

the viands had been discussed, the guests lingered long at the tables to enjoy a feast of reason and flow of soul. The toasts (drunk in cold water of course) were "The King," "Our Alma Mater," "The Graduating Class," "The Learned Professors," "Our Sister Universities," and "The Ladies." Mr. I. B. Oakes, M. A., President of the Alumni Association, presided with graceful tact, and in connection with the proposing and responding to the toasts interesting speeches, well seasoned with humor, were heard from a number of the Alumni and their guests, including President Trotter and ex-President Sawyer, Mr. J. H. Cunningham of the Graduating Class, Mr. Rupert G. Haley of St. John, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Rev. A. A. Cameron of Ottawa, Rev. H. C. Newcombe of Yarmouth, Dr. C. Goodspeed of McMaster University, Rev. J. D. Freeman of Toronto, and Mr. A. L. Davidson of Middleton. It is evidence of the good quality of the speeches that the great majority of those present remained to the close of a three hours' sitting. It was pronounced on all hands the most successful Alumni dinner which had been held since the resuscitation of that function three years ago.

**Acadia Seminary.**

The closing exercises in connection with the Seminary took place on Tuesday evening. Among all the events of anniversary week there is nothing so popular as the ceremonies connected with the closing of the Seminary. For years past, in spite of a twenty-five cents admission fee, Assembly Hall has been crowded long before the time for the opening of the exercises, and the present year was no exception. The interest in the sweet girl graduate is perennial, and the people never tire of watching the long white-clad procession of pupils and teachers marching to slow music into the hall. It is gratifying to know that the Seminary has had a successful year. The attendance has been the largest in its history. There have been 78 resident pupils taking the regular course, while the number of residents, including young ladies who are taking the college course, has been 90, and including day pupils the number in attendance was 192. The prospect for a large attendance next year is also highly encouraging. The Graduating Class for 1904 numbers sixteen, as follows:

- Francis Winifrid Burditt—Certificate in Voice.
- Anna Belle Clarke—Certificate in Domestic Science.
- Clara Amelia Daniels—Collegiate Course.
- Sarah Leonard Elliott—Collegiate Course.
- Harriet Conradine Faulkner—Collegiate Course.
- Ethel Annie Fitch—Collegiate Course.
- Nora Isabel Ferguson—Collegiate Course.
- Lillian Gertrude Andrews Heales—Certificate in Voice.
- Gertrude Blanche Henderson—Certificate in Pianoforte.
- Florence Edith Hickson—Collegiate Course.
- Fauley Bessie Price—Diploma in Pianoforte.
- Nina Vivian Shaw—Certificate in Eloquence.
- Helen Skene—Collegiate Course.
- Edith Warrington Spurden—Diploma in Pianoforte.
- Lillian Adella Strong—Diploma in Pianoforte.
- Hazel May Wortman—Diploma in Pianoforte.

- Following is the programme of the evening's exercises:
- Processional March—Meyerbeer
- Misses Laura Rainforth and Helen Fowler.
- Prayer.
- Vocal Solo—Angels Guard Thee—Godard
- Little Gertrude Andrew Heales, Wolfville.
- Essay—The Religious Drama
- Harriet Conradine Faulkner, Hantsport.
- \*Essay—England Fifty Years Ago
- Nora Isabel Ferguson, Charlottetown.
- Pianoforte solo—Csardas, Dance hongroise—Joseffy
- Lillian Adella Strong, Wolfville.
- \*Essay—Home Decoration
- Sarah Leonard Elliott, Clarence.
- Essay—Chivalry
- Florence Edith Hickson, Newcastle.
- Pianoforte solo—Valse Caprice—Hoffman
- Edith Warrington Spurden, Fredericton.
- Essay—The Holy Grail
- Helen Skene, Pennfield
- \*Essay—Gothic Architecture
- Clara Amelia Daniels, Lawrencetown.
- \*Essay—The Clown in Shakespeare
- Ethel Annie Fitch, Clarence.
- Vocal solo—Ernani Involami, Scena e Cavatina—Verdi
- Frances Winifrid Burditt, Middleton.
- \*Speakers.

Principal DeWolf presided, and with Professor Maxim and the host of lady teachers, occupied the centre of the platform. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. W. N. Hutchins of Truro. The manner in which the students who represented their class in the exercises of the evening acquitted themselves bore evidence not only of ability and most careful preparation on their own part, but also of the thoroughness of the training given in the school. The four essayists acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner. The essays were on subjects of interest, well written and well delivered. The musical numbers of the programme were not only much enjoyed but bore evidence to the high quality of the instruction which is now being given in this popular department of the Seminary's work. Miss Burditt's singing evinced talent of much more than ordinary quality as well as careful training.

The address of Rev. L. D. Morse to the Graduating Class was deeply serious, abounding in wise counsel. He would have them regard themselves as God's prophets in the world and learn from Isaiah's experience the conditions of the highest and noblest service.

Before proceeding to the presentation of prizes and diplomas, Principal DeWolf said that in the Graduating Class of sixteen, seven had completed the collegiate course, four had completed a course in Pianoforte for a diploma, one in Pianoforte for a certificate, two in Voice for a certificate, one in elocution, and one in Domestic Science for a certificate.

The prize-winners of the year were then announced as follows:

For most excellent work in English, the G. P. Payzant prize \$20 in gold, Miss Ethel Annie Fitch; for efficiency in English, the G. P. Payzant prize to Miss Helen Skene; for excellency in French, the G. P. Payzant prize to Miss Sarah Elliott; the St. Clair Paint prize for first honor in the collegiate course, to Miss Sarah Elliott; the St. Clair Paint prize for second honor in collegiate course, to Miss Ethel Annie Fitch; the Governor-General bronze medal for most efficient work during the year, Miss Ethel A. Fitch; the G. P. Payzant prize for excellency in music was awarded to Miss Lillian A. Strong; the William Cummings prize for excellency in art to Miss Mabel McDonald; the silver medal to the most efficient in shorthand, to Miss Agnes A. Flewelling.

An interesting event not included in the printed programme was the presentation to the Seminary by the members of the Graduating Class of two beautiful works of art. By means of these presentations which have become quite a regular feature of recent anniversaries the walls of the Seminary are being embellished with pictures of a valuable character.

The members of the Graduating Class having received their diplomas from the hands of the Principal, the exercises of the evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

**The College.**

Some rain during anniversary week is not uncommon. Indeed it is rather usual and traditional. But this year there were clear skies every day, which, with a moderate temperature, contributed much to the comfort and enjoyment of visitors and of all who took part in the exercises. Notwithstanding the great popularity of the Seminary exercises, the great occasion of anniversary week, it may still fairly be claimed, is the College convocation on Wednesday morning. The body composed of black gowned professors and graduates with governors, senators and Alumni, which, marshalled by Mr. Parsons of Halifax, marched into the Hall on Wednesday morning contrasted prosaically indeed with the white-robed host which with slow, artistic step had moved up the same stairways and aisle the evening before. President Trotter and other members of the Faculty occupied the centre of the platform, while members of the governing Board and the Senate with other Alumni and invited guests occupied the wings.

The college year just closed, it is gratifying to know, has been a successful one. The expenditure of some \$15,000 on the buildings has resulted in some important improvements, including the renovation of Chipman Hall and the introduction of a hot water heating system in the college building and in Chipman Hall, fitting up of laboratories, the improved seating of class rooms etc. In respect to the religious life of the College the Faculty report that, while there have been no special revival influence the interest of Christian students in things spiritual has been strong and a prayerful spirit has prevailed, especially during the second term of the year. The number of students in attendance at the college during the year was 117.

The members of the Graduating Class and the titles of their orations were as follows:

- Genius—Rosamond Mansfield Archibald, Windsor, (N. S.)
- The Expanding Sphere of Philanthropy—Gordon Harrington Baker, Wolfville, N. S.
- The Sphinx's Riddle—Roy Elliott Bates, Amherst, N. S.
- Industrial Competition—Harry Knight Bowes, Dorchester, N. S.
- Modern Culture—Carroll Phinney Charlton, Middleton, N. S.
- Conservation of Energy—Edmund Albern Crawley, Wolfville, N. S.
- Moral Education—Leonard Harris Crandall, Moncton, N. S.
- Science, Its Relation to the College Curriculum—John Howard Cunningham, Guysboro, N. S.
- Physical vs Artificial Education—Churchill DeBlois Denton, Rossway, N. S.
- Future of Japan—Connell Edward Avery DeWitt, Wolfville, N. S.
- The Higher Culture and National Life—Roderic Bernard Dexter, Wolfville, N. S.
- The Mission of Beauty—Louise McClelan Dunham, Canso, N. S.
- The History of Kings County—Brenton Haliburton Wellington Eaton, Dartmouth, N. S.
- Immortality in Poetry—Edith Rebecca Ells, Delhaven, N. S.
- Development of the Power of Niagara—Henry Read Emmerson, Dorchester, N. B.
- The coal fields of Canada—Lindsay Ernest Haines, Freeport, N. S.

The Triumph of the Christian Religion—Muriel Evelyn Haley, St. John, N. B.

Public Opinion and Politics—Ralph Wilbur Hibbert, Port Williams, N. S.

The Significance of Play in Education—John Walter Stewart Jones, Pownal, P. E. I.

The Function of the Prophet—Harry Benjamin Killam, Somerset, N. S.

Word Pictures—Elsie McNeill, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

University Settlements—Francis Wayland Pattison, Rochester, N. Y.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. H. F. Waring of Halifax. The Class was represented on the platform by Messrs. Pattison, Jones, Crandall, Bates and Miss McNeill. All the speakers acquitted themselves creditably.

Mr. Pattison, who is a son of the late Dr. T. Harwood Pattison of Rochester, N. Y., whose recent death is widely lamented, had a good essay upon a subject with which, we understand, he is familiar through personal experience, and he delivered it in excellent form.

Mr. Jones discussed the significance of Play in Education in a way to indicate that he had devoted original thought to the subject.

Mr. Crandall's discussion of Moral Education dealt with a serious subject in an effective manner.

Miss McNeill's essay on Word Pictures, dealing with a certain phase of literary art, evinced native ability as well as familiarity with English poetry.

Of Mr. Bates' poem which will be found on our first page, nothing need be said here, except that it was very highly appreciated by those who heard it and will doubtless be equally so by the readers of the MESSANGER AND VISITOR.

In connection with the morning's programme two vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Bret Black of Windsor, a graduate of Acadia Seminary. Mrs. Black's singing lent grace to the occasion and was very much enjoyed by the audience.

After the essayist had been heard, the Graduating Class retired and presently returned following Dr. S. B. Kempton who, in the time honored Latin formula, presented the members of the Class to the President and Faculty for the B. A. degree. The President, having announced in sonorous Latin, that it was the pleasure of the University to confer the degree, each member received his or her parchment as the class moved across the platform.

The following graduates received the degree of M. A. in course: Rev. A. C. Archibald '97, church history; Charles M. Baird '02, English and economics; Theodore Boggs '02, economics; Albert M. Boggs '03, English and philosophy; Levrett L. Chipman '03, economics; Etta G. Phillips '03, English and mental philosophy; Leonard L. Slipp '02, economics.

Mr. Albert B. Weymouth, M. A. (Harvard), was also admitted to the degree *ad eundem*.

President Trotter, announced that two honorary degrees had been conferred. Hon. H. R. Emmerson received the degree of D. C. L. and Rev. J. A. Gordon of Montreal the degree of D. D. These announcements were received with applause.

Five members of the Class received honor certificates for work in addition to the prescribed curriculum, as follows: R. E. Bates; Ralph W. Hibbert; Edith R. Ells and Elsie McNeill, honors in the Classics; J. H. Cunningham, honors in Mathematics. It should be said that as a condition for pursuing honor studies the student must make an average of 80 per cent. in the regular work for the first two years of the course.

It is customary for the President to give an address to the graduating class after they have received their degree, but this year, in order to save time for some remarks in connection with the Second Forward Movement which Dr. Trotter desired to make, the time honored custom of a formal address to the class was omitted, the President simply congratulating the class on their graduation, wishing them a fervent Godspeed on their way, assuring them that the College would not forget them and expressing his confidence that they would not forget their Alma Mater.

The prize-winners of the year were then announced as follows: The Northard and Lowe gold medal for highest general excellence during the last three years of the course, won by Miss Elsie McNeill of Charlottetown. The Governor-General's Gold Medal for second highest average during same three years, won by Roy E. Bates of Amherst. The Kerr Boyce Tupper medal for highest excellence in oratory, won by Gordon H. Baker, Wolfville. The Mrs. C. T. White prize of \$20 worth of books (set of Shakespeare 40 vols.) for highest excellence in English, won by Miss Edith Sterns of Charlottetown. The William Cummings prize of \$10 worth of books (a set of Browning) for second excellence in same subject, won by Miss Muriel E. Haley of St. John. The Elmona Curry Zwicker prize for highest excellency in Chemistry and Physics during the entire course, won by J. H. Cunningham, Guysboro.

The President announced that the class of 1904 had presented to the Physics department of the College for five years (1904-1908) the sum of \$50 annually. Dr. Trotter very heartily thanked the class for this generous gift on behalf of the College, and especially on behalf of Professor Haley of the department especially benefited.