he attempts to crack the walls of Chip Hall with his nose, to take a soda cracker to brace him up.

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Hayden, (when a large dish of cabbage comes on the table)  
 "Now good digestion wait on appetite,  
 And health on both."

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Pep.—Say, Hutch, where in thunder did you get that song?  
 Hutch—I got it out of my head.  
 Pep.—It must have been a great relief to your head.

## GOUCHER TALKS TO DICKIE.

"Dickie, Dickie Doot, what are you about?  
 Here you've been the whole night out,  
 Sparkin' girls, I'll bet me shirt;  
 Dickie dear, I call it dirt  
 To keep me 'wake the whole night long  
 The while you whine a love-sick song.  
 Here I stay and fret and foam  
 And cry "Frank Dickie, won't you please come home?"  
 But yet you stay, and, hully gee!  
 You don't get in till half-past three!  
 Love's all right till twelve o'clock,  
 But after that,—d'ye see? old sock,  
 By all that's good, my Dickie Doot,  
 You really ought to cut it out."

Why does Miss M-rr-y take so much interest in *her art* studies?  
 To get *Art-hur* of course.

Davy—I cut my face in shaving the other day.  
 Wright—I never did that yet and I've shaved three times.

In the Balcony scene of "Romeo and Juliet" the young lady impersonating Juliet was overheard to say, "my, but this seems like old times."

## SKIDOO.

If all the town were college boys,  
 And many more were nigh;  
 And all the trees were just more boys,  
 I'd give them all a try.

She insisted on calling him Mr.  
 And asked him to treat her as Sr.  
 But fondly he pressed her small hand to his breast  
 And on her lips raised a big Blr.

SPURR TO KNOWLAN, JR.:—

I never saw the beat of you,  
Or one with the conceit of you;  
But I'm the guy  
Can black your eye  
Although I fear the feet of you.

Wilson the cool-headed "Soff,"  
Made all the chip-Hallers "Loff,"  
The clock struck one !  
"Down my watch run !"  
Wilson the cool-headed "Soff."

OVERHEARD AT P-R-O-P-Y-L-A-E-U-M RECEPTION.

Mr. Archibald (to one of co-eds):

May I have U? And modesty forbade one listening to the answer  
tho' it could be clearly read in their happy eyes.

No wonder the girls think the Propylæum reception an unusual  
success when the committee (?) gave away topic cards already filled !

He had no time for study,  
For his friends called by the score;  
So he hung a "No admittance" sign  
Upon his bedroom door.  
But now he's feeling sorry,  
For friends and foes galore;  
Come in expressly for to see  
What that small sign is for.

The following note was received a few days ago by an Acadia  
student.

My Dear Son:—

I received your expense account for last month, and was  
much pleased to note that you are now a regular contributor to the  
funds of the church. Be liberal, my son, and you will be blessed  
accordingly.

Affectionately  
Father.

That night the "son" treated five of his friends to ten cent cigars  
and charged up fifty cents more to "The Good Work."

A is Ablative Absolute,  
 In the kingdom of "Joney,"  
 You cannot explain it  
 With the best kind of "poney"  
*Abundant Ablative Absolute.*

C is for 'Cads,  
 Who have something to say  
 Upon every occasion  
 To the co-eds, so gay.  
*Consummate Cads.*

A is for Allison,  
 Acadia's foe.  
 We meet her in sport,  
 And she's not at all slow.  
*Adversary Allison.*

D is for Delights  
 Of which there are many.  
 Skating has first place,  
 When there is any !  
*Delirious Delights.*

I is for Innocents,  
 Sixty in number.  
 Rouse ye now 1910,  
 Wake from your slumber.  
*Inquiring Innocents.*

A is for Anniversary,  
 The time of adieu,  
 When we say good-bye  
 To the garnet and blue.  
*Anticipated Anniversary.*

## LAMENT OF THE FRESHMEN.

I bought a lot of writing paper,  
Spent thirty cents—just for a caper,  
The stuff's about as good as vapor,  
Oh, how I love that Nowlan feller!

I bought some tickets for á show,  
The show was free, I dared not go,  
I felt like thirty cents you know,  
Oh, how I love that Nowlan feller!

I asked him for my money back,  
He looked surprised. He has the knack,  
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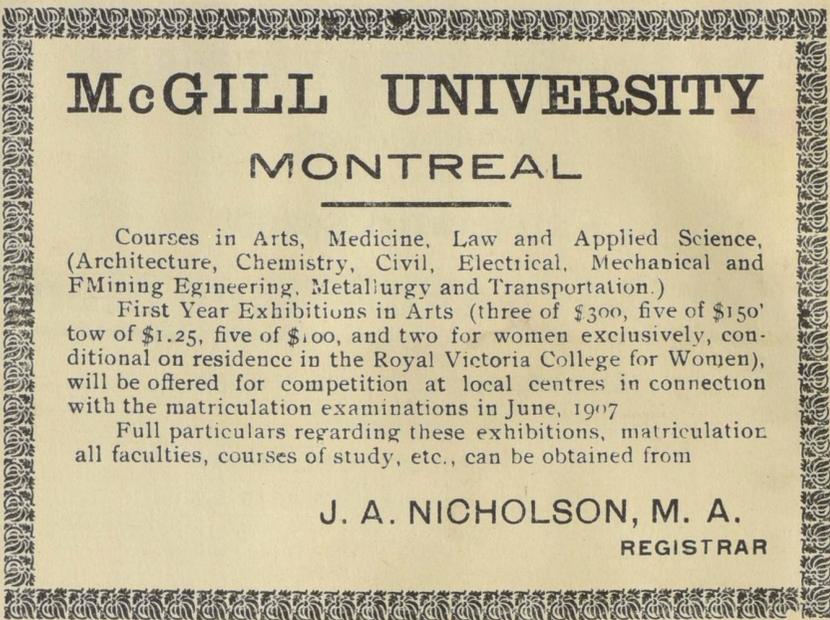
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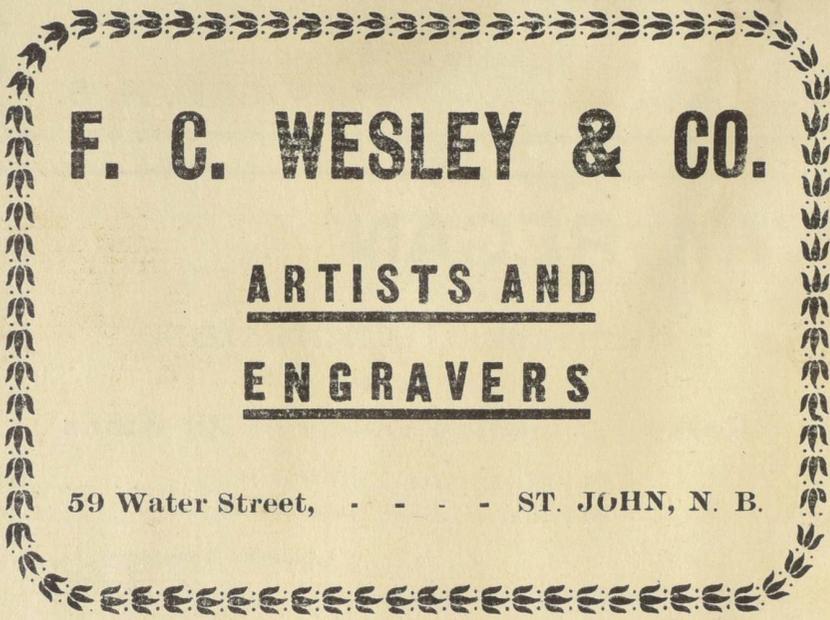
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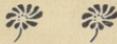
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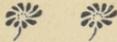
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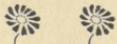


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