

Acadia University - Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 1913 - 7<sup>30</sup> pm.  
at Celebration of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This is an occasion of rejoicing. You at Acadia are today rejoicing over many things - 75 years of profitable life, steady progress and especially rapid progress at the present time under the able leadership of President Cutler, the evidences of which are patent to the eyes of any one who makes even an occasional casual visit to Wolfville; but I think that what you have equal, if not more, reason to rejoice over is the deep and loyal hold which Acadia has over its people. It is a fine thing to see the way in which Alumni and Alumnae have thronged back to the old halls, and to see the pride they take in their own institution. It speaks well for the sure and solid growth of the various institutions which have grown up here in Wolfville.

I wish to be allowed to add to the many <sup>2</sup>  
felicitations you have received those of Dalhousie Univer-  
sity which I have come to represent. ~~As regards the~~  
~~course watched~~ The careers of all the local Colleges are  
closely linked together, and what is good for one is  
good for all, and we each share in the prosperity-  
of the others. We in Dalhousie thoroughly realize this  
fact that all the Colleges rise and fall together, and  
if for no other reason than a selfish one we are glad  
when any good thing happens to Acadia, for we know  
it is the forerunner of some similar advance to  
ourselves. But I hope you will believe that our con-  
gratulations on this jubilee occasion are of a more  
fraternal nature, and that they are caused by our  
knowledge that you have well earned the success  
you have achieved, and that you commanded the respect  
of ~~me~~ and admiration of every one.

In bringing you the felicitations of Dalhousie I am speaking for the Junquet of the Eastern Colleges; for though we have an historic founding nearly 100 years ago, we took a long time learning to sit up and speak — [Ohio child] — though founded in 1818, except for a brief period of activity of five years in the 30's of last century, Dalhousie was but a name until 1863, a year after the foundation of Mt. Allison. We greet you then as an elder brother, and hope to profit by your example made in the future, as we have in the past.

We would not be human if there were not mixed with our admiration a certain amount of Envy, and I hope accordingly that Envy is not too <sup>one of the Capital sins</sup> mortal a Sin. There are two things I especially envy you, among the many. One is the beautiful natural setting of your College, amid old trees

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and the fragrant blossoms and the ever lovely fern, and  
 looking upon Blomidon and Minas and the pleasant hills  
 and valleys. And the other is your name. There is a  
 charm to every Nova Scotian in the name Acadia; it  
 breathes of sentiment and legend and romance. Evangeline  
 and Cabriol mingle in it with Glooscap and the Order  
 of Good Times and with De Meads, Panthoucaut and

Joe Howe in one of the best of  
 his poetical efforts, his Song to Acadia the loud he heard so well,  
 has a passage that if I were an alumnus of this College  
 I would appropriate as my College property: —

"Could I but light one beacon fire, to guide  
 The steps of those who yet may be her guide,  
 Could I but make one never-dying strain  
 Which patriot hearts might echo back again,  
 I'd ask no more — no wreath of glory crown  
 If her approving smile my own Acadia save."

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Alumni Dinner - 1<sup>00</sup> pm.

We had our convocation at Dalhousie about a month ago, and I was descending on what Dalhousie stood for; not long ago I listened while Canon Lloyd spoke eloquently of the fact that King's College stood for character-building; today I learn that Acadia stands out specifically for yet another virtue; and I have not a doubt that Dr. Borden at Mt. Allison is at this minute laying emphasis on the special points of the ground in that Institution; and the thought which has entered my head is the unfair treatment we accord to the student in keeping him for 4 years at one of these Colleges. In justice to him we ought to send him for a year to each, and graduate him in the end with all the virtues in the Calendar. But Mr. President I wonder if he would not frame all the virtues too. Such a course would have much to commend it; but there is one virtue the Bachelor would not possess, and that is love and loyalty to his Alma Mater. This sentiment is a wonderful sweetener of life, and modifies one's harsh attitude toward <sup>all</sup> things <sup>mundane</sup> human; and the only advice I am going to give you graduates, is keep in touch with your Alma Mater - not because you owe her something (it's more than you can pay, so don't try), but because it's good for yourself. The oftener you come back the younger you will grow old. You may give your old College money or books or buildings; but don't come back for that. If you can you'll do that just for the pleasure of it. Keep renewing your youth by coming frequently to these old walls, the haunts of youth, and then if you become a benefactor, it will be because you want to, never because you ought to.