

wearied in the exercise of charity."
"Hum," quoth my little friend, peering over the petals of my rose.
" So you are still there, my small mentor? Well, you may have your say now without incommencing me, as you can certainly not now reproach me with a want of charity."

brother greeted me with open arms, that his wife received me warmly, and that before half an hour was passed there were little ones climbing on the knee of their new uncle?
An hour later I was telling my wife of the additional guests to be at our party.
"Your brother?" she said, greatly startled; "you don't mean Tom?"

Divine direction and aid. The erection of a noble edifice is by a long continued employment of skilled labor and a large amount of wealth, but this good may be all destroyed in one evil hour. Again: our physical development is accomplished by years of careful training, but a sudden stroke or a careless exposure for a day may break down the strongest and even take the life of the most vigorous. A fall into water or fire takes but a moment, but it it destroys all life and power, however precious or beloved. Moral character too, by a careless moment may be irretrievably lost, and thus the result of years of careful training and well directed education be gone for ever.

It must be gratifying to the friends of Acadia College to find that so many who were supposed to be unconcerned are really its warm friends and in hearty sympathy with them, and willing to show their sincerity by contributing towards the fund for rebuilding: A thousand hearts had their pulses quickened when they first heard the sad news of the loss of the fine College building. If at that time they had had the opportunity of rendering service in restoring what had been consumed, they would have been willing, we believe, to make sacrifices to enable them to help in such an enterprise. We learn that something is being done in many places after the example of Wolfville in calling together the friends and giving tangible expression to their determination to help in this work.

Eighty thousand dollars. At least Fifty Thousand Dollars of that amount should be raised immediately, to enable the work of the Institutions to go on.
It will be better, so far as donors are willing, that contributions should be made towards a General Building Fund, from which the Board may draw for building purposes as the needs of the several Departments may require. But donations made to a specific object will be devoted to the object for which they are given. It is desirable that a considerable part of the subscriptions should be paid in by the first of April, 1878. Large subscriptions might be made payable in two or three equal instalments, the last payment to be made not later than April 1st, 1879.

The Christian Messenger.

Hallfax, N. S., December 26th, 1877.

TIME, A. D., 1877. ETERNITY.

These two words in juxtaposition are highly significant. In relation to each other, they are similar to this world and infinite space. We may well speak of the former—in both cases—as but a fragment of the latter.

When we imagine any lengthened period we may name, of such distances or ages, still there is back beyond them eternity of the past with its mysteries, and the eternity of the future with all its grand developments before us, so that we come back relieved to think of the little day and space allotted to us here, which, for convenience, we divide up into years and all the fractional parts of the year.

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WORDS OF KINDNESS.

These words are always acceptable. Although we do not allow ourselves to speak in full appreciation of what appears from week to week before our readers, yet we cannot prevent our friends saying to each other what they think. One of our subscribers who reads a good many other periodicals, says, in writing last week, "I am glad to observe a steady improvement in the Christian Messenger."

Another says, "I enclose two dollars to pay for the Messenger for 1878. I wish that all the members of the Baptist churches, and others, would take it. I believe it to be the best paper printed. Wishing you the blessing of God. Yours, &c."

And another, "I could not do without the Messenger. It is worth to me far more than it costs."

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We might give the names of many of our correspondents in this Dominion of ours, in the United States, and in other lands also. but if we should do so it might turn out that we had unintentionally omitted some of them, and so lead to the supposition that they were not appreciated. We leave it therefore to be understood that all of them are very highly valued and their contributions are always acceptable.

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ACADIA COLLEGE, Dec. 4, 1877.

We desire to express our sorrow at the loss which Acadia College has sustained, and our sympathy with you and your brother Professors in your present trouble. Although the loss has fallen on you especially, it is one in which all are deeply concerned who have at heart the interests of Education in these Provinces.

Meanwhile please to accept this assurance of our profound sympathy.

- We are your faithful servants,
JOHN DART,
HENRY HOW,
JOHN OROM,
W. E. WILSON,
ALFRED DE FOURMENTIN,
REV. A. W. SAWYER, D. D.

ACADIA COLLEGE, Dec. 10, 1877.

We very gratefully accept the kind expression of your sorrow at our recent heavy loss and your sympathy with us in this severe distress.

It is very soothing indeed to know that the oldest College in the Maritime Provinces and the one that has the honor of having led the way of higher education amongst us, should also be the first in offering kind condolence on this occasion, and in generous acknowledgement that the loss we have suffered is one in which all are deeply concerned who have at heart the interests of education in these Provinces.

We trust that we may find, as you suggest, that the energy our people have shown on some former occasions will not fail in the present emergency, but may fulfil your hope that our immediate loss may eventually prove our gain.

Once more assuring you, in behalf of the Faculty of Acadia College, of our grateful sense of your kind sympathy. I am, gentlemen, Faithfully your servant, A. W. SAWYER.

REV. PRESIDENT DART and the other members of the Faculty of Kings College.

The following are additional contribution from Halifax towards rebuilding Acadia College:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Mrs. Chas. Murdock \$15 00, John S. Maclean 25 00, Geo. H. Fielding 25 00, Miss Phoebe Fielding 25 00, James Fraser 5 00, J. W. Johnson 20 00, J. W. Longley 20 00, S. M. 20 00, Hinckle Condon 20 00, W. H. H. 10 00, A Friend 100 00, R. S. Fitch 10 00, Geo. A. McDonald 5 00, Martin Smith 5 00, Mrs. S. N. Binney 60 00, J. Y. Payzant 100 00, J. Johnston Hunt 30 00, Fred. Bossom 30 00. Previously acknowledged 1500 00. Total \$2015 00.