

DR. ALLISON REPORTS YEAR JUST CLOSED MOST PROSPEROUS ON RECORD; 2 HONORARY DEGREES

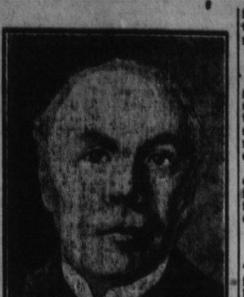
Special to The Standard. Sackville, N. B., June 1.—A large audience gathered tonight in Lingley Hall to attend the last convocation that will be held in this historic edifice. Dr. Allison reported the past year the most prosperous one on record both in point of attendance and study. The valedictory address delivered by Ivan C. Rand was an exceptionally able one. The theme was treated in a masterly manner and its delivery excited favorable comment. Honor certificates were given in philosophy to Rand, Smiley and Beasley in mathematics, and Graham and Miss Ripley in English. Prof. Hannon announced that four new bursaries of fifty dollars each from the estate of the late Dr. Wesley Smith would next year be awarded for full matriculation. Of first classes standing in English...

Edition of Shakespeare, D. H. Corley, London, England, R. E. Fritcham essay prize of twenty dollars, given to the student making the highest average in the twelve essays of the sophomore and junior years, I. C. Rand, Moncton, N. B. Essay prize of twenty-five dollars in the sophomore class in mathematics, A. M. Knight, Elgin, N. B. Margaret H. Sinnett prize twenty-five dollars in the class in advanced English, Alberta F. Craig and C. C. Rand, Engineering Department, S. N. Brookfield prize in the second year for the best general average, first prize, V. C. Elderton, Advocate Harbor, N. S., fifty dollars. Second prize, Charles M. McDougall, Moncton, thirty dollars. Third prize, W. Roy Smith, St. John, twenty dollars. First year class of 1909 prize for best general average, twenty-five dollars, D. M. Trapnell, St. John. Prize for descriptive geometry, fifteen dollars, D. M. Trapnell, St. John. First prize for showwork, ten dollars, Ira P. McNab, St. John, N. P. In theology, Harvey life membership in the theological for highest average in senior year, Charles O. Rockie, Dartmouth. Sackville district prize for English Bible, twenty-five dollars, R. B. Thomas, Halifax. Systematic theology prize, twenty-five dollars, donated by Joseph Abbott, St. John, won by Wm. Grimes, Little Bay Island, N. P. Preliminary Greek testament prize donated by Rev. H. P. Patterson, ten dollars, Wm. H. Hughes, senior Greek, given by W. B. Tennant, St. John, twenty dollars, Harvey Boyle, Bolton, England. Hebrew class prize, donor, Rev. A. B. Higgin, Hebrew Lexion, value ten dollars, W. M. Grimes, Little Bay Island, N. P. Educational sermon, prize five dollars, Harry Boyle, Bolton, England. Rebecca A. Starr bursary for the highest average in the second year, sixty dollars, W. M. Grimes, Little Bay Island, N. P. Bibbert C. Lawrence bursary for the highest average in the first year, fifty dollars, Simon Edwards, Kingsbury, England. For the second highest general average in the first year, donated by John Sealey, St. John, twenty dollars, Wm. H. Hughes, Wales.

METHODISTS OF NEW BRUNSWICK WELCOME SIR ROBERT PERKS, BART., M.P.—CENTENARY SCENE OF LUNCHEON AND MASS MEETING

Sir Robert Perks, Bart., M. P., of London, was welcomed to St. John yesterday, in the most fitting manner by his fellow Methodists. The denomination of which Sir Robert is a most prominent member was to the fore from the time the Methodist baronet stepped from the train until the close of the great mass meeting in Centenary church.

Formal Welcome. The distinguished visitor was met at the station by His Worship Mayor Bullock, in the most fitting manner by his fellow Methodists. The denomination of which Sir Robert is a most prominent member was to the fore from the time the Methodist baronet stepped from the train until the close of the great mass meeting in Centenary church.



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He had not time to allude to all the points mentioned by Dr. Daniel, the chairman. He would say, however, that he would carry back to the old country the tidings that Canadian Methodism was filled with life and vigor. He hoped the lay preacher was not considered a thing of the past in England next Sunday twenty thousand sermons would be preached, twenty thousand of them by lay preachers. (Applause.) In the old country the lay preacher was a great factor in the work of the church, and he felt sure would continue to be so.

Immigration. Sir Robert proceeded to discuss the Canadian immigration problem as it affected the Methodist Church. He advocated the preparation of registers of laboring men desirous of migrating from Great Britain to Canada. Many of the organizations handling immigrants care nothing about the men and women with whom they deal, as long as the bonus is paid by the transportation company.

Register System. Of course it was desired that the best of the English working-classes should be kept at home. But they could not be kept there. They were attracted by the outlying parts of the Empire. Many people opposed the movement. The trades unions did, many employers did, but it was necessary that some one should interest themselves in the matter. It was hoped that there would soon be registers of Methodist employers and of Methodist workmen in cities in Great Britain and in Canada.

DR. ALLISON. President of Mt. Allison University. Mathematics, Natural Science and Languages, the class of 1899 offers fifty dollars for prizes, subjects and conditions to be arranged, the class of 1898 offers one hundred and twenty dollars, part of which is to provide a magazine stand for the library, the balance to be invested in the income applied for the purchase of magazines. Dr. Andrews announced that a new prize of twenty dollars was offered in the engineering department by H. F. S. Palley, to be known as the H. F. S. Palley prize to be awarded to the student making the highest second year average and who returned to take a B. A. degree.

Established Bursary. Mrs. Paisley, widow of the late dean, Dr. R. C. Paisley, has established a bursary in memory of her husband seven hundred dollars will be invested and the income from the same is to be awarded to the best student in New Testament Greek.

Non-Conformist Disabilities. For two years he had been chairman of the two hundred Non-Conformist members of the House of Commons. He had been placed in that position, he supposed, because he had always preferred to be as a politician, as free as air and not under the domination of any political party. Had the leaders of the Liberal party had the courage that it was thought they had he had little doubt but that all persons not conforming to the state religion in England would now be enjoying the full religious freedom enjoyed in Canada for years, and also in every outlying portion of the Empire.

Remainder of Toast List. Owing to the lack of time the remainder of the toast list was cut short. Mr. H. A. Powell proposed Methodism to which Dr. Anglin replied. Mr. H. A. Powell proposed the Ladies, which was accepted in connection with the Methodist Church. Mr. F. R. Murray replied.

Methodist Brotherhood. His Worship the Mayor introduced Sir Robert in a few well-chosen words. The speaker of the evening dealt largely with the question of a Methodist Brotherhood for the Empire. The Methodist Church in England was not decadent but was going ahead with leaps and bounds. In Scotland and Wales there were three great divisions in the Church, Primitive Methodists, Free Methodists and Wesleyans. These divisions had six and a half millions of adherents.

Immigration. The press had announced that Sir Robert would interest himself in Canadian immigration. If such was the case it was good news for Canada. He had received too many Dukhobors, Lithuanians, Buckingians and other European people who had different religious and political ideas than those of Canadians. It was to be hoped that Sir Robert would be able to have sent to Canada parties of Englishmen imbued with a respect and love for the British flag, and possessing religious training similar to that possessed by many Canadians.

Ex-Chief Justice Tuck arose amid applause to second Dr. Daniel. The speaker prefaced his remarks by praising his appreciation of the efforts of the ladies who had assisted in making the luncheon so great a success. He also commented on the fact that contrary to the custom at many luncheons no wine was served. The ex-Chief Justice then referred to the long and distinguished career of Sir Robert Perks as a politician, as a businessman, and as a member of the Methodist church. Sir Robert, said the speaker, was one of the foremost Englishmen of the century. (Applause.)

United Bods. His old friend of Kingswood (Dr. Daniel) had spoken of the bonds of sentiment uniting Canada and a Great Britain. These bonds could be strengthened by the strengthening of the bonds uniting Methodists more closely in the several parts of the Empire. (Applause.) Mr. George Henderson followed Sir Robert moving a resolution of appreciation. Mr. J. Willard Smith seconded the resolution.

Organ Resitai. Shortly after eight o'clock those in attendance at the luncheon adjourned to the auditorium of the church where a mass meeting was held. An organ recital preceded the meeting. The speaker of the evening, the Mayor, presided. After the opening anthem Rev. S. Howard, B. A., B. D., led devotional exercises. A solo by Miss Curran was a feature of the program.

Wesley's Test. Had Wesley been alive he no doubt would have taken a broad view of matters as his methods were elastic. He employed every class of men for the advancement of the Gospel and he permitted the women of the Church to preach if they so desired. Wesley had been a successful tyrant though irregular in his methods.

Methodism in the Old Country had a great and powerful organization. That position it had reached without patronage or outside financial assistance. Wesley had had dukes and duchesses in his congregations but they had gone to hear him as they would have gone to hear the latest Lord. Methodism had never pandered to patronage. The Methodist Church was an independent organization.

Effect on Lower Classes. Methodism had had a great effect on the lower classes. The drunkard had become sober through its influence, the thief had reformed. Methodism though not poor, was a denomination of the people.

LARGE CROWDS SEE ACADIA'S GRADUATES IN THEIR CLOSING EXERCISES; SEMINARY PRIZES

Special to The Standard. Wolfville, N. S., June 1.—The sun shone brightly this morning and before the hour set for the beginning of the class day exercises of the senior class of the university, College Hall was well filled by friends of the graduates. The graduates marched in to the strains of the entrance march played by Miss Rand, of Kentville, and Miss Barnaby of St. John. After a few remarks by the class president, Mr. McCutcheon, of St. John, the roll of members of the class was called, those making appropriate references to the absent members. A vocal duet by Miss Knowles and Mr. Roy was much appreciated.



REV. DR. HUTCHISON, President of Acadia College.

Class Prophecy. The reading of the class prophecy by Mr. Bert V. White, of Wolfville, was also greeted with applause. A vocal solo by Miss McLatchy, of Moncton, a member of the graduating class, followed. The exercises were concluded by the reading of the valedictory, which was generally regarded as one of the best heard at Acadia for many years.

Art Exhibition. The art exhibition held in Alumni Hall of the Seminary this afternoon showed evidence of careful and skilled work being done in this department. The closing exercises of Acadia Seminary this evening attracted a large audience which crowded the hall long before the hour of beginning. The graduating girls, thirty-four in number, presented a lovely sight as they marched in line clad in white while the occasional march was rendered by Miss Burditt and Miss Knowles.



MISS DOROTHY MANNING, Winner of Governor-General's Gold Medal at Acadia.

Graduates. The Seminary graduating class is composed of: Collegiate Course, Ermie Mae Baker, Margaretsville, N. S., Caroline Bogart, Lower Granville, N. S., Eugenia Bohart, Lower Granville, N. S., Mary E. Calhoun, Gaspe, P. Q., Elsie Blanchard Estabrooks, St. John, N. B., Alice Sadie Harrington, Sydney, C. B., Nina Dashiely Hubley, Halifax, N. S., Charlotte Hyland Layton, Truro, N. S., Clara Lewis, Brownville, Me., Hazel Rita Philipp, St. John, N. B., Kathleen Pined, Waterville, N. S., Lois Adelaide Porter, Kentville, N. S., Viola Beatrice Weaver, Wolfville, N. S., Sophomore Matriculation Course, Grace Ellwood Bulmer, Great Village, N. S., Gladys Clarke, Bear River, N. S., Josephine Marshall Clarke, Bear River, N. S., Ira Clara Freeman, Halifax, N. S.

Prizes. Prizes were then awarded to the graduating class. 1.—G. P. Payzant prize for general scholarship, won by Miss Nina Hubley, Halifax, N. S. 2.—O. P. Payzant prize for excellence in French, won by Miss Josephine Clarke, Bear River. 3.—O. P. Payzant prize for excellence in instrumental music, won by Miss Charlotte Layton, Truro. 4.—Christianity Club prize, scholarship, won by Miss Ermie Mae Baker, Margaretsville. 5.—Governor General's medal for English essay, won by Miss Weaver, Wolfville. 6.—\$10 prize for art work, won by Miss Flora Denton, Little River, Digby county, N. S. 7.—Book prize, excellence in piano-forte, won by Miss Charlotte Layton, Truro. 8.—Book prize, second standing in French, won by Miss Elia Vance, Debert Station, N. S. The exercises were concluded with an address to the graduating class by Rev. W. W. McMaster of St. John. Programme for tomorrow, 10 a. m., anniversary exercises at college, 2 p. m., baseball game, 8 p. m., convocations.

Mr. McMaster took for his subject The Perfecting of Self, the Crowning Service. The last days of school, are personally happy, but moral infirmities must bring moments of seriousness because of the imminence of facing the battles of life. The student must not regard education as completed in leaving Acadia, for it is never completed even in future life. Measurement of attainment in perfection of character depends largely on the measure of attainment in a useful life of service. The guiding thought of those in charge of the Seminary had not, he thought, been to impart mere instruction or to discipline the mind but to influence the students to the attainment of noble character. While this is a practical aim and there is a practical service, there is also a tendency to overlook soul-quality in that service. It is not what we do but what we are that counts, and no one can do greater service to generations to come than by the attainment of a strong and beautiful life. The perfecting of self is the crowning service.

The development of self may be pursued along these lines: 1. Self conquest. While poetry and prose have exalted military heroism there is a heroism far grander than any displayed in the military exploits, the heroism displayed on the battlefield of the heart in the conquest of self over self. It is no easy task to conquer self. Yet victory means victory elsewhere while defeat spells failure everywhere. 2. Self culture through thought and imagination. It is not enough to subdue base feelings, but we must cultivate what is large and noble, through beautiful thought. 3. These two elements combine to make possible the third, self-sacrifice. The more we deny ourselves for another's good the more rapid is the attainment of our own good. The field for sacrifice of self is as wide as the world. There is no better field for sacrifice than the home. Let this then be the ambition, the postar of life to attain a noble character by the perfection of self.

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NEWFOUNDLAND RUNS BEHIND \$150,000. St. John's, Nfld., June 1.—The colony ran behind \$150,000 in its finances during the past year, according to a statement submitted to the Legislature in addition to this indebtedness, Newfoundland is indebted to a considerable outlay on public works which was ordered by the late Bond Government without legislative authority, due to the deadlock existing in the House of Assembly. The floating debt is now \$300,000 for which loan bill has now to be passed at this session.

MR. PUGSLEY'S ACTION. Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., June 1.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley said today that the action he has instituted in the New Brunswick court of equity, arising out of the report of the Central Railway Commission, will likely come to trial in September. It will involve, he says, a review of the whole case.

HEADQUARTERS AT OTTAWA. Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Kung Hain Chao, the Chinese Consul-General is to take up his residence and headquarters at Ottawa, not Montreal as announced a few days ago. The London Gazette, containing the official announcement of the appointment makes this clear.

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