

the graduating class—a masterly presentation of the forces at work in the material, social and moral orders, rapidly changing the character of the age and relation of men.

He was followed by Dr. Dyde of Queens University, who was introduced by Dr. W. C. Crockett, president of the Associated Alumni Society, and he delivered the Alumni oration, taking for his subject "A United Canada in a United Empire." The address was scholarly, trenchant, critical; full of caustic reflections, but advocating a high ideal of national life and national responsibility.

The valedictory by Mr. Cook of the graduating class was of the usual reminiscent and humorous character, and made a good impression.

The singing of "God Save the King" made the old halls echo. "Auld Lang Syne" and other appropriate songs and airs were rendered by the students, and so ended the 50th anniversary of the founding of the U. N. B.

ACADIA UNIVERSITY.

Acadia's seventy-second Anniversary occurred on the first day of June. This year the Baccalaureate service was preached by Dr. R. S. MacArthur of New York, a man who has the enviable distinction of holding the pastorate of a great church in that great city for a period of forty years. In the evening of the same day an address was delivered by Rev. Prof. Cross, of Newton Theological Institution. On Monday evening, May 30th, the closing exercises of Horton Academy took place; and on Tuesday evening, of the girls' school, Acadia Seminary. The apple-blossoms in the fair country around were at their fullest bloom, but the weather, excepting Wednesday, the great day of the feast, was dark and rainy. College Hall was over-crowded at all the meetings, however, so that fine days would only have increased the number who could not be seated. The address to the graduating class of the Academy was made by Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, of Amherst; and to the Seminary graduates by Prof. J. B. Hall, Ph. D., of the Normal School, Truro, N. S.

The year just ended has been a good one. Last autumn, a little after college work for the year began, a new Science Hall, the gift of Mr. Carnegie, a brick building of comely appearance, enduring qualities, and up-to-date conveniences, was formally opened with appropriate ceremonies. This was an event not merely of interest to Acadia's immediate friends, but to all concerned about the advancement of scientific education in these Provinces. The principal address of the occasion was by Prof. H. A. Burnstead, an eminent physicist of Yale University, upon "The Functions of a University Laboratory." Most cordial have

been the relations existing in recent years between Yale and Acadia, and it was gratifying to hear Prof. Burnstead use the following words in the opening of his lecture on that October day: "We owe to Acadia some of the best young men we have at Yale, and I can assure you that no university on the continent, great or small, has among us a higher reputation for the quality of its graduates."

The building has proved eminently satisfactory. With the installation of an excellent gas-producing plant, it is lacking in no essential for first-class work in the department of Physics and Chemistry. Instruction in Biology has been maintained throughout the year as an elective for Juniors and Seniors. The Dominion government has here established a meteorological station, and a course in meteorology has been offered during the second half of the year.

Dr. George B. Cutten, well known through his books on psychology, began his work as President in the month of February, and has since exerted a strong influence for the infusing of new life into the schools. Next year he will have charge of the work in Philosophy and Metaphysics, lately done by Prof. Hartmann, who has returned to New York. Prof. Sidney Pattison has rendered a good year's service in the department of English.

Mr. N. Curry, President of the Canada Car and Foundry Company, a gentleman now residing in Montreal, but formerly of Amherst, N. S., Dr. Cutten's old home, has just paid over to the treasurer of Acadia University the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to endow a chair of Engineering, to be known as the "Ivan Curry Chair," in memory of a departed son of the donor. Other large gifts seem to be looming in sight but definite announcements cannot yet be made concerning these. A fine library building, it is hoped, will be reared at no distant day, a building in which the valuable library will be safe from the ravages of fire. The library has been enlarged by the addition of over twelve hundred volumes during the year.

Thirty-six graduated from the College, thirty-two taking the B. A., and four the B. Sc. degree. The class was represented at commencement by four speakers: Arthur H. Chute, of Wolfville, N. S.; W. S. McIntyre, of St. John, N. B.; Ivan S. Nowlan, of Havelock, N. S.; and Miss M. E. Slack, of Windsor, N. S.

The following Honorary Degrees were conferred: the Degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. R. S. MacArthur, of New York; Rev. W. F. Armstrong, of Burmah; and Rev. David Hutchinson, of St. John. The Degree of Doctor of Laws, upon Charles F. Mayers, M. D., of New York; and the M. A. Degree upon three gentlemen: Amos O'Blenes, of Moncton, N. B.; Alex. McKay, Supervisor of Halifax Schools; and M. C. Smith, M. D., of Lynn, Mass. Eight persons received the M. A. Degree in Course.