

The Old and The New.

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"What memories cluster round thy moss-grown wall,
Of daring deeds and calm endurance here;
Of happy moments, we would fain recall;
Of friendships formed with those we still hold dear."

IN a short time the old Prince of Wales College will cease to be a reality, and become but a memory which will exist for a short time in the minds of a few and then fade away. The old college will have passed into oblivion.

Those old walls which have for so many years fostered the educational infancy of the young men and women of this Province will be torn down to give place to a newer, more modern structure, suited to the wants of modern people. This is but a repetition of what is taking place around us every day. The new must take the place of the old. Old buildings, old customs, old ideas, old everything must perish and be replaced by the new.

Even we, human beings, must succumb in our turn and be followed by the younger, perhaps better, perhaps worse, than we have been. Memories of us alone remain, and these are very soon forgotten except in the case of a select few who have made their names immortal, who have left "footprints on the sands of time" which will never be obliterated.

There is a certain tinge of sadness in the thought that the old College must go. When we think of the happy days, of the pleasant associations inseparably connected with the old building, we cannot help feeling some regret at its destruction. We must, however, console ourselves with the thought that the old Prince of Wales College has been spared to see a ripe old age, and has lived a life which has not been lived in vain. From those old walls have gone forth men who are numbered among the great, who have won fame for themselves and for their native Province and whom it is our boast to call Prince Edward Islanders.

Let us cherish the memory of old P. W. C., and let us hope that the new college will carry on the good work with increased success, and long remain to watch over the educational interests of our Province.