

### An Open Letter To Acadia's Associated Alumni.

DEAR MEMBERS.—Our year is drawing to its close and executive committee can only present a successful report next month by adding up your fees and subscriptions in the credit column of our cash book.

At this date out of our 322 members only 6 have paid their dues for this year while some 187 are still behind as to the last.

In June 1896 the deficit was left in the hands of the executive, of course to be wiped out by your contributions. We realize your good will and best wishes are with us; yet our creditors require more substantial payments.

The Alumni must have members and money—two noble forms of strength; our committee is canvassing for both. Surely you have a friend who could become more interested in "Acadia," this your solicitation: your efforts to induce him to join us will warm yourself. Acadia has done and is doing so much for us that we should show our gratitude and love for her—all fees and subscriptions are now due or long overdue; please send at once to the undersigned so that our June meeting may be doubly bright.

Yours anxiously and truly,

WM. R. PARSONS, Sec'y. Treas.  
136 Creighton St., Halifax, May 7th.

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### Temperance Jottings from Nova Scotia.

DEAR EDITOR.—The Grand Division of N. S. held its 198 quarterly session in the town of New Glasgow the 4th and 5th inst. Mr. Kirkpatrick, M. P. P., G. W. P., presiding. The session was unusually interesting. Plebiscite and other important matters were carefully discussed (see reports). The grand superintendent of Y. P. work for the province, W. J. Gates, M. W. A. of N. division S. of T., reported 20 Bands of Hope with 700 members organized in twenty day schools, with the teachers as superintendents, done in two weeks. The aim is to commence A. D. 1900 with at least 1,000 Bands and 25,000 members pledged against the use of liquor, tobacco and profanity; Bands to meet once or twice each month at the close of the school, (the consent of parents and trustees, of course, being first obtained). These Bands will also serve as useful training societies and help along the general educational work, and therefore should not be opposed. New Glasgow division 17 also celebrated its 49th anniversary, the mayor extending a warm Scotch welcome to the town, etc., (he is a member). After close of G. Division the G. superintendent visited and addressed eleven school departments, 500 present, also the three high school rooms, 143 present, was introduced by Prof. Salson, principal, and addressed the scholars together. The eleven schools and teachers agreed to take up the work, if parents and trustees gave their consent. So this town is likely to be the first incorporated town with graded schools in N. S. to commence this grand youth temperance crusade. When every school section is thus organized, it will not be many years before the demand for liquor and tobacco is greatly reduced, for children usually regard their pledges more sacredly than many older persons do.

In view of the terrible curse of the liquor and tobacco habit. We earnestly ask the parents and trustees of our schools and educational boards to encourage and help along this really important movement for the young. Lend your aid to lessen the number (six thousand drunkards) who drop annually into Canadian graves by preparing the way to pledge and thus save the innocent little ones, from which class this doomed army of drunkards come. "No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God," and "Prevention is better than cure." Save the young and you save the old.

Yours truly,  
FAIR PLAY.

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A Suggestion.

I have been to the Missionary Conference in Truro, and what an enjoyable time was spent. Bro. Adams and his people entertained right royally. Then the conference from the heathen of our own land to the heathen of India were the people carried. The blessing received by all will be lasting. There was no appeal for dollars and cents. There was no shortage in accounts. There was no tiresome, dry discussion to listen to. It was a feast of good things with an out-pouring of God's Holy Spirit. My suggestion I have talked with many who are going to "Old Orchard" this summer to get filled with the "Holy Ghost" as they say, and the thought came to me, have we to go so far to get this blessing. Whither shall I go from thy spirit! or whither shall I flee from thy presence. If I ascend up into heaven thou art there. If I make my bed in hell behold thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea! Even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me, Ps. 139: 7-10. Why not the Baptists of N. B., P. E. I. and Nova Scotia meet once a year for nothing more or less than communion with God and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

"Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them and withholdest not thy manna from their mouth and gavest them water for their thirst," Neh. 9: 2.

Do we come away from our associations and conventions feeling that our spirituality has been increased? I think not. There is always so much business to be done, discussions to come off, retiring president's address, etc., that the spirituality is not what we can expect. True the business of the denomination must be done but, friends, can't we have a convention when the subject will be the Holy Spirit. I am not in a position to write or even talk on this great subject but we have men who can—I want to hear from them. It is a subject that we have scarcely introduced in any of our meetings.

"He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? and they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost," Acts 19: 2.

Were some one to take up this subject I believe we could have a convention in Nova Scotia this summer which would be the means in God's hands of drawing us so close to the Father that we would return to our different fields of labor causing the people to marvel; for like Peter and John we would be filled with the Holy Ghost and show that we had been with Jesus.

May 6.

FRED M. CLAY.

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The contract for the re-construction of the Victoria bridge at Montreal, which will be an open truss steel structure of the most modern design, with double steam tracts, and facilities for foot passengers, vehicles and electric railway, has been let jointly to the Dominion Bridge Company, of Montreal, which has contracted for the full capacity of its works, and the Detroit Bridge and Iron Company, of Detroit, which takes the balance of the work. The whole will be done without interfering in any way with the operation of the trains over the bridge. The work will be commenced within the next sixty days and will be completed within eleven or twelve months. The contract will involve the expenditure of a sum of money something in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000. Carnegie & Co., of Pittsburgh, have secured the contract for 18,000 tons of steel to be used in widening Victoria Bridge.

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### Hard Study in School

BRINGS ON A SEVERE ATTACK OF ST. VITUS' DANCE.

A Young Girl's Life for a Time Made Miserable—Could not Use Her Hands and Found it Difficult to Walk—Health Restored.

From the Napa nee Express.

Nervousness is the frequent cause of much misery and suffering. One of the effects of this breaking up of the nerves, particularly young people, being chorea or St. Vitus dance. A correspondent tells of a young lady at Selby who was badly afflicted with this trouble. He says:—"I never saw anyone suffering so badly before from nervous disorder. She was violently jerking and twitching all the time, and could not use her right hand at all. Anything she would try to pick up with it would instantly fall. When she would attempt to walk, her limbs would twist and turn, the ankles often doubling down and throwing her. Lately I heard that she had been cured but doubted the truth of the statement and went out to see her. The statement proved quite true, and believing that a recital of the facts of the case would be of advantage to some one who might be similarly suffering, I asked permission to make them known, which was readily granted. The young lady is Miss H. M. Gonyou, a general favorite among her acquaintances and it is thought that her trouble as is not infrequently the case, was



brought on by hard study in school." Miss Gonyou gave the following statement:—"All through the fall of 1894 I had been feeling unwell. I did not speak to anyone about it, for I was going to school and was afraid if I said anything about it to my parents they would keep me at home. I kept getting worse, and at last grew so nervous that I could not hold my pencil. My right side was affected most, though the trouble seemed to go through my

whole system. In January I was so bad that I had to discontinue going to school, and I was constantly growing worse. I could not use my hands, because I would let every thing drop, and frequently when I attempted to walk, I would fall. My brother had been ailing for a long time and was then using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and getting better, so I thought as they were helping him so much they would be a good medicine for me. Before the first box was done I was feeling much better, and after using the Pink Pills for about a month, my health was fully restored. It is now more than a year since I discontinued the use of the pills, and I have not had the slightest trace of the malady since. I am satisfied Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved me from a life of misery, and I would strongly recommend them for nervous troubles.

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