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If successful it will doubtless relieve the governors of a burden which they seem both unwilling and unable to bear. The evident aim of the whole 'series' is to throw the blame wholly upon the President and professors of the college. This is cowardly in the extreme. Unworthy of men of wisdom and judgment who by reason of their legal powers were the last in order to consider the nature of this 'new chair,' and did make and confirm this appointment. Is this mode of defence consistent with men whose integrity ought not to be assailed? If we are content to take his word for proof that President Sawyer and the professors are the men who made the appointment, I would ask what then are the functions of our governor? Where then does all their boasted wisdom come in? But the injury of the faculty cannot be heightened in the person of Dr. S. The Baptist denomination will be careful not to take the statement of the case from him or any other fellow, but will go to original sources for their facts, and will judge for themselves, and will place the responsibility of the 'new departure' just where it belongs, Dr. S. must be excused in this matter at least from 'dark corners' and 'secret plotting,' as in his second letter he informs us 'that any knowledge that I have of the matter has been obtained since the Convention decided to transfer its Theological work to Toronto; but his presumption in undertaking to correct others in a matter which, by his own admission, he knows nothing about is unpardonable. Dr. S.'s prolonged explanation of the blunders of Acadia's Governors will be weighed in connection with the brief yet pointed explanations of President Sawyer and Professors Higgins and Jones, which have recently appeared in the columns of the Morning Herald. Confessedly, then, Dr. S. really knows nothing about where the idea of 'Didactics' in connection with Acadia College first originated, or when and by whom it was first suggested to the honored President of our college. There is a matter, however, within reach of Dr. S.'s personal knowledge upon which he could have written with propriety, namely, how the transfer of the Theological department and Dr. Welton to Toronto was effected. Before the matter of a chair of 'didactics' for his old friend had dawned upon his mind or been 'whispered' in his ear Dr. S., before Convention, was waxing eloquent over the removal of our esteemed Dr. Welton from Acadia and the abolition of the Theological department which he (Dr. Welton) had helped to found, and which he had so faithfully labored to build up, and was unconsciously thus making way for his old friend Dr. Rand and 'didactics.' We hear some one here exclaim: 'Is this the same Dr. Saunders who at a previous Baptist Convention in an address characterized by much warmth of feeling and positive utterance, led the Baptist denomination to believe that to do away with our theological department at Acadia would be a moral impossibility?' Yes, we reply, 'but a glance over the past few years makes it plain that Dr. Saunders' judgment is not infallible.' Dr. S. has evidently dipping into didactics, which one Bayley defines to be 'a knowledge of Things,' himself a little. He displays a wonderfully retentive memory and a profusion of knowledge of 'Things,' not of course just in the track of his argument against the 'new chair,' but nevertheless very interesting facts for the Baptist body to become acquainted with. He tells us pleasantly how Acadia squares her accounts with her donors. His ideas on this point become him and bear the severest impress of originality. The governors should at once call off their agents from the field and secure Dr. S. They would need no Dr. Rand to attend meetings of Associations and Convention to orate for them if Dr. S. could be employed to be on hand and expand his views on this subject. Tears of gratitude would flow and money would pour in from all sources to help swell Acadia's endowment fund without further canvass or persuasion. While Dr. S. was thus softening the hearts of wealthy friends and supporters of the college with his ideas concerning the mutual relation between donors and the college, he could at the same time pacify those who have no dollars to donate to Acadia by assuring them that the poorest man's son, if he conducts himself properly, may receive all the benefits of that institution free of charge. Dr. S., among other things, condemns severely those who, telling the safety of their college imperilled by the 'new chair,' imposed by the recent action of the Governors, would have the same abolished and the appointment of Dr. Rand cancelled. Surely, if it is wrong to break the contract it is equally wrong to make it without knowing how the consideration of \$1,600 is to be paid, and at the same time do justice to the other professors already under contract. The pretty little illustration of the bank agent which Dr. S. introduces in his first letter, I will endeavor to finish for him and assimilate the facts, so that it can be recognized as a parallel case. Let us now, Dr. S., 'suppose, the existence' of the fol-

lowing circumstances: Dr. S.'s bank agent, we will suppose, had been previously notified to resign his former position, and had been for three months secretly urging on the manager false pleas to secure his appointment, such as the plea that he could have sufficient money from his new constituents to overpay his salary, and if the manager did not urge his appointment he would accept an agency offered him by a rival bank. If said agent, on coming to take charge of the bank, had found that none of the people would deal with him, that all of the directors but two were opposed to his appointment and refused him any assistance, and that if even one of his two friends gave up all his work, he could not find one hour's work a day, and that the bank had no money to pay his wages and no hopes of getting any. Under these circumstances I think Dr. S. must admit that the stock holders would have no course left but to cancel the appointment if the candidate had not common sense enough to retire, and even D. A. Steele could see that 'there was reason for such a descent.' Having effectually defended 'these Boards,' as he supposes. Dr. S. proceeds to put 'on record the grounds on which he rests his defence of the new departure,' and entertains us with a brief account of the history of 'didactics,' from its origin as early as 1828 in Great Britain up to the time the governing boards of Acadia made their wide 'departure,' and caused 'the chair of education and the appointment of Dr. Rand' to become a fixed fact at Acadia. As Dr. S. intimates his intention of considering the rise and progress of didactics and 'the possibilities of its great usefulness' at Acadia in 'subsequent letters,' I shall, Mr. Editor, claim from you the privilege of a full reply on the matter of the 'new chair' in subsequent letters when we have in print the whole of what Dr. S. may have to say. Let me here state that thus far Dr. S.'s account of didactics, or the principles and practices of education, only confirms me in the opinion held by myself and many others, that the subject, while it might remotely benefit all classes of students, is nevertheless a department which really only concerns the teaching profession. In other words, such a course bears the same relation to those who intend to become teachers as the instruction given in departments of law and medicine would have to those who have in view either of those professions. This seems to be well understood in all those universities and colleges referred to by Dr. S., where 'didactics' 'has become' the subject of courses of lectures' in all of which institutions this branch of study is marked 'on the curriculum,' either as optional, or it forms part of a post graduate course. In view of the present efficient course of instruction given to the teaching profession at our Provincial Normal School, in view of our long felt needs in other departments of our college work, in view of Acadia's present limited revenues, to attempt to do something at Acadia College that is now being done and can be much better done at our Provincial Normal School seems to me not only a 'departure,' but a monstrous departure that cannot be upheld. Much valuable time has been lost by Dr. S. in referring to a multitude of cases which prove nothing to the purpose; or in maintaining propositions which are either not disputed, or whether they are admitted, or denied, are entirely indifferent to the matter of that chair of didactics and his friend Dr. Rand, which he has come forth to defend. Dr. Saunders and governors, why lose sight of the main question which you cannot defend, and perplex and confuse your minds with these end-subtleties of controversy, while the institution you have been elected to protect and govern trembles from her very foundation? Arise like men, and see if there is not some better way of repairing the injury you have done our loved Acadia than wasting time over purposeless correspondence in the public press. Let not your zeal prevail over discretion, and a false shame deter you from retracting those false steps you have so unfortunately taken. Until this is done 'your wisdom will surely be doubted and your integrity assailed.'

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for space, I remain
Yours truly,
W. L. BARSS.
Nov. 15th, 1883.

A minister had preached a simple sermon upon the text, "And they brought him to Jesus." As he was going home, his little daughter walking beside him said, "I like that sermon so much." "Well, inquired her father, "whom are you going to bring to Jesus?" A thoughtful expression came over her face as she replied, "I think, papa, that I will just bring myself to Him." Her father thought that would do admirably for a beginning.

When Miss Kenely applied for admission to the biology lectures of Prof. Huxley at South Kensington all the male students objected. She persevered and gained her point. At the examinations she carried off the honors from 250 male competitors.

NOTICES.

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The annual meeting of this Convention will be held with the Baptist Church, Great Village, Londonderry, Tuesday, Dec. 11th, 1883, at half-past 2 o'clock. First session will be taken up with election of officers; reports from Sabbath Schools, etc. The subject of mission bands among the Sab. Schools with *Modus Operandi* will occupy the principal time during the sessions. The evening session will commence at 7 o'clock. Circulars will be sent to all the schools in the County and hope for full returns. Schools that have closed for the winter will please report without fail. There will be a good programme. We hope to have a paper from a lady on "Mission bands among our Sabbath School."

A. J. WALKER, Sec'y.
Truro, N. S., Nov. 24, 1883.

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A. H. LAYERS,
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REV. J. H. ROBBINS wishes all correspondence for him addressed to North Springfield, Vermont.

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G. F. D.

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C. S. STRAINS.

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J. PARSONS,
Chairman of Committee
Nov. 10th, 1883.

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On behalf of Committee,
Geo. A. McDonald, Sec'y.
Halifax, Nov. 5th, 1883.

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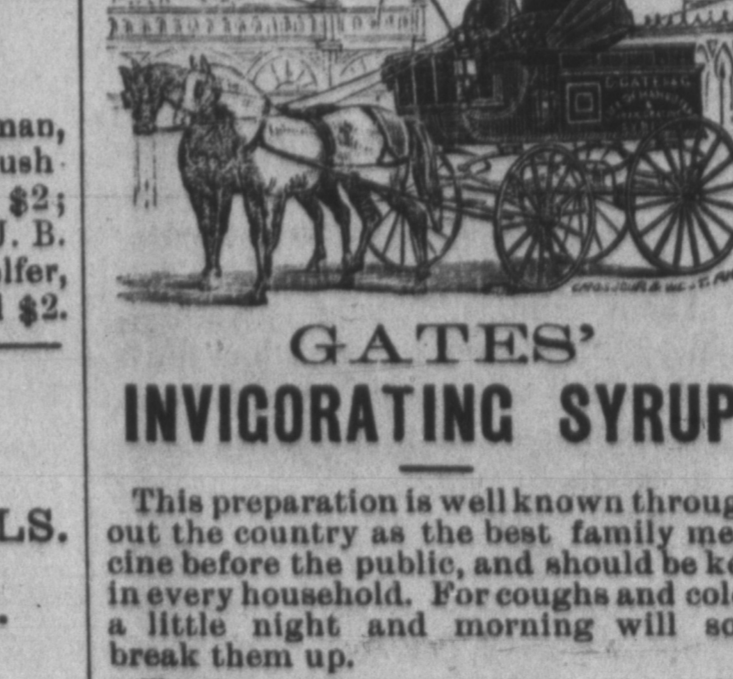
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