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No. 1

The Spirit of the Night.

The days are sometimes long;
And ofttimes wearily
I watch the sun sink in the west,
Glad that the day is done.
Then through the purple haze there comes,
As silent as the fading light —
Bearing sweet rest,
And lulling anxious thoughts to sleep —
The Spirit of the Night.

The days are sometimes dark;
And storm-clouds linger near,
As if to hide the blue beyond,
Or cause us to forget
That far above the sun still shines,
Then even comes — the stars are bright,
And clouds are gone,
By some strange sense obedient to
The Spirit of the Night.

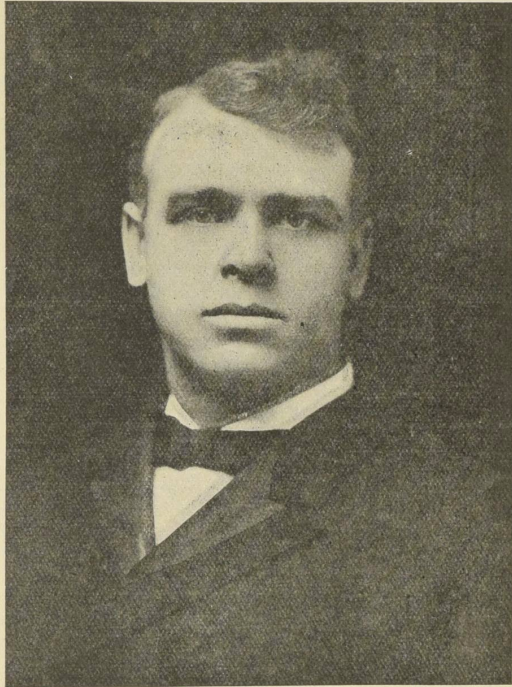
The days are sometimes lone;
Thoughts stray to absent ones
Across the miles that lie between
With longing unrepaid.
But when the veil is drawn, then space
Is naught, for some keen inward sight —
Some blissful dream —
Finds loved ones near, companions to
The Spirit of the Night.

The days are sometimes sad;
I ask no question why
They thus should be; but this I know:
That, when the darkness comes,
O'er all a mystic presence dwells,
And God is near; in hurried flight
The sadness goes.
And then my soul drifts out to meet
The Spirit of the Night.

Acadia Faculty.**George Barton Cutten M.A. Ph.D., D.D., President.**

PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY.

Dr. Cutten was born at Amherst, N. S., in 1874. He graduated from Acadia in 1896 and proceeded at once to Yale University, where he studied in various departments, 1896-03. From the latter institution he obtained a Ph.D. in 1902 and a B.D. in 1903. Dr. Cutten served as pastor of Baptist Church, Montowaso, Conn., 1897-99; Howard Avenue, New Haven, 1899-04; Corning,



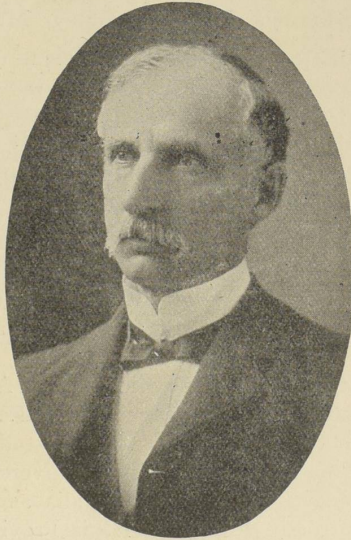
Dr. G. B. CUTTEN.

1904-07; First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, 1907-10. He is the author of the following valuable books: "The Case of John Kinset," 1903; "The Christian Life," "The Psychology of Alcoholism," 1907; and "The Psychological Phenomena of Christianity, 1908".

John Freeman Tufts, M.A., D.C.L.

DEAN OF DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND SCIENCES; PROFESSOR OF HISTORY.

Dr. Tufts, a Nova Scotian, graduated from Acadia in 1868. Afterwards taught in Horton Academy, 1868-1869; was a student at Harvard, 1869-1874, where he obtained degree M.A.; was Principal Horton Academy, 1874-1881; Professor of History, Acadia, 1883-1888; student Harvard, 1888-1889; In 1889 he accepted position as Mark Curry Professor of History and Economics and following year received degree D.C.L. Dr. Tufts was acting President of Acadia, 1906-1907. He now devotes all his time to History.

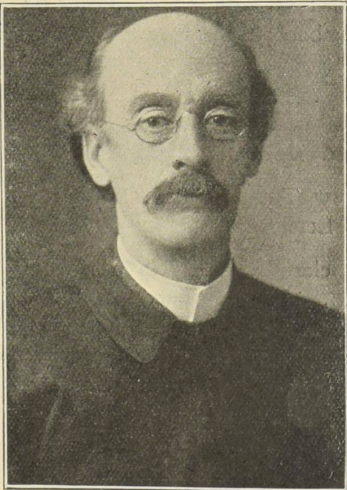


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Rev. Arthur Crawley Chute, B.A., D.D.

DEAN DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY,
PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT
LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

Dr. Chute graduated with the class of 1881. He was afterwards a student at Morgan Park Theological Seminary and Newton, 1881-84; pastor at Stillman, Valley, Ill., '84-89 First Baptist Church, Austin, Ill., 1889-92; First Baptist Church, Halifax, N. S., 1892-1901. Dr. Chute received his B.D. degree from Morgan Park, and D.D. from Acadia when he came to his present position. He is the author of a large number of articles in religious journals and has published "Life of William Carey," and "Life of John Thomas."

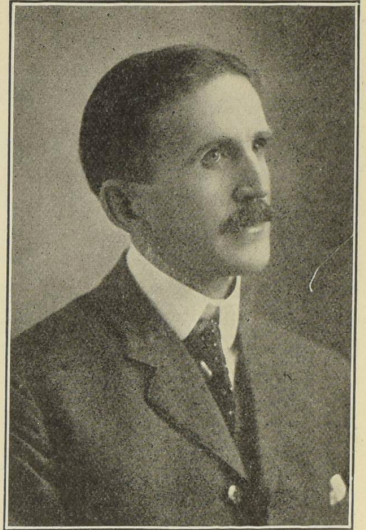


Rev. A. C. CHUTE.

Francis Raymond Haley, M.A.

DEAN DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SCIENCE, ALUMNI PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS.

Professor Haley is a native of Yarmouth, N. S. He graduated from Acadia in 1884. Since that time he has been Instructor of Mathematics, Horton Academy, 1884-1885; student at Harvard, 1885-86; Instructor Mathematics, Freehold Institute, 1886-88; Instructor Mathematics, Free Academy, Norwich, Conn., 1888-91. The following year was spent in study at Edinburgh and Leipzig Universities. He then returned to Acadia as Professor of Physics. He is Provincial Examiner in Mathematics for Nova Scotia High School Certificates and representative of this college on Board for Technical Education for Nova Scotia. Professor Haley is a member of the Nova Scotia Institute of Science.

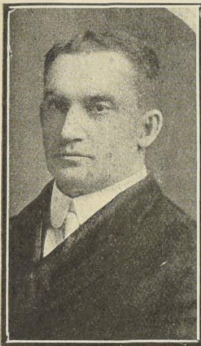


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Henry Todd DeWolfe, B.A., D.D.

PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

Dr. DeWolfe, class of 1889, is a native of St. Stephen, N. B. He continued his work in Theology at Newton, 1890-93, and was Instructor in New Testament studies at that institution, 1893-95. From 1895-1901 he served as pastor Baptist Church, Foxboro, Mass. He then came to Acadia to accept position as Principal of Acadia Ladies' Seminary. He has taught a number of courses in the college.



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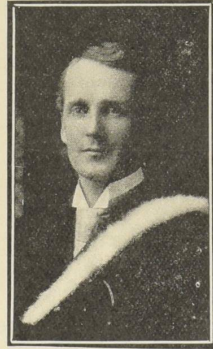
IVAN CURRY PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY.

Dr. Ambler is a native of Connecticut. He is a graduate of Yale University, having received the degree of Ph.B. from that place in 1910, and that of Ph.D. in 1913. During the last three years, while pursuing his studies, he has occupied the position of Assistant Instructor in Chemistry. Dr. Ambler came to Acadia this year after it was decided to make separate departments for Chemistry and Geology.

Alfred Burpee Balcom, B.Sc., M.A.

PROFESSOR OF ECONOMIC SCIENCE.

Professor Balcom is a native of Nictaux Falls, Annapolis Co., N. S. He attended Acadia; was leader of the debating team during the four years of his course, and graduated in 1907. He then spent four years in Harvard, received his M.A. there and completed his residential work for a degree of Ph.D. For two years he was an instructor in Harvard, and last year was teaching in the University of Minnesota. We welcome him back to his Alma Mater.



A. B. BALCOM.



W. A. COIT.

Wilbur Alden Coit, M.A., Ph.D.

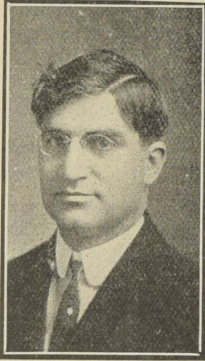
WHITE MEMORIAL PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS.

Dr. Coit was born in Syracuse, N. Y. He has received from Boston University the degree of Ph.B. in 1900, and Ph.D. in 1913. He was a fellow at this institution in 1906-07. The following year was spent at Harvard, where the degree M.A. was obtained. Dr. Coit taught

Mathematics at the University of Vermont for eight years before he accepted his present position in 1908. He has been in the Dominion Meteorological Service since 1910 and is a member of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America.

Gaetano Cavicchia, B.A.

PROFESSOR OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES.



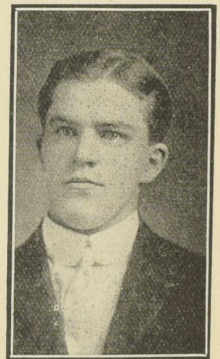
GAETANO CAVICCHIA.

Professor Cavicchia was born in Italy in 1879. After coming to the United States he attended the American International Academy and College in Springfield, Mass., where he received the degree of A.B., in 1902. The next four years were spent in the Graduate Schools of Yale and Harvard. After teaching one year at Dartmouth College, he returned to Harvard to engage in research work. In 1909 he went abroad, and after fifteen months of study in France and Spain, accepted a position in the State University of Missouri, which he held until he came to Acadia.

Ralph Preston Clarkson, B.S.

IVAN CURRY PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING.

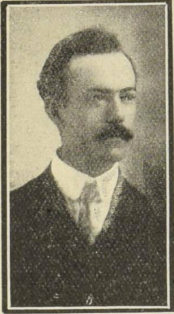
Professor Clarkson was born at Fall River, Mass. He received the degree of B.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1908 for work in Electrical Engineering. In 1909 he was Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at University of Vermont, and the following two years was Assistant Examiner of Patents, Electrical Expert for U. S. A., Washington. In 1912 he was admitted to the bar of United States Patent Office. He is the author of over a hundred articles, which have appeared in the leading scientific magazines.



RALPH P. CLARKSON.

Ernest Haycock, M.A.

PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY.



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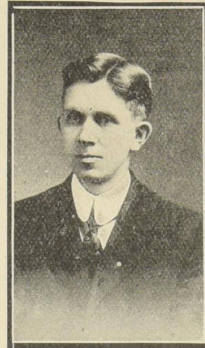
Professor Haycock studied at Horton Academy, Acadia College and Harvard University. After two years of study in the institution last named, he received the degree of M.A. He was at once appointed to the chair of Chemistry and Geology at Acadia. His work was changed somewhat this year, as the Chemistry now forms another department. Professor Haycock has made some investigations and explorations in Quebec and is the author of "Records of Past Triassic Changes in Kings County, N. S.," "The Geological History of Gaspereau Valley."

Horace Greeley Perry, M.A.

C. F. MYERS PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY.

Professor Perry, a member of the class of 1903, became Principal of the Charlotte Street School, Fredericton, immediately after graduation. This position he held for four years and continued his studies at the University of New Brunswick. Here he completed a Science Course in 1905 and a course in Chemistry, 1905-1907.

He was principal of the Hampton Consolidated School, Hampton, N. B., 1907-1909. In the following year Prof. Perry received the degree of M.A. from Harvard and accepted his present position.



HORACE G. PERRY.



N. C. HANNAY.

Neilson Campbell Hannay, M.A., B.D.

PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH.

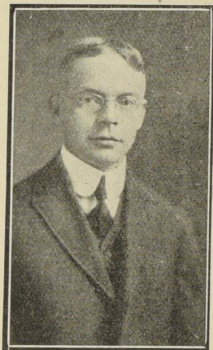
Professor Hannay is a graduate of Union University and of Auburn Theological Seminary. As a graduate he studied one year at Auburn for the degree of B.D. and another year at United

Free Church College, Glasgow. He then went to Germany, where he studied for two years at the University of Halle. Returning to his native country, the United States, Professor Hannay taught for two years in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. From this institution, he came to Acadia in 1913.

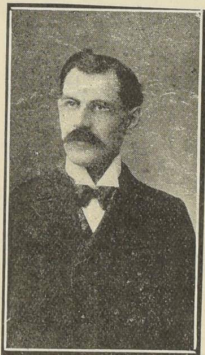
Wilmot Haines Thompson, Ph.D.

PROFESSOR OF LATIN.

Dr. Thompson received his high school course at East Orange, N. J. His undergraduate work was done at Yale, where he received the degree of B.A. in 1898; M.A. in 1902, and Ph.D. in 1906. He has taught in the High School, Torrington, Conn., 1899-02; Riverview Academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1902-04; and was a Yale instructor, 1906-10. Before coming to Acadia Dr. Thompson served one year as assistant professor at Yale. He has published a number of articles in "Classical Weekly" and "Classical Review."



WILMOT H. THOMPSON.



SIMEON SPIDLE.

Rev. Simeon Spidle, Ph.D.

Dr. Spidle spent two years in Horton Academy before entering the College. He graduated from Acadia in 1897; Newton, B.D., 1903; and Clark University, Ph.D., in 1911. He served as pastor at Port Morien, C. B., 1897-99; at Falmouth, N. S., in 1901; at Pleasant Street Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass. 1903-1908; at Holden, Mass., 1908-11. Came to Acadia as Professor of Theology and Philosophy in 1911. In 1912 Dr. Spidle published "Belief in Immortality."

Alexander Sutherland, B.Sc.

PROFESSOR OF DRAWING AND SURVEYING.

Professor Sutherland was born at Earltown, N. S. He attended Normal School, Truro, N. S., and there obtained a diploma in Manual Training. He has taken four Summer School courses at the Mass. School of Technology; three at Cornell, and one at McGill. He was Instructor in Manual Training at St. Francis Xavier, 1901-1903, and at Acadia, 1903-07. Since 1907 he has held his present position. The degree of B.Sc. was received from Acadia in 1911.

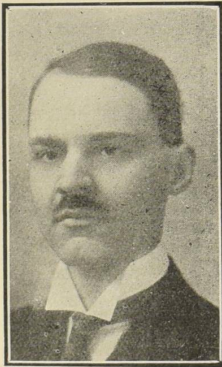


ALEX. SUTHERLAND.

John Frederick Sievers, M.A.

PROFESSOR OF GERMAN.

Professor Sievers was born in Schleswig, Germany, 1880. After coming to this country he attended the public schools, and in 1908 graduated from the University of Missouri with the degrees both of Bachelor of Arts and of Science. After teaching a year he entered Harvard, where he received the degree of A.M. in 1910. He taught at Harvard the following year and in 1911 he taught German at Brown University. He returned to Harvard in 1912 and remained there until he accepted the position at Acadia.



JOHN F. SIEVERS.

Lyman Walker Archibald.

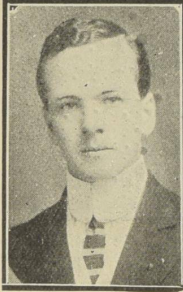
DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

L. W. Archibald was born in Truro, July 3, 1868. He became a graduate of the Y. M. C. A. Training School at Springfield, Mass., after



L. W. ARCHIBALD.

which he was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Hamilton, Ont.; Warren, Pa.; Charlottetown, P. E. I.; and Yarmouth, N. S. Mr. Archibald came to Acadia in 1912.

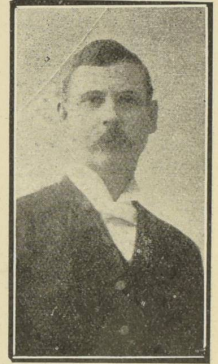


WALTER C. LAWSON.

Walter Cyril Lawson.

INSTRUCTOR IN WOOD WORK.

Mr. Lawson is a native of Norton, Kings Co., N. B. He graduated from the St. Stephen High School in 1907, and three years later completed the Mechanic Science course at the Provincial Normal School, Fredericton, N. B. In 1911 he came to Acadia and joined the class of 1914. He has since had charge of the classes in wood-work for Freshmen, Academy and Wolfville High School students.



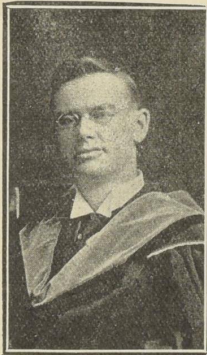
W. E. ROSCOE.

**Lieut.-Col. Wentworth Eaton Roscoe M.A., K.C.,
D.C.L.**

LECTURER IN LAW.

Lieut.-Col. Roscoe was born at Centreville, Kings Co., N. S., 1849. He was educated at Horton Academy and Dalhousie University. He

taught school for seven years; was admitted to the Bar in 1876, was made K.C. by Dominion Patent in 1895, and appointed to the Committee for the Revision of Dominion Statutes in 1902. He was a county councillor for eleven years; warden of the county, 1891-1900; Mayor of Kentville, 1904-1907; Commissioner of Schools, 1889. He received his M.A. from Acadia, 1896 and his D.C.L. in 1911.



IVAN S. NOWLAN.

Ivan Seymour Nowlan, B.A., B.Th.

INSTRUCTOR IN EDUCATION.

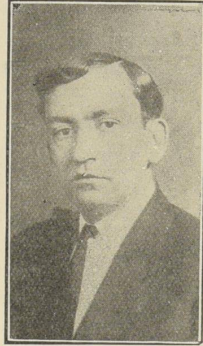
Ivan S. Nowlan was born at New Tusket, Digby County, N. S., December 3, 1884. He

took his B.A. from Acadia in 1910, and his B.Th. degree from the same college in 1912. After leaving Acadia he assumed for a time the pastorate of the Kingston and Melvern Square Baptist Churches. He is now doing post-graduate work at the University of Chicago, preparatory to taking charge of classes in Education at Acadia.

George Byron Waldrop, M. A.

INSTRUCTOR IN GREEK.

Mr. Waldrop is a native of Owentown, Kentucky. He graduated from Georgetown College in 1901, and after teaching a year in High School work, went to Tulane University, New Orleans, where he received his M.A. in 1909, as Fellow in Classics. He next taught Latin and Greek at Grand Island College, Nebraska, then went to the Graduate School of Harvard University, where he received his Master's degree in 1913, before coming to Acadia.



G. B. WALDROP.



MISS HALEY.

Jean Steadman Haley, M.A., S.B.

INSTRUCTOR IN LIBRARY SCIENCE.

Miss Haley came from St. Stephen, N. B., to Acadia Seminary in 1904, and entered the University in the following year. She graduated from Acadia in 1908 and took her M.A. degree in 1909. After a year of post-graduate work in the Library Department at Simmons College, she received her degree of S.B. in 1911. Since that time she has been an efficient and obliging librarian in Acadia University.

ARTHUR CLARENCE BRUCE, Laboratory Assistant in Physics.

JOHN G. MCKINNON, Laboratory Assistant in Chemistry.

ALDEN B. DAWSON, Laboratory Assistant in Biology.

John McPherson.

[Editor's Note—This is the first of a series of articles, which we purpose printing, dealing with poets of the Maritime Provinces.]

Our Maritime Provinces have not yet produced a *great* poet—one who might rank with Spencer, Wordsworth, or Tennyson, one whose poetry we might expect to remain through coming generations a monument to his work wherever the English language is spoken. But greatness is a relative term. The figures of our great men are brought into relief by observing the many who, although they fall short of greatness, serve as a background to the great. Such back ground is the mass of men and women, who, in possession of some literary talent and ambition toward greatness, have toiled with brain and pen to give to the world, in material form, some message "worthy to be remembered." One from among that number is the subject of this article.

To go into a lengthy analysis or criticism of his work is not the purpose of the writer. The work itself is probably familiar to but few, and so any discussion of it would be meaningless here. The poet himself is probably unknown to the majority of those who may read this article, the purpose of which is simply to give a sketch of a life—a brief, sad life—which under happier circumstances might have risen high in the scale of achievement.

John McPherson was born of humble parents in the town of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, on February 4, 1817. There he lived until he was seventeen years old, while he received such education as could be gleaned from a common country school. From earliest youth he was a student, not only of books, but of life and nature as well. By night he studied by the flickering light of the fire; by day, very often in quiet places in the fields and woods, where he might be alone. His poetical taste manifested itself early in his selections of reading material. He read much from English poets and memorized poems which he liked that he might recite them to his friends. His delicate, sensitive nature shrank from contact with the rougher elements with which he was surrounded, and so he mingled very little in the play of his schoolmates, and as often as possible sought seclusion, where, alone with his thoughts and his books, he might develop those faculties which he hoped might some day win for him a place in literature. Perhaps a little less attention

to the intellectual development and a little more to the physical would have brought him nearer to the desired goal.

At the age of seventeen he went to the home of his uncle, at Brookfield, in the northern part of his native county of Queens. There he made two friends—friends who doubtless had a great influence in the moulding of his after life. One of these was A. M. Gidney, a man of some literary talent, who admired the poet and his work, and for some time assisted him in his study; The other was Irene McPherson, his cousin, who afterwards became his wife. Those were his happiest days.

When he left Brookfield he went to Halifax, and worked for some time there as clerk. From Halifax he sailed to the West Indies, but found in the rough, wild life of the sea very little that appealed to his delicate sensibility.

Through all these years he practiced his art of poetry in the hope that some day it would bring him recognition in the literary world, and at the same time the money which he so sorely needed. Without waiting, however, for such hopes to be realized, even in part, he married the lady of his choice in 1841, and settled down to the daily routine of life as a country school teacher. In this capacity he spent two years at Kempt Settlement, Queens County, then moved to Maitland, Annapolis County, and finally to Brookfield, the home of his wife's parents.

Love and poetry are kindred spirits, hard to separate. They thrive under most unfavorable conditions. But they are not all of life, nor the only factors necessary to happiness. This fact McPherson sadly realized in the dark years of fruitless effort that followed. How much darker these years might have been without the benign influence of love and poetry, it is difficult to say. They were years of bitter disappointment, poverty and pain. The bright hopes of earlier days drifted out like a ship on a stormy sea, flashing into sight occasionally, but finally dipping under the horizon when, broken in spirit and wasted with disease, he laid aside his ambition and passed out to another sphere, where the old enemies, Want and Pain could no longer make him unhappy.

Although possessed of ability and qualifications as a teacher, the monotonous routine of school life was greatly at variance with his natural inclinations. Not only was his health poor, but the work pressed heavily upon him. Neither were the hygienic conditions of the schoolhouses nor the salaries of teachers in those days conducive

to health of body or peace of mind, in a man of McPherson's physique and temperament. He continued to teach because it was necessary to provide for the needs of his wife and child; but his heart was in his verse-making, and all his spare time was given up to it. A considerable number of his poems found their way into the columns of the newspapers, and were read and enjoyed by many who never knew of the heartaches that were but half expressed, half concealed, in the verses over the familiar signature of "J. M." The financial returns from these were almost negligible.

McPherson dreamed not of palaces and servants, of wealth and power; but he did have ambitions to possess a little cottage and garden, that he might, with some degree of comfort, practice his poetic art, and enjoy the society of his family. Assisted by a donation of £30 from the Literary Society, another of £20 10s. from some Halifax people, and still another of £25 from a sympathetic friend, he at last was able to commence work on his "Fairy Cottage," as he called it, a small house situated in the neighborhood of Fairy Falls. But a large part of the money went toward the payment of old debts; and when he had paid for a few acres of land, there was little left for building purposes.

However, he went to work. The house was built, but the walls remained unshingled. Part of the sashes he bought, and the rest he made with tools of his own manufacture. Some previous experience at carpenter work made this feat possible for him. But his health was failing steadily; disease had sapped his energy so that he was unable to resume his work in the school house; and with heavy clouds hanging over him he moved into his half-finished cottage early in December, 1844.

On the hardships of the winter that followed it is unnecessary to dwell here. Residents of the Maritime Provinces know well what winter life would be in an unshingled, unplastered house, with quilts hung about the walls to break the wind, and stop the drifting snow. Before spring the health of both husband and wife was completely broken; and in May they were removed to the home of his father-in-law, at Brookfield, where, on the twenty-sixth of July he passed away.

His burial place was near the banks of Lake Tupper, a spot which he had characterized as "the dearest known on earth." He had chosen this to be his resting place, because it had been the scene of his happiest days, and so near to the home of his wife

that she might come often to his grave. He had no wish that any monument of stone should be erected to his memory; but he greatly desired that his poems be published. This wish was kept in mind by his faithful wife, although seventeen years elapsed before she was able to have it fulfilled in 1862, by the publication of a small volume containing one hundred and fifty-nine selected poems.

This is the story of the man. Of the poet we can better judge by a perusal of his poems, which reflect a spirit fitted for a higher sphere than that in which he moved. They flow with the melody of a running brook, with a freedom that reminds one of Burns, with a sensitiveness suggestive of Cowper; and through all we may read something of the sad story of his life, of disappointment, of longing for that which could never be his; and of a faith, burning steadily through every vicissitude, and flashing into true glory as the feeble flame of life sank lower.

In his choice of subjects the poet never ventures far afield, but wisely remains within the circle defined by his own limited knowledge. There is, therefore, in his poems, no evidence of strained effort to produce effect by touching lofty themes. He takes the commonplace things and clothes them with beauty; he finds music in the hum of the bee, consolation and companionship in the little things of nature — the grass and the flowers. In such poems as "Walks in the Woods," he deals, not with the grandeur of the forest, its waving trees and interchanging lights and shadows, nor with its wealth of hidden things; but he picks out the little flower that grows by the "alder-shaded brook," and finds in it something that soothes and yet inspires, and which he advises others to seek:—

"And if the simplest forest gem
Can make no heartfelt tone,
I deem thee poor, with diadem
And proud, imperial throne!"

Spring, summer, autumn and winter come in turn — each welcome, each with its message. Morning, evening, night, alike inspire some new thought or recall some past joy or pain.

While he treats largely of the external things of nature, in his poems dealing with life in the home and the feelings and affect ons of the heart he goes deeper. There he touches the inner life, and he touches it gently, as one who understands its sensitiveness. Some of his poems are of a personal nature, addressed to his wife or friends;

others are devotional and reveal the writer's unflinching faith in a God whom he believed to be just and wise, his submissiveness to the Supreme Will, and his belief in the immortality of the soul —

“To die? Pure spirits do not die!”

A number are written in support of the cause of temperance, and many others on stray topics gathered from sea and land — simple topics always, but of universal interest.

Most of his verse is written in iambic or trochaic metre in which the alternating four and three-foot lines are favored. There is seldom any attempt at a difficult or complicated metre of any kind; the author apparently depended on the music of the words and perfection of the rhyme to prevent his verse from becoming monotonous. In nearly all there is an undertone of sadness that is often foreign to the theme, but an ever present feature in the life of the author.

In reading his poems one is impressed with the possibilities rather than the achievements of the life with which they originated. His limitations are apparent, yet one is forced to think of what “might have been” had the lines of Fate been less closely drawn. While the man and his work alike may fail to measure up to the standard that the world sets for greatness, he who reads the “short and simple annals” of his life, and then turns thoughtfully to his volume of verse, will hesitate to criticise.

HELPFULNESS.

In my pain and sore distress —
 Enveloped by a wilderness
 There came a hand, a helping hand,
 That pointed to a better land,
 And filled my life with cheerfulness.

I'll ne'er forget that gift so rare,
 Nor yet from whence it did appear —
 For this I know, on this I stand
 There came a hand, a helping hand,
 Dispelling every doubt and fear.

W. S. R., '15.

THE MAY-FLOWER.

Sweet child of many an April shower,
 First gift of Spring to Flora's bower,
 Acadia's own peculiar flower,
 I hail thee here!
 Thou com'st like hope in sorrow's hour,
 To whisper cheer.

I love to stray with careless feet,
 Thy balm on morning's breeze to meet,
 Thy earliest opening bloom to greet —
 To take thy stem,
 And bear thee to my lady sweet,
 Thou lovely gem.

What though green mosses o'er thee steal,
 And half thy lovely form conceal —
 Though but thy fragrant breath reveal
 Thy place of birth —
 Gladly we own thy mute appeal,
 Of modest worth!

Thy charms so pure a spell impart,
 Thy softening smiles so touch my heart,
 That silent tears of rapture start,
 Sweet flower of May!
 E'en while I sing, devoid of art,
 This simple lay.

Yet, thou, like many a gentle maid,
 In beauty's radiant bloom arrayed,
 O'er whom, in early youth decayed,
 We breathe the sigh —
 E'en thou art doomed, the lov'd to fade,
 The lov'd to die!

— JOHN MCPHERSON.

Autumn Leaves.

It is the twilight of the year. Out of doors the wind is roaring and driving the leaves ahead of it, while every once in a while is heard the long, sad moan of the blast, as if it would say farewell to the glories of spring and summer. The clouds are scattered in the sky and all nature seems wild and mournful.

In an elegant home, a young girl Ursula Lee, sits by a window and looks out at the scene. She wonders if her friend will be able to brave the gale and make the promised visit. It is early yet, so while she waits for her to come, she thinks she will take a walk, "just for the fun of it." No sooner does the plan enter her mind than she is away down the street, and into the lane leading to the country.

From the time when she had opened the front door, she had fairly waded through autumn leaves, and now they blow into her face, blow away again, and fly around her, till she looks like a veritable Autumn Goddess. As they fly hither and thither, she admires the beautiful variety of colors — some still green, showing how they long to live; some yellow as the golden sunset, and some robed in their most glorious garb of red, as if to leave with the beholder the thought of cheer. Ursula glances at the ground, where she sees the millions of dead, dried up leaves which have done their year's work, and are now mouldering. Then her eyes lift to the tree quite near, almost bare and stretching out its arms as if lonely for the leaves so lately there.

The girl goes on again, pondering the thoughts which hang like a halo around autumn leaves, when suddenly she spies a little girl gathering a basketful of them. She asks her what she is doing, and the little girl replies, "Getting leaves to trim up the house for Sister's wedding. She is going to be married to-morrow." Ursula, who had never put much serious thought on anything, helps to fill the basket, and thinks as she does so, that life is almost all joy after all.

Joy had come in a brimming measure to Ursula Lee; and now, as she thinks of the picnics and good time which she had enjoyed during the summer on the very spot where she is walking, her face grows brighter, and her step lighter, she hums the tune,

"All the world is happy,
There's no sorrow anywhere."

"Ah, but there is," said a voice behind her, and turning, Ursula sees a girl about her own age, dressed in black and sitting by a little mound of earth, covered with the beautiful blanket of autumn leaves.

"Why! Autumn leaves there?" she cries. "I thought they were used only for weddings, parties and things like that, I didn't know people used them for graves."

"They do, though," was the answer, "My mother is dead, and now that the flowers are all gone, I brought autumn leaves instead for her grave. They are used for joy, but also sorrow. For the beginning and for the end."

Ursula goes home with new thoughts about the leaves which bear her company. New thoughts of autumn with its moaning wind and glowing sunsets. New thoughts of life, with its joy and sorrow. She had always dreaded the autumn, but now as she looks around her, she quotes to herself this bit of poetry:

"I love this sober, solemn time
This twilight of the year.
To me, sweet spring in all her prime,
Was never half so dear.

While death has set his changing seal
On all that meets the eye,
'Tis rapture then, within, to feel
The soul that cannot die.

To look far, far beyond this sky,
To Him who changes never.
This earth, these heavens shall change and die,
God is the same forever."

B. A. C. '14.

Muskoka.

On the afternoon of the twentieth of June, a lake steamer carrying some two hundred delegates, might have been seen crossing the beautiful Muskoka Lakes. A large placard on her bow announced that she was a "Special to the Elgin House." Cheers, songs and yells echoed from island to island as each group of girls named their Alma Mater, which they were to represent at the fifth annual summer conference of the Dominion council.

We maritime girls naturally made friends with each other quickly, and forgot all old rivalry and antagonism as we helped each other give the Acadia, Mt. Allison, U. N. B. and Dalhousie yells in turn. At six o'clock, tired, hungry and travel-stained we arrived at the Elgin House and found ourselves assigned to comfortable rooms in the annex. We three Acadia girls (the seminary sent Miss Florence Morse) had one room, while Mt. A., U. N. B., Dalhousie, Manitoba and Ontario Ladies' College were on the same floor. Fifteen Victoria girls had the floor above, and some city association delegates were below us. We were a very happy and congenial lot of girls.

Most of the leaders at the conference came to us from the World's Student Confederation Conference at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., and were consequently more inspired with the conference spirit than usual. We had representatives from Great Britain, Russia, Japan, Switzerland and Australia, besides returned missionaries from China and India, and Y. W. C. A. workers from different parts of our own continent. All of these speakers helped to show us the magnitude of Y. W. work, and gave us a keener feeling of sisterhood with the nations which they represented.

A day's programme in outline was as follows:—Rising bell, 7.30; breakfast, 8.00; Bible Study, 9.00; Conference Hour, 10.00; Mission study, 11.10; President's meeting, 12.10; dinner, 1-2; quiet hour, 2-3; supper, 6.30; evening service, 8-9.

Bible and Mission study classes were conducted by some of the conference leaders. Such subjects as "Discipleship," "Christianity and the Social Crisis," "The Emergency in China," were taken up in the different groups. In the conference hour, ways and methods for carrying on association work were laid before us, and difficulties were frankly discussed.

The afternoons were given up to recreation. Basket ball and tennis tournaments were played off, in which Acadia joined with McGill. Monday afternoon was stunt day when each delegation performed some stunt on the grass in front of Elgin House, for the benefit of the other associations and the many guests on the hotel verandah. Acadia attempted to execute a chariot race (with a wheelbarrow). Mt. Allison and Dalhousie girls were up-to-date suffragettes; Manitoba girls represented cowboys; Queens girls were dainty queens and went through a pretty drill. The stunts were interesting and original. Several of the smaller delegations joined the Toronto girls in the missionary pageant which immediately followed the stunts.

Thursday afternoon was Regatta Day. Boat, canoe and swimming races were watched with lively interest, and a crab race caused a great deal of laughter.

There was a one hour service in the chapel every evening, when different speakers gave us practical and helpful talks. Miss Saunders outlined to us the purposes of the conference; the highest purpose, she claimed, was that we might gain personal friendship with Jesus Christ.

Miss Rouse, the world's travelling student secretary, visited the Canadian colleges in 1912. This year she is working in China and Japan. She visits colleges in forty different countries, and so is in a good position to deal with student problems. She says that Canada is perhaps the most promising field for Y. W. C. A. work that she has visited.

Mr. Bishop, national secretary of the Y. M. C. A., gave us a talk on "Applied Christianity," and used Mr. Bradford's work in Amherst as illustration. The work, so near at home, which we heard about from Mr. Bradford himself last year, made this talk especially interesting to us.

The spirit of happiness was ever present at Muskoka. The word "Muskoka" is derived from the name of a Huron chief "Musquodo," which means "clear sky," and certainly the word was appropriate for the weather during the conference. That beautiful lake reflected the bluest of skies, the rocks by the water's edge beneath great, shady trees, and the fragrance of the flowers all around — all nature was an inspiration to us. We learned to look on the religion of Jesus Christ, not as something which robs us of our joys and pleasures, but as something that shows us how to find real joy and true happiness.

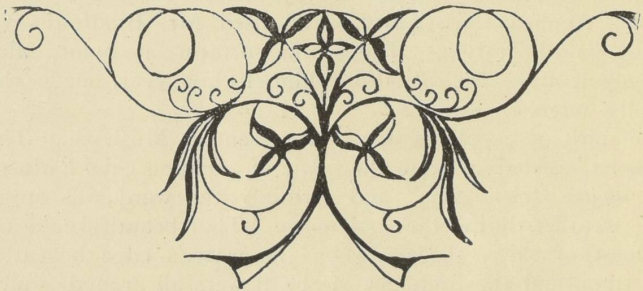
As the last days of the conference drew near, we found ourselves making plans for the work of the coming year with high ideals before us. After the last service we all went down to the dock, where we could see the daylight fade in the shadows on the waters. In the quiet stillness of that Sunday evening we seemed to hear

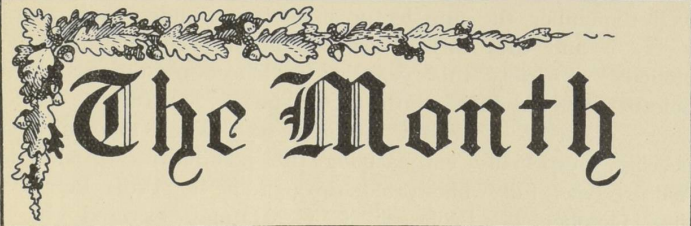
“O, Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O, calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of Eternity,
Interpreted by Love!”

While we sat there by the water in the twilight we sang some of the old familiar hymns. As the echoes died on the waters, we were almost loath to go back to our rooms, because we knew that in the morning we would have to say farewell to this spot which we had learned to love so well, and carry with us but memories of those happy days.

MARGARET PALMER, '14.

DOROTHY BURDITT, '14.





The Month

DRAWN BY HORACE BISHOP '13.

Acadia enters upon her seventy-sixth year with an attendance approximating the average of the past few years. The first month of our fall term has been characterized by football spirit and action, several social functions, a general spirit of optimism and unbounded enthusiasm in all departments of college life.

With the realization of the precious traditions of Acadia, an ideal location, unsurpassed privileges and environment, and a faculty of competent and enthusiastic professors, we feel proud, and anticipate a most successful year at Acadia.

On October 3, the first Friday night after the opening of college, the Y. M. C. A. tendered their annual reception to the new students. There was an exceptionally large attendance. The historic "Gravensteins" were manifestly evident. Speeches by

Reception to the presidents of the various college societies and
New Students captains of athletic teams were well received. After a short address by Dr. Cutten and other members of the faculty, the new professors were introduced. The customary inter-class floor games and college songs, together with the verdant "Freshman Yell," closed one of the most enjoyable and successful Y. M. C. A. receptions.

Glee On Tuesday, October 7, the Acadia Glee Club was
Club. organized by Professor McKee, who has charge of the Music department of the Seminary. The Club, which has been splendidly representative, has since met every Tuesday evening for practice.

The Science Society is worthy of great commendation and congratulation for their enthusiastic efforts to serve the student body. We well remember the fine lectures last year under their auspices, and they have no intention of becoming lethargic as

Science a society this year, as evidenced by the two lectures
Society offered this month. On Tuesday, October 7, Professor R. P. Clarkson lectured on "The Opportunities in Engineering," especially emphasizing the possibilities of electricity. The lecture was fully illustrated throughout by Prof. Perry. On Tuesday, October 14, Professor N. C. Hannay lectured on "The Scientific Attitude," considering the limitations of scientific research, the methods of investigations, and the value of scientific culture.

The interesting, scholarly and educational merits of these two lectures certainly merited a much larger attendance than was in evidence.

Judging from external and internal conditions, the Y. M. C. A. has launched upon a progressive and successful year. Let us hope that it may be the best in its history.

Y. M. C. A. The regular Wednesday evening prayer and social services have invariably been spiritual, inspiring and helpful. The services were led by President A. A. Hovey, '14, on October 1; by Mr. Collins, October 7; by Mr. A. W. Rogers, '15, October 15; by Mr. E. G. Dakin, '14, October 22; and by Miss M. V. Palmer, '14, October 29.

The early Sunday morning prayer meetings in the Academy Chapel, which are characterized by a very large average attendance and a fraternal spirit, are also worthy of honorable mention.

The first of these concerts, under the auspices of Acadia Seminary, **Gilmore Con-** was given Thursday evening, October 16, in College **cert Series.** Hall, when Robert Pollak, violinist, and his fellow-artists, Miss Grace Davis, soprano, and Mr. Marcel Hansotte, pianist, performed. Mr. Pollak, is not only a violinist of the first rank, but possesses a magnetic personality, coupled with extraordinary vigor and forcefulness. Mr. Pollak was apparently at his best, and his liquid, sympathetic tones made an irresistible appeal. Miss Davis, who possesses a remarkably clear and flexible soprano voice, contributed two groups of songs which were highly appreciated by the audience. Mr. Hansotte's ability as an accompanist was

clearly evident, and his rendering of three solos fairly fascinated the audience by their perfection of finish.

The first general college reception of the term was held in College Hall on Friday evening, October 24. It was so largely attended that the reception rooms were taxed to their utmost capacity. During the evening the following programme and Y.W.C.A. contributed to the pleasure of the proceedings:—
Reception Violin Solo, Miss M. Miller, of Acadia Seminary;
 Reading, Miss F. Reid, '14; Piano Duet, Messrs. R. Harris, '15 and C. A. S. Howe, '15.

The Acadia Orchestral Club has made a good beginning on its second year. It is under the direction of Miss Beatrice Langley, of Acadia Seminary, through whose efforts the club was formed. A few valuable members are missed this season, but the membership will be fully as large as ever. There will be added another 'cello, viola, and double bass. It is expected that a concert will be given in Wolfville this term. Arrangements are being made to visit Kentville about the first of December.

On Saturday evening, November 1, the Seniors and Juniors met in debate on the question, "Resolved that the Canadian Senate be abolished rather than be continued in its present form." Messrs. Robbins (leader), Meisner and Ryder, of the Junior **Senior-Junior** class, upheld the affirmative; and Messrs. Hovey **Debate.** (leader), McKay and Haverstock, of the Senior class, the negative.

Mr. Robbins opened the debate for the affirmative, saying that the Senate was designed as a regulating body to check hasty legislation, and to protect the interests of the provinces as such. He then went on to show that the Senate was not necessary as a regulating body, and that it did not protect the interests of the provinces.

Mr. Hovey, for the negative, showed that there were two forms of democratic government, extreme democracy and more conservative democracy. He said that if the Senate were abolished we would have the former, which would not be satisfactory in Canada, because the people are so scattered and their interests so diversified. The Senate stands as an anchor to prevent our federal government from

falling into the disastrous whirlpool of popular panic, delusion and party prejudice.

Mr. Meisner pointed out the disadvantages of having the Senate. It is not an active body, as it amends only one and three-quarter per cent. and rejects only two per cent. of all the bills that pass through its hands. Again, the Senators elected by a government cannot be expected to veto that government's bills.

In reply Mr. McKay pointed out the work of the Senate. He said that it originates legislation. It carefully examines all bills, and in one year alone revised eight hundred and ninety-two public bills. He also showed that it was non-partisan.

Mr. Ryder followed with a brilliant speech. He said that the Senate could do what they liked, and the people couldn't help it. It is unprogressive in character and cannot make any contribution to the welfare of Canada.

Mr. Haverstock showed that the Senators are men of ability. They are free from emotion and party prejudice because they do not look to any party for election.

After the rebuttals, which were ably given, the judges, Dr. Spidle, Prof. Hannay and Rev. C. H. Martell, retired to compare their notes, and the audience was favored with a solo by Mr. H. H. Phinney, '15, which was loudly encored. After due deliberation the judges awarded the debate to the Juniors by a narrow margin.

The third of September, 1913, witnessed the opening of Acadia Collegiate Academy's eighty-fifth year. The opening exercise at chapel saw a fine body of students in attendance. It is our aim to make this year a marked advancement upon the Acadia Academy's splendid record. We have an exceptionally large number of new students. These seem to have caught the spirit of the school and bid fair to maintain her high standard. The following changes have been made in our staff: Mr. E. C. Leslie has succeeded Mr. H. P. Lockhart, who is now teaching at Truro Academy; Mr. G. B. Waldrop is teaching Greek and Latin; Mr. J. G. McKay has succeeded, as house-master, Mr. C. W. Robinson, who is pursuing his studies at Yale.

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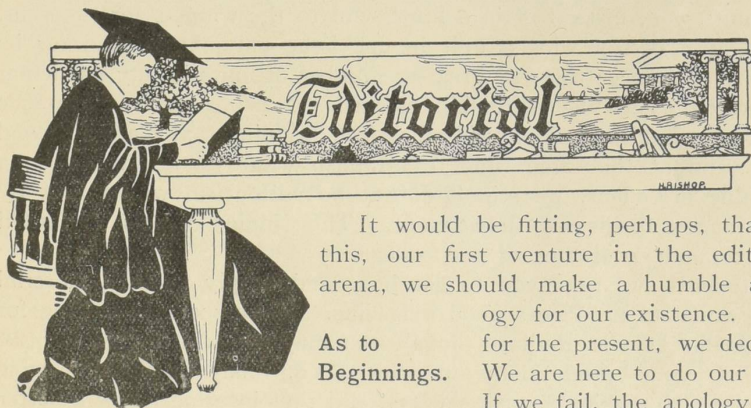
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It would be fitting, perhaps, that in this, our first venture in the editorial arena, we should make a humble apology for our existence. But

As to for the present, we decline.

Beginnings. We are here to do our best If we fail, the apology will

be forthcoming. However, as there is always an element of doubt connected with beginnings, it may be pardonable on the part of the editorial staff of the ATHENÆUM if they enter upon their work a little hazy as to the how and why of things, and somewhat doubtful as to the outcome. All this may be painfully manifest in this our first issue. Yet we have hopes—big ones, of course—but we claim the right to keep them to ourselves, while we say a word about the basis on which they rest.

Last year, owing to an opportune suggestion from a responsible source, the scheme of publication was altered and the editorships of this magazine were placed on a competitive basis. Accordingly,

the editors for the present year found it necessary to win their places by competitive contribution to the paper. The scheme was made even more attractive by a much appreciated gift of \$100.00 from Mr. Bulmer, of Winnipeg. This money was divided among the various departments and given out as prizes to the successful contributors. The scheme worked well, in that it accelerated interest in writing for the paper and resulted — to take the common verdict — in a marked improvement in the paper last year. The ultimate results of its outworking are yet to be seen; of them let future editors and readers judge!

Now, our policy is to follow the plan of our predecessors, and to adopt the plan of last year, with some modifications, which were suggested by past experience and by the presentation of new problems. Through the kindness of some good friends we are again able to offer cash prizes. This money will be awarded monthly for units won, instead of in a lump sum to the winners for the year. Thus, if a person wins a unit in one issue only, he is paid for it; and the person getting the greatest number of units in any particular department gets the editorship as well. Now to prevent any one at present holding an editorial office from winning that place a second time, and at the same time to establish what we believe to be a valuable precedent, we stipulate that no editor can win a unit by contributing to his own department. The winning of units is limited also to undergraduates of the college.

Students, we urge you to get busy and supply us with material with which to produce a good magazine. Time spent in writing for the ATHENÆUM is not lost, though you may not win a unit, nor see one of your productions in print. You may be pushing some one else into making a greater effort, and thus insuring for us a better grade of material. Since we run things on a competitive basis, make the competition mean something. This is **your** paper; don't lose sight of that fact.

In line with what has already been said, we have a suggestion to make. Suggestions very often fall in stony places or among thorns, and we hear no more of them. But occasionally, they reach fertile ground and bear fruit. We cherish a hope that

Literary

“A.”

the latter may be the fate of that which we suggest. A man playing in three intercollegiate games of football, hockey or basket ball, or winning three points in an intercollegiate track meet is awarded a silver “A,” and is permitted to wear the college initial on his sweater. Likewise, the

man who "makes" the intercollegiate debating team wins an "A" of gold. Why not have a literary "A," to be awarded to those who win a certain number of units in literary work for the ATHENÆUM. Of course, the number of units should be high enough to make the winning of this "A" stand for something more than mere pastime. The time has come for us to make some move in this matter. The college magazine is certainly of as much importance as any single department of the athletic curriculum. If a man wins the distinction of an "A," by participating in three athletic battles, or by a jump, or sprint, of superior quality in a track-meet, why should we debar from a similar distinction the student who spends valuable time in writing for the college paper? Another thing in favor of such a scheme is the fact that the winning of this "A" would be open to the women as well as the men of the college, and thus both sexes would be placed on an equal basis in at least one extra-curricular competition.

Acadia has not yet attained her ideal, so she is pressing on. This year brings us another addition to the professorial staff, and a new arrangement of some of the courses. Dr. Tufts is now able to devote his attention entirely to History, while the courses in Political Economy pass into the hands of Professor Balcom. Professor Haycock has surrendered his classes in Chemistry to Dr. Ambler, and now devotes his time to Geology, thus opening the way for an enlargement of both courses. A new department has been opened this year in the course given in Library Science by Miss Haley. Professors Cavicchia, Sievers and Waldrop fill the places left vacant by Drs. Rice, Hermann and Jones. Mention of our new professors and other members of the staff has been made elsewhere, so we shall not repeat. This year's additions bring the number of professors up to eighteen; instructors number five, and assistants three, making a teaching staff of twenty-six, the largest faculty in Arts in the Maritime Provinces.

The ATHENÆUM is undertaking a forward movement this year. The success of the movement depends to a large extent upon the subscription list. The magazine is costing more than ever—that is one of the natural results of natural growth. But a growth in value and expense only would be one-sided and unnatural. The subscription list must grow as well. We are no longer satisfied with a circulation of six hundred copies, and, believing that the possibilities of extension

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bilities.**

warrant us in the attempt, we are out for one thousand subscribers this year. In an institution with seven hundred registered students — counting the Seminary and Academy — we should have very nearly that number of subscriptions, and among the hundreds of graduates and friends of Acadia there should be no difficulty in raising the remaining three hundred or more. That we have not had that number in the past is partly due to two reasons. First, when the word is passed around that subscriptions are being solicited for the ATHENÆUM, some of the older students poison the minds of possible subscribers with the information that the magazine “is not much good”; and again, where students are living together some neglect to subscribe because “my roommate gets it.” Now, in answer to number one there is this to be said, that while the charge made there *may* coincide with the truth, or at least run parallel with it, the spirit in evidence is not one of loyalty, nor strictly Acadian. That excuse may answer for outsiders, but not for students of Acadia. To number two we would say, that there is no objection at all to any student reading his roommate’s magazine, provided that the roommate is willing, but there is a mighty serious objection to his thus depriving the ATHENÆUM of the dollar that is so essential to its production. The moral for our students is this: Either find some better reasons, or take the paper! For your own peace of mind we suggest the latter.

Just another thing to think about. The question has been asked of some of our town advertisers, “Why do you put an advertisement in the ATHENÆUM; is it of any use to you?” And the answer on more than one occasion has been, “Well, principally to help out the college paper; I don’t see any direct results.” Yet these men have cheerfully consented to an increased rate on their advertisements in the ATHENÆUM this year. It would be calling for but a moderate application of the Golden Rule and the principles of business, if we say to our college students “Patronize our advertisers!”



'81—Rev. E. D. Webber closed his pastorate at Wolfville October 15, and has taken up the work at Haverhill, Mass.

'89—J. Howe Cox, of Cambridge, was married in July to Miss Bertha L. Allen at Middleton, N. S.

'92—Rev. W. T. Stackhouse has resigned as Secretary for the Layman's Missionary Movement for the United States.—Bulletin.

'95—William R. Foote is teaching in the Theological School in Wonsar, Korea. His wife is at present visiting Mr. Foote's parents at Grafton.

'97—Rev. A. C. Archibald of Brockton, Mass., has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo.

'98—Rev. A. F. Newcombe has resigned his position as travelling secretary for the British and Foreign Bible Society to become pastor of the Brunswick St. Baptist Church, Fredericton, N. B.

'08—W. B. Foster, who was recently connected with the Daily Phoenix, Saskatoon, in the newspaper business, is now in business for himself, handling advertising by contract. He does considerable financial advertising, and is financial editor of the Saturday Press.

'08—John S. Bates has accepted a position with the Arthur D. Little Co., 93 Board St., Boston, Mass., expert forestry engineers.—Bulletin.

'10—Rev. G. C. Kierstead has resigned his pastorate of the Windsor Baptist Church and become pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Regina.

'10—A. B. Clarke is employed with the Canadian Copper Co., Coppercliff, Ont.

'11—Miss Mary Starratt has accepted a position teaching in Edward VII. School, Montreal.

'12 — W. Carey Robinson was married at Sackville on September 7 to Miss Emma Wry (A. S., '12).

CLASS 1913.

H. E. Allaby was married on September 2 to Miss Nina D. Hubley, '12, and is now engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Truro.

P. S. Andrews is now employed in the offices of the Eastern Car Co., at New Glasgow.

P. T. Andrews is at present clerk in the Norfolk Hotel, New Glasgow.

W. C. Archibald is employed in construction work on the D. A. R. branch of the C. P. R.

A. S. Bishop and E. M. A. Bleakney have entered the second year in Theology at Newton.

H. R. Bishop has been in agency work during the summer and shortly intends to take a course in Art at some institution.

Frank Chute is studying for an A License at the Provincial Normal College.

Lila V. Corbett has returned to Acadia and is taking her M.A. in Sociology.

W. R. Crowell and J. F. Logan are taking their M.A. in Biology at Acadia.

P. B. Eaton is studying medicine at Edinburgh Medical College, Scotland.

Ross Eaton is associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Amherst.

Anita M. Elderkin is at her home in Vancouver, B. C.

Harold Haley is engaged with his father in the lumber business at St. Stephen, N. B.

J. L. Illsley is now in the law offices of Roscoe & Roscoe, Kentville.

Lloyd M. Johnson is at his home, North Sydney.

W. L. Kinsman is studying law at Dalhousie.

H. P. Lockhart is teaching mathematics at Colchester County Academy, Truro.

O. O. Lyons is pursuing his medical studies at McGill.

A. K. Magner spent the summer preaching at Grand Falls, N. B., and intends entering Pine Hill this year.

J. A. McDonald is farming at Upper Canard, Kings Co.

Margaret C. Neil is at her home in Oyster Bed Ridge, P. E. I.

Lena M. Nowlan is teaching near Vancouver, B. C.

W. P. Potter is attending Dalhousie Law School.

A. F. Richardson has accepted a position in the drafting department of Rhodes, Curry & Co. at Amherst.

Gwendolyn V. Shand is at her home in Windsor, N. S.

Myrtle VanWart is at her home in St. John.

Lulu deB. Zwicker is teaching in Round Hill.

Richard G. Clarke has returned to Acadia to study engineering.

L. T. Curry is employed with Rhodes, Curry & Co. at Amherst.

Raymond R. Haley is studying at the Boston Technical College.

Arthur G. G. Hirtle is principal of the Lunenburg High School.

William E. Prisk is engaged as mining engineer at Tangier, Halifax Co.

Ex. '12.—A. E. Tingley, who spent three years at Acadia, has joined the Methodists and is preaching in P. E. I.

Ex. '13.—O. E. Prestwood, who took an engineering certificate from Acadia in 1911, has been appointed to give instruction in gasoline engines at N. S. Technical College.

Ex. '14.—Guy Stultz has entered in the study of medicine at Dalhousie Medical College. M. F. Fredea, J. E. Forbes and E. C. Leslie have gone to Queens University to study engineering.

WINNERS FOR THE MONTH.

POEMS:—1st, W. S. Ryder; 2nd, C. D. Piper.

Stories:—1st, Miss B. Coes; 2nd, A. Rogers.

Articles:—1st, W. S. Ryder; no second.

MONTH:—1st, W. S. Ryder; no second.

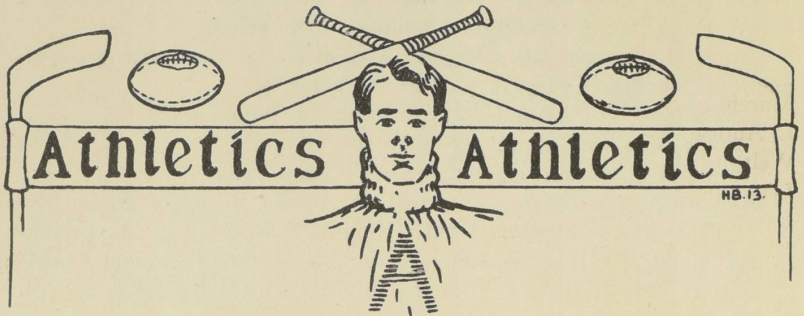
PERSONALS:—1st, J. Meisner; 2nd, W. S. Ryder.

ATHLETICS:—No competitors.

EXCHANGES:—1st, W. S. Ryder; no second.

JOKES:—1st, A. Rogers; 2nd, C. Robbins.

Not enough competition this month!



When college opened in the first week of October, Acadia's prospects in football were rather poor; but Captain McKinnon started work at once with the raw material available and in a short time had again aroused the hopes of the Acadia supporters. The return of Atkins and Kitchen of last year's team, greatly strengthened the line up. The halves showed exceptional speed, and the scrum, after considerable changing and practice, approached nearer the standard of last year's. Although, all told, there are only seven of last year's man back, yet we can look for good results from the team now being worked out.

ACADIA, 6; WANDERERS, 5.

Acadia played her first game of the season in Halifax, October 20, when she defeated the Wanderers, after a hard fought battle, by the score of six to five. A wet field prevented fast steady playing, consequently the game was open and loose. Acadia had the kick-off and rushed things for the first part of the half. After five minutes' play Harlow received a pass from Welton and crossed the line for Acadia's first try, which was not converted. Twelve minutes later Gorham scored for Wanderers, and DesBrisay converted. Thus the half ended five to three in Wanderer's favor. The second half was a hard fight, neither side scoring until within two minutes of time, when Andrews took advantage of the Wanderers' fumbling on their twenty-five yard line and crossed the line for the last score, the game ending six to five in Acadia's favor. Being Acadia's first game they showed lack of combination, poor defensive work, but plenty of speed. Acadia scrum throughout had the better of the play. But much

more can be expected of this green material after further practice. The teams lined up as follows:

ACADIA.		WANDERERS.
Marshall.....	Fullback.....	Rudolf
L. Andrews.....	Halves.....	Wood
Welton.....	“.....	Medcalfe
Leaman.....	“.....	Fluck
L. Harlow.....	“.....	Graham
Kitchen.....	Quarters.....	Bourne
Archibald.....	“.....	Monaghan
Gregg.....	“.....	R. Gorham
Knowles.....	Scrum.....	Blois
Atkins.....	“.....	Chapman
McKay.....	“.....	Desbrisay
Ryan.....	“.....	Hart
Page.....	“.....	Spence
VanAmburg.....	“.....	Ryan
Duclos.....	“.....	Manse

ACADIA, 9; KINGS, 0.

Acadia lined up against Kings in Windsor on October 28, for their second game of the season, when they defeated the latter, nine to nil. The field was exceptionally muddy, preventing good football. Acadia showed more speed and better combination than Kings, while the latter were strong in tackling. Gregg crossed the line for the first score, and a little later Higgins converted a free kick from the twenty-five yard line, ending the first half six to nil. In the middle of the second half Kitchen, after a series of passes, crossed the line for the only score in that half. The game ended nine to nil in Acadia's favor. There were three changes in Acadia's line-up from last game. Higgins played fullback, Fletcher substituted Welton in the half line and Shaffner played in Page's place in the scrum. Little, an old Dalhousie player, refereed in a satisfactory manner.

ACADIA, 27; KINGS, 0.

Kings lined up on Acadia's campus for the return game on November 1, when they were completely outclassed by the Acadia team

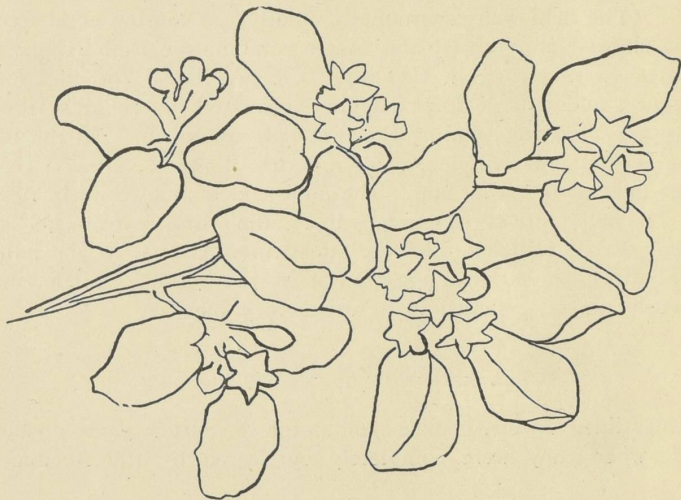
all around. Little, of Dalhousie, again refereed. Welton was back in his place on the half-line, the remainder of the team being the same. The first half ended eight to zero, but in the second half Acadia let out and showed more of the form of last year. With a little more work on the scrum the Acadia team ought to make a good showing in the intercollegiate series.

Academy Athletics.

The prospects for athletics in the Academy this year are good. Although we have only three of last year's football team, Captain Gibson has done admirably with the recruits at his disposal, and has been putting up some good practices against the college "first team." We have played no regular games as yet.

A. H. Cook has been appointed track captain, and is proving himself an efficient man by getting the fellows out regularly for practice; and despite the fact that we have lost one of our best men, we hope to be able to put up a good team.

Both our football and track team have been affected by the accident which befell W. R. Acker. While playing football he had the misfortune to break his leg. We are glad to be able to report him as doing as well as can be expected at the time of writing.





Once more we begin a new college year; once more we are glad to convey to the editors of contemporary publications a hearty greeting and every wish for a successful year.

As the number of exchanges at the time of writing is necessarily small, let us stop to consider the meaning and importance of an Exchange Department in a college publication.

A function similar to that performed by departments of this nature has always occupied a prominent place in modern journalism. The exchange of ideas, problems, and items of general interest, as well as criticism, has always had a prominent place in all publications. Why should not this be even more true in the case of college publications; why should we not aim to help and stimulate one another to greater endeavor by friendly criticism; why should we not embrace every opportunity of improving collegiate and fraternal relations.

In the past we have highly appreciated our many exchanges, with their scholarly articles and sensible criticisms, and sincerely trust that during this year we may heartily and capably reciprocate.

A copy of the McGill daily is at hand, and we congratulate the editors on the improvement of their journal. The paper is much larger than last year, having been increased from a six to a seven column size, and although not so neat, perhaps, as some of our college weeklies, yet it has the honor of being the only university daily published in Canada, and as such is indeed a worthy representative of its university. It is well written, and contains college news of both Canadian and American universities.

The anniversary number of the McMaster monthly is also worthy of mention. It is indeed a pleasure to examine it; looking at the

cover design tempts one to look within. The first seven pages are taken up with cuts of the faculty, and the remainder with anniversary exercises. We trust the new editors will be able to maintain the standard set by last year's editors.

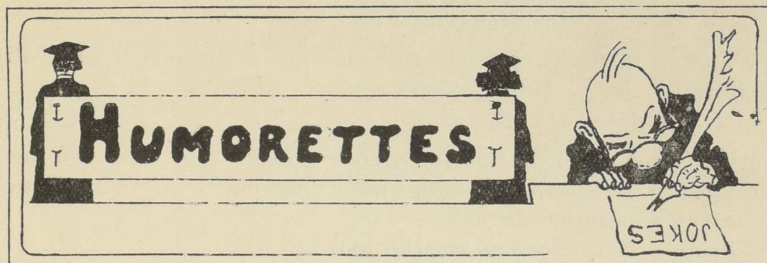
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Junior, in Treasurer's office—Have you any New Testament Greeks?

Dr. Cohoon—No. They are all dead.

Howe, on the psychology of sleep—There, my mind has gone!

Hovey, to Prof. Balcom—We are going to give a reception (Y. M. C. A.) to the Freshmen to-night. Will you kindly be present?

Dr. Archibald—Mr. Gibson, name the ballads of the fifteenth century.

Gibson (after long silence): "The Nut Browne Mayde," sir.

Dr. Archibald—I knew you would remember her.

Vice-Principal of Sem. to Sophs. in reception room—Can I do something for you?

Sophs.—We want to see Prof. McKee regarding the Glee Club.

Vice-Principal—Prof. McKee is not in town.

Sophs—Dr. Cutten announced in Chapel this morning that Prof. McKee would meet us here.

Hovey, in Senior-Junior debate on Senate—Look at the Wolfville Town Council. They don't need two "Chambers" there.

Easton had passed a Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. reception invitation card to Prof. Ambler addressed "Dr. and Mrs. Ambler."

Dr. Ambler—Do they supply them?

Duclos—There were initials on my card, but I couldn't think who she is.

Raffy—Is that so? What are they?

Duc.—R. S. V. P. Who is she?

Prof. Balcom — What is "frenzied finance?"

Cash Howe — Financing one's friends.

Wilson — Miss Robbins says there is some mystery connected with her birth.

Miss Crosby — It's the date.

J. G. MacKinnon, in Sunday School — There were once two men. One made a fortune by honest means and one by fraud. Which one would you rather be?

Scholar — Which one made the most?

Phipps at reception — Have you all your topics taken?

Miss Starrett — No, I haven't.

Phipps — Neither have I, and I must hurry if I'm going to. Good-night.

Gregg '16 (introducing Horne) — Here is one of our athletes.

Miss Lockhart — Oh, I think it is so nice to go in for "athletes" when one comes to college.

Dr. Thompson, in Soph. Latin — Hercules, like many another athlete, was not noted for keenness of intellect.

English Prof. — What is so sad as a man without a country?

Miss Crosby — A country without a man.

Page (leaving residence) — How it is raining!

Miss DeW. — Take my umbrella. You can bring it back to-morrow night.

Bleakney, '14 — The other night I heard a story that gave me a great start.

Miss Messenger — I wish *I* knew it.

Feener, on being introduced to Porter: — You're the chap the Mission Board was going to send to be my assistant last summer, I believe?

Guy Bleakney (visiting U. N. B.), to man in corridor — What are the prospects for a Freshman class this fall?

"Good."

"Are you a Freshman?"

"No, sir. I'm the new professor in physics."

Meisner — How are you getting on with your work?

Kinley — I can get that Psychology, by George!

Feindal, at supper — Sammy, what are you doing? Pass the bread.

Payzant — Pity you fellows don't eat and stop asking for things.

Doty — I hear there is a new Soph. named Wood, who weighs 200 pounds.

Knowles — Gee! He must be a whole cord.

Dr. Cutten (in Psych.) — There is an old adage on sleep:

“Nature five; custom seven;

Laziness nine; wickedness eleven.”

Mr. Robbins, how much do you need?

Robbins — I can get along on eleven.

Prof. Balcom — You may think of Tyrus Cobb as a productive laborer.

Scott — Who is Ty Cobb?

Morrison — The Senior Gramophone Quartette have a great many unbreakable records.

Rogers, '16 — They certainly don't seem to be able to put the brake on them these nights.

Hovey, after Psychology of Dreams — Boys, I have had some marvellously vivid dreams. One night I saw myself as plainly as I now see you. Down to the waist I was a man; below that I was a goose with a flock of goslings.

Dr. Tufts — Mr. Ryder, what have we to-day corresponding to the tournaments of the Knights?

Ryder — Polo, Olympic Games —

Millett '16, (interrupting) — Moving Pictures!

Phinney, '14 — They say there are so many girls this year that the Sem. can't hold them.

Bungy — I wouldn't mind holding a few.

Y. W. C. A. Meeting (inviting professors' wives to reception) — Miss Jenkins — Madam President, I'd like to know how many of the new professors have wives.

Miss Thomas — I guess we all would.

Miss Pick — You should always embrace every opportunity.

Miss Blenkhorn — Oh, there are lots better things than that to embrace!

1st new Sem.—I must go over and see the Pope, else he'll be getting after me.

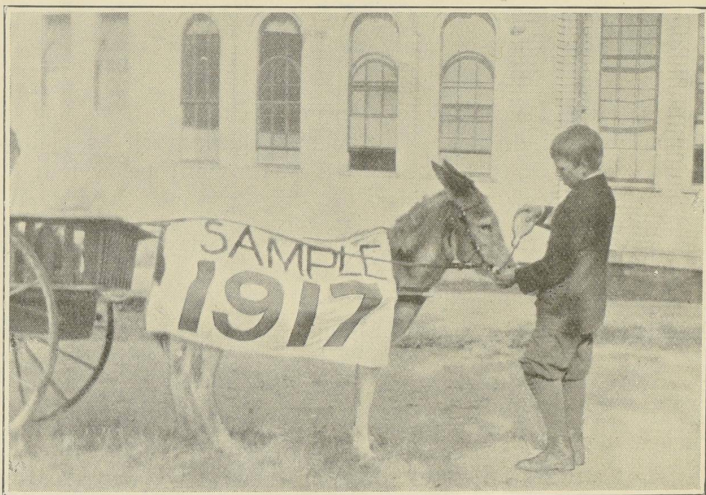
2nd new Sem.—The Pope! I thought this was a Baptist institution.

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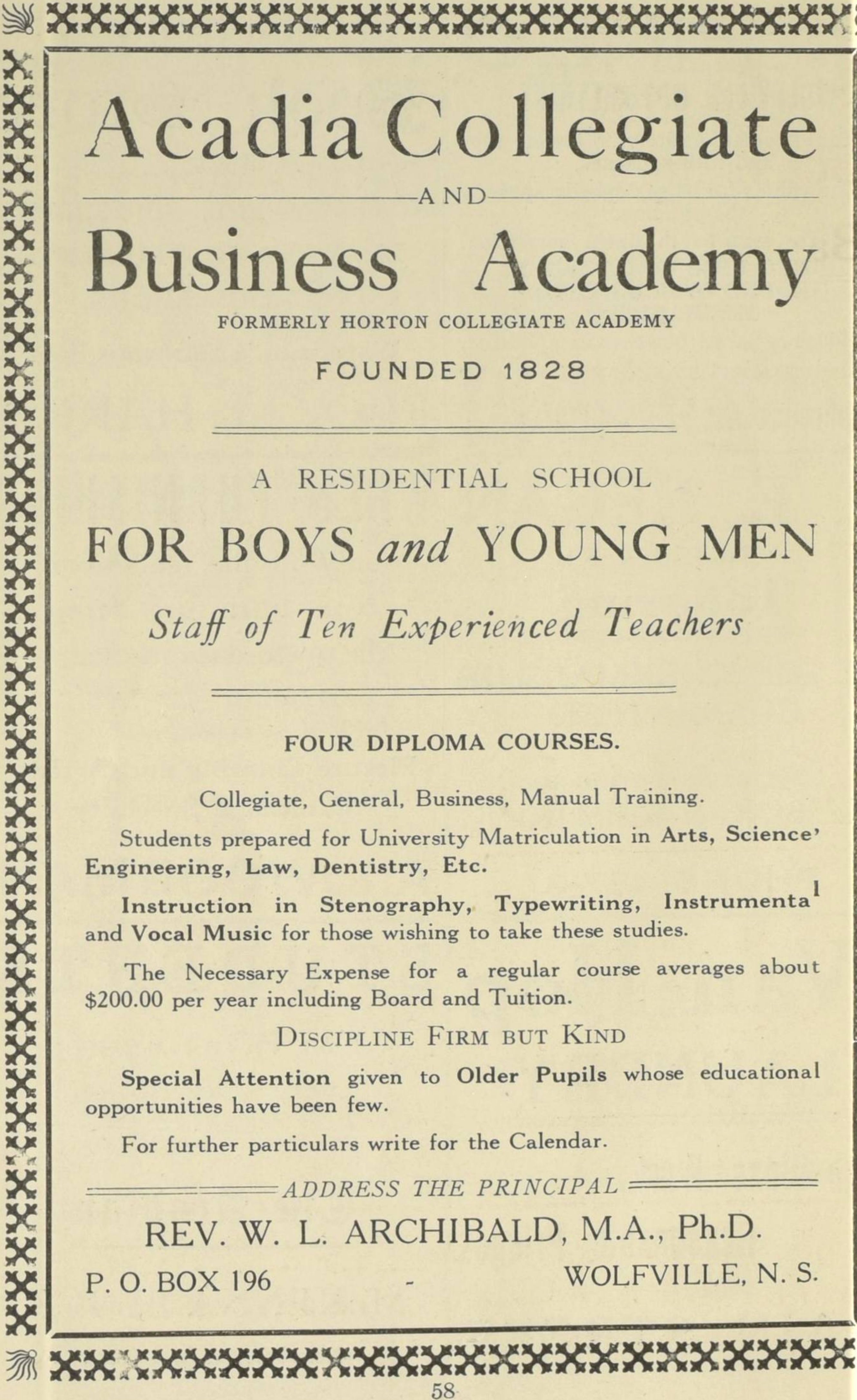
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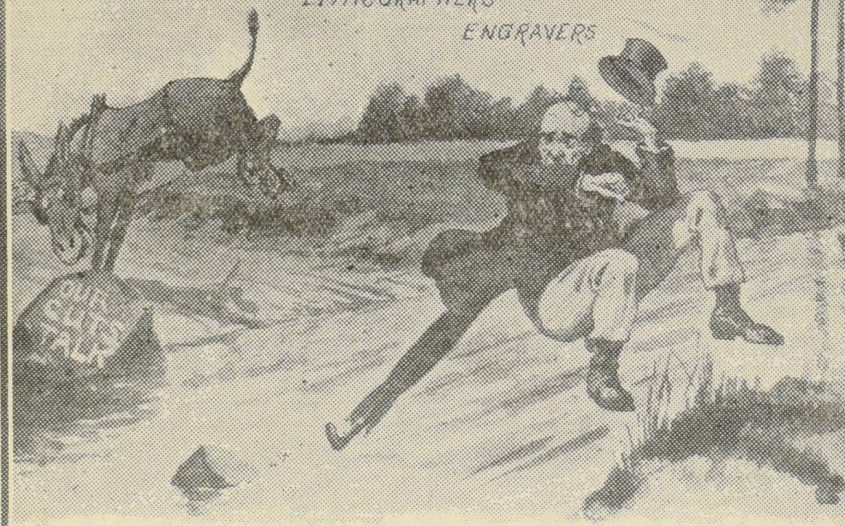
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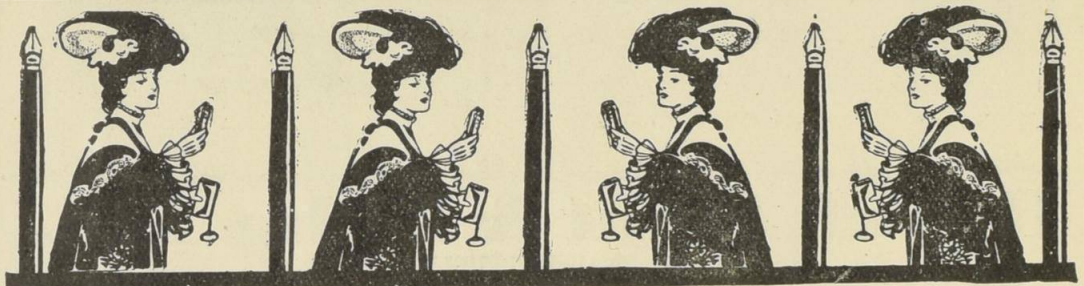
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