

The general verdict of the audience that listened to the graduating orations at Acadia last week was that they were fully equal to the high standard set by previous classes being characterized by maturity of thought as well as grace of diction and ease of delivery.

Mr McMillan presented a subject that is attracting much attention in these days and one that is steadily coming to the front at Acadia. His treatment of it was clear and philosophic, his ideas fresh and lofty and his style of delivery pleasing. He made strong plea for the study of economic science, and showed the high place which this department of study, commonly regarded as somewhat secondary in an Arts Course, should occupy.

Miss Faye M. Coldwell presented in an energetic and eloquent manner the claims of speculative thought as a dominant factor in all progress in knowledge. She held that thousands who know nothing of the dreams of the past are themselves in their mental and moral makeup the outcome of the speculative thinking of philosophers. This essay both in style of treatment and delivery was a highly creditable one.

Mr McCurdy followed with a well prepared and equally well delivered essay on Carlyle, in which he reviewed the character of the man and the force and import of his message. He criticized the tendency to depreciate the manly character of the sage and upheld him as a man of true though perhaps unique worth and considered his message a moral lesson meet for the present day.

Mr T. W. Todd set forth in a very interesting manner the criticisms to which preachers of the Gospel are subjected and gave some excellent hints on the way defects might be overcome and criticism avoided. He showed the need of eloquence as a preparation for the gospel ministry, a need now coming to be recognized by all. He had a unique and interesting way of presenting so delicate a subject, which rendered the essay highly acceptable and profitable.

A careful analysis of the work of Pascal was presented by Miss Patten who in the brief time and space at her disposal gave a very comprehensive review of the intellectual legacy of this great thinker. She traced the effect of his work on the Jesuits and dwelt particularly upon his theology. This essay was interesting and instructive.

Mr Stuart dealt with the Problem of Matter. He traced the development of the atomic theory and then discussed the contents of this theory from a metaphysical standpoint, arguing that because the mind could not tolerate the quality in-