

THE ACADIAN.

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The New President.

Dr. George B. Cutten is to be the next president of Acadia University. The announcement was made at chapel on Monday morning by Rev. Dr. Manning, the chairman of the Board of Governors, and the news was received with applause by the students assembled. In accordance with the action of the Board at the meeting recently held Dr. Manning went to Columbus, Ohio, where he interviewed Dr. Cutten, and the news of his acceptance was received here on Friday evening last.

Dr. Cutten is well known in Wolfville, and his many friends here will be glad to welcome him back among us. Dr. Cutten will take the reins of office on Feb. 1st, when he will enter upon his new duties as the university's head. The choice is a particularly popular one, and we predict that Dr. Cutten's term of office will be fraught with much usefulness to Acadia.

Dr. Cutten is a native of Amherst, son of the late W. F. Cutten, once a business man in that town. He was educated in the schools of Amherst and at Acadia University. He took a post graduate course in Yale winning distinction in his studies, and still more in athletics as the strong man of the football team. Dr. Cutten was for some time a coach for the Yale team, and became known throughout the continent as one of the best centres Yale ever had.

But this was with him an incident. He took a full theological course, and entered the ministry of the Baptist church. At present he is a pastor of a large congregation at Columbus, Ohio. He is a popular lecturer and is now delivering a course of addresses at Toledo.

Dr. Cutten is the author of two books, one of which is better known to specialists on psychology than to the unlearned. This is a remarkable treatise on psychology of alcoholism. In preparing this book the author studied the phenomena of intemperance from subjects whom he met. His book is cited as authority by Professor James, of Harvard, in his Psychology of Religion, and by Professor Jackson, of Victoria College, in his book on Conversion.

Dr. Cutten has written another book on a related subject. It may be assumed that he will take the chair of philosophy at Acadia. Dr. Cutten, who is now thirty-five years old, married some eight years ago.

Mrs. Cutten, who was formerly Miss Minnie Brown, is a native of Wolfville and a graduate of Acadia. Her girlish friends will be glad to have her back again as the wife of the president of our College.

Temperance Day in the Churches.

In nearly all the evangelical churches of the land the services last Sunday had a special reference to the liquor traffic and the pressing need for prohibition in the land.

In the Baptist church of this town the Rev. Mr. Webster spoke eloquently from the scripture, "Am I my brother's keeper," and the large audience present seemed in hearty accord with the words of the preacher. In the evening at the Methodist church Rev. Mr. Prestwood also gave an excellent address on the subject.

The drink bill of Great Britain last year was \$300,000,000, enough to build eighty Dreadnoughts. Canada's drink bill last year was \$37,000,000, quite enough to build five Dreadnoughts of which we hear so much. The liquor traffic is the great evil of the present time. It is greater than any other evil and the cause of most of them.

By the Dominion law all liquor saloons are closed on election day. If men should be sober on election day should they not also be kept sober on every other day? No saloon is allowed within a certain distance of a public works. Should not the private workshop and home be as well protected? These are federal enactments. The legalizing of the liquor course by the government is one of the greatest handicaps of the present movement, and after the government legalizes the business it is British fair play to saddle all the blame upon the man behind the bar?

One half of the states in the American Union are now prohibition States. A government that reaps benefit from anything that destroys citizenship has no right to exist. There is not a law in the statute book but what is violated, but is that any reason why we should not have laws?

A Fine Calendar.

We have received a copy of "The Gospel Text Calendar," for 1910, published by H. S. Hallman, of Berlin, Ont. It contains thirteen large sheets, beautifully printed in color, suspended from a silk cord. Each sheet except the cover contains a design of a Bible with a Bible text for each day in the month, and at the lower end of the sheet a calendar for the month in large figures. The publisher desires us active agents in each county or city to sell the calendar.

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A Masonic Anniversary.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, A. F. AND A. M., CELEBRATES ITS 125TH BIRTHDAY.

Last week was an interesting one for the members of the Masonic fraternity in this town. St. George's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 20 R. N. S., formerly No. 11 R. E., organized Nov. 1784, had the almost unique pleasure of celebrating its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary on Friday, the 26th of November.

Careful preparations had been made by the W. Master, Mr. R. Creighton, and his officers and committees for the celebration of so important an event, and when the time arrived everything was in readiness.

In the afternoon the Lodge met in emergent session. A unique and most remarkable feature was that the master, wardens and some other officers wore the same jewels of office that were worn in 1785 by those occupying the same offices, and the great altar, pedestals and candlesticks were used that were built for Lodge in 1827. The meeting was held in the Lodge Room, McKenna block. After being opened in due form the proceedings began with the reception of the M. W. Grand Master, W. Marshall Black, who made an official visitation accompanied by several Past Grand Masters and was received with the grand honors of Masonry after which he made a short address of greeting.

The W. Master in an admirable speech welcomed the G. M. on behalf of the Lodge and stated to the brethren present the object for which the meeting was called. He referred to the centennial celebration of 1884 and expressed his gratification that so many of those who were present on that occasion were able to be present now. Notably among the brethren were Past Masters J. W. Bigelow, Dr. Payzant, G. H. Wallace, J. W. Caldwell, J. D. Chambers, M. W. Pick and A. M. Moore. He called attention to the great progress made by the Lodge during its long and eventful career and expressed the hope that all those present would be on hand to celebrate the next twenty-five years, or the 150th anniversary.

The Grand Master in reply spoke very interestingly referring to his pleasure in visiting St. George's for the first time officially on this occasion. He also made mention of the new Mason's Home at Windsor, the first of its kind in Canada, and thanked St. George's Lodge for the very generous support that had been given to the project both in funds and work from its inception. He congratulated the Lodge on its antiquity and the excellence of its present condition.

After all had joined heartily in a Masonic hymn the Rev. George R. Martell, of Walsford Lodge, Windsor, gave an address upon the principles of Freemasonry. He began by extending the fraternal greetings of Walsford Lodge to St. George's. He spoke of some men who though old in years yet had young hearts, who kept in active touch with the daily affairs of the world's life, who retained their interest and participated in all that went for the building up of the character and the welfare of the community in which they lived. St. George's Lodge in its youthful vigor had been able to do this in much the same way and while counting off the 125 years of its existence had continued to be young in all that makes for the welfare of the town and for its own members.

As it increases in age from year to year may it show greater signs of progress from following closer the great principles of Masonry. He pictured the beauties of the text of the order, of its ritual and its teachings, and argued that because these principles pointed the way to the highest and best in man, all that beautify and strengthen a man's life, he must necessarily go out of the Lodge a better man than when he entered it. His address was marked by great earnestness of delivery and was enthusiastically received by the brethren.

Mr. Martell was followed by an historical sketch by Past Master, A. M. Moore. He traced the Lodge from its organization in November, 1784, under dispensation from Prov. G. M., John George Pyke, to the centennial celebration in 1784. Space will not permit us to give the details of the many trials and triumphs of this one and respected institution during the first century of its existence. Many unique and intensely interesting facts in its long, eventful life were portrayed, and the various connecting links making up the continuity of its existence were carefully recorded. Appreciative references were made to many members who during the century had been active in forwarding the interests of the Lodge. Those too who have passed away were feelingly referred to. The paper closed with a sketch of the centennial celebration in 1884.

Dr. A. J. McKenna, P. M., followed with an admirable sketch of the happenings of the last quarter of a century, or from 1884 to date. He gave an excellent account of the efforts put forth by the Lodge in 1891 to secure from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia permission to wear a centennial jewel which was finally successful. He traced the great growth of the lodge in recent years, from a membership of 29 in 1884 to a membership of 83 in 1909, and referred to the excellent conditions which exist in it to-day. St. George's Lodge has many things of which up to Masons are justly proud. Among which are the warrant, No. 812, from the Grand Lodge of England, and which was positively never cancelled, the records of every meeting the Lodge ever held.

The ladies—responded to by Dr. DeWitt, and A. M. Moore.

Our next meeting—responded to by Principal Robinson and A. W. Foster.

An excellent program was rendered as follows:— Quartet—Mrs. (Dr.) Moore, Mrs. A. J. Woodman, Mrs. (Dr.) Bowles and Miss West.

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This narrative was followed by short addresses by the following: who were present in 1884: J. W. Bigelow, Dr. E. N. Payzant, Geo. H. Wallace, J. W. Caldwell, J. D. Chambers, A. M. Moore, also by visiting brothers, Ross Chipman, of Kentville; W. H. Smith, of St. John; R. D. Green, of Canning; Rev. J. W. Porter, of Bear River; and Dr. DeWitt, A. M. Wheaton, I. B. Oakes and others of St. George's Lodge. All the addresses were much enjoyed and a very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent.

In the evening a banquet was held at which a large number of Masons and ladies friends were present. The affair was handsomely arranged and decorated for the occasion, the whole arrangement reflecting much credit upon those having the work in charge. W. M. R. Creighton, presided in a most felicitous manner, and after a simple supper had been done to the good things provided, the following toast list was proposed:

The King—responded to by singing the national anthem.
St. George's Lodge—responded to by J. W. Bigelow, Dr. E. N. Payzant, J. D. Chambers and J. W. Caldwell, who came from Ottawa to be present.
Our guests—responded to by Rev. G. R. Martell, of Windsor; W. H. Smith, of St. John; Dr. Shaw, of Kentville; Mr. Solomon, of Canning.
Departed brethren—drank in all honor.
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