

THE WESLEYAN SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1879.

Acadia College and Academies have enjoyed a prosperous year and closed up with a very successful convocation last week.

From a telegram just received on going to press we learn that the beloved wife of Rev. W. H. Evans peacefully passed away on Tuesday night.

Rev. C. H. Paisley was unanimously elected successor to Rev. B. Longley, A. M., as Principal of the Male Academy, Mount Allison.

There is a bare possibility that Dr. Alexander Sutherland, will be present at the approaching sessions of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Conference.

Dr. Potts has written us, disclaiming some of the sentiments contained in a report we published recently of his remarks at the funeral of the lamented Mr. Gooderham, killed by railway accident.

We omitted to mention last week the death of William Lloyd Garrison, a distinguished anti-slavery champion of America in the stormy days of the past.

A frightful scene met the gaze of observers near Niagara last Sunday week. A smuggler attempted to cross above the rapids, while in a state of intoxication, and in his helplessness was borne into the fatal current and over the cataract.

Owing to our absence at Sackville the Presbyterian Witness of May 31st, was not read by us in time to notice in our last issue a paragraph in relation to Mr. W. L. Cunningham.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

The closing exercises of the Ladies' Academy were held this year, as were those of the Male, on Monday morning, distinct from the Anniversary of the College.

On Tuesday morning Dr. Kennedy's branch of the Institutions appeared to excellent advantage. The principal himself shows the results of natural anxiety during this initial year of his guardianship of the Ladies - a year whose very pleasing results are creditable to his administration.

Wednesday morning came the Convocation of the College. During several years of observation, which have made these exercises so familiar that imagination can almost of itself originate a Sackville Anniversary, we do not remember any series of graduate essays so well sustained as those given on the Programme elsewhere published.

The proportion of College graduates who succeed in life - in the sense of making wealth, or even of securing a very independent livelihood - is not large. On the excellent authority of the Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, we have the assurance that good classical scholars seldom make a failure in life.

Every form of excellence, whether purely material, or moral in its nature, is a species of sublimation. Like a figure of uncommon beauty painted on a sombre background, owing its brightness to the shadows in which it stands, or like designs wrought in tapestry, and imprinted in a fabric of cloth; or like a stately edifice whose polished stones were hewn out of the rock on which it is reared: so excellence in its divinest forms, is but a refinement to a higher perfection of human elements.

wealth - is, in fact, but one element, and that not always an essential element, in the pursuit of wealth.

On the other hand, they will carry with them perpetually the true inspiration of that knowledge which has only begun to open its charms and advantages to their observation. They will not allow common duties to degrade them into menial habits or instincts. They will remember that, while all young men may be gentle-men, scholars can never be anything else, except they relinquish or forfeit their rights.

Chancellor Hill's address was one of the principal features of this Convocation. It was certainly very good. While insisting upon the advantages of the higher education, he did not ignore - indeed emphasized - the dangers and defects which are sure to accompany collegiate studies when not properly sustained by moral and industrial habits.

The Trustees had their usual proportion of difficulties this year, in retrospective and prospective arrangements. Principal Longley resigned his position at an early stage of the meeting, leaving before the Trustees the perplexing question of supplying a chief officer for the Male Academy.

THE ART OF SUBLIMATION.

To transform the mean, to ennoble the common, to sublimate comparatively low materials into forms and figures of a loftier excellence, is an art which the world's best minds have coveted, and by their success in cultivating it, they have won their honourable distinction.

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face, but still the lineaments were traceable by those personally acquainted with the features of the original. Now these are instances in which genius sublimates its materials, by lifting them up to loftier regions of conception. By a similar process the mind can carry forward, and incorporate into the fabric of its own character, the best elements of human models.

"Yet must I not give nature all; thy art My gentle Shakespeare must enjoy a part. For though the poet's matter nature be, His art doth give the fashion; and that he Who casts to write a living line must sweat (Such as are thine), and strike the second heat Upon the Muse's anvil, * * * Or for a laurel he may gain a scorn, For a good poet's made as well as born."

With equal care must one seek to sublimate the nature that is in himself and that is in his models, for in a sense the saint is made as well as born, and the highest art therefore is imperatively required. In the cultivation of this art of sublimation, a keen insight into the latent excellences of our model, and an enthusiasm for it will be found helpful.

Such, then, is the art of sublimation. It is to make the mind a canvas upon which shall shine out, amidst the drapery of its shadows, the face that is divine. It is to carve out from the marble of the heart, the image of Christ. It is to quarry from the stony depths of our nature materials - living stones - polished after the similitude of a palace, from which to rear a spiritual temple where the Holy Ghost shall dwell.

Dr. Fulton has found rest after an extended season of exasperation. Not for long, as we verily believe. He always reminds us of those animalcules seen in impure water, that go on rolling over and over without cessation.

We have seen many attempts at describing the renowned Justin D. Fulton, D. D., that rare close-communicant, who has at length managed to organize himself into a church from which he excludes even his most stringent Baptist Brethren.

gymnast, a bombshell and a firecracker, all in one. No wonder this curious nondescript, this combination of insect, reptile, animal and combustible, gives so much trouble in the United States. He can swim or leap, collide or burst, as occasion may require - the above description being true.

When it was rumoured that Mr. Beecher was preparing to visit Montreal, as chaplain of a Brooklyn regiment, with the purpose of doing honor to our Queen on her birth-day, we all felt grateful; when the grand speech of Mr. Beecher in Montreal was published, its stirring and sympathetic sentiments made us all feel proud of our monarch and our country; when we heard that he occupied the pulpit of Great St. James street church on Sabbath morning, it may be presumed we as Methodists felt not a little honored; but all this is painfully met by the humiliating fact since published, that Mr. Beecher left Montreal by train on Sunday afternoon "amid uproarious hilarity."

CORRESPONDENCE.

SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD. GRANTS TO NEEDY SCHOOLS, &c.

Table listing grants to needy schools in Montreal, including Port Mouton, Nova Scotia Conference, Merrilton, Toronto Conference, Bismarck, etc.

Several of the brethren receiving these grants have returned hearty thanks for the valuable assistance thus received.

We give a few extracts from some of these letters. Rev. M. Baugh, of Bismarck, says: "I am happy to inform you that I have received the books for the Bismarck Mission."

Rev. J. T. Pitcher writes: "The school (for which the books were sent) is a Mission one in the outskirts of the city, Ottawa, and the books and papers will be a help to the mission school."

Rev. J. Johnson, Port Mouton, N. S., writes: "The books are suitable, and will greatly aid and encourage our schools in their good work."

Our Book rooms furnish these books at greatly-reduced prices for this purpose - so that the schools receive more than the sums granted would indicate.

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