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## The Acadia Anniversaries.

The exercises of Anniversary week at Acadia began on Sunday morning, May 30, with the preaching of the Baccalaureate sermon. Rev. W. B. Hinson, of Moncton, was the preacher, and it is needless to say that he preached to a full house. The day was beautiful and all the external conditions were most attractive. Mr. Hinson had three texts of Scripture and three divisions to his sermon,—the sermon having, however, unity of thought and construction. He first spoke on man's origin. "God created man," Genesis 1:27. Man is not mere matter. He enlarged on the conflict of thoughts between some scientists and the teaching of the Scripture, and by apt quotation and sharp distinctions set forth the origin of man as from God directly. His second division was the nature of man. "What is man?" Psalm 8:4. He then spoke of man as separate from nature and immortal. Man is elevated indeed. Thirdly, the work of man. "What shall this man do?" John 21:21. He here spoke of the office of man in God's economy and of the binding force to a high life of the high origin of man. He addressed the class in felicitous terms. His sermon occupied 55 minutes in delivery and showed wide reading and abundant sympathy with the truths of the gospel and appreciation of literature and learning. It was very well received by the large congregation and highly appreciated by the graduating class. In the evening Mr. Hinson addressed the Y. M. C. A. in the College Hall. Mr. A. E. Wall, President of the Maritime B. Y. P. U., offered prayer.

On Monday evening, May 31, the annual address before the Senate was delivered by Hon. J. W. Longley, of Halifax, Attorney General of Nova Scotia, a member of the class of '71. Rev. Dr. Sawyer, President of the Senate, presided. The subject discussed by Mr. Longley was "The University and the State." The address was received with the appreciation to which the importance of the subject, the method of its treatment and the recognized ability of the speaker entitled it. In thanking Mr. Longley in the name of the Senate and the College for his address, Dr. Sawyer remarked that as the speaker of the evening had been reported to hold somewhat radical views on some phases of the subject of higher education, he had felt some curiosity, not to say trepidation, as to what kind of doctrine might be propounded in the address. But the views which had been presented had certainly not been of an iconoclastic character, and he was glad to find himself in substantial agreement with the Attorney General in respect to the phases of the great educational problem which he had that evening discussed. As it is expected Mr. Longley's address will be published in full in a subsequent issue of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, it is unnecessary to attempt any abstract of it here.

After this public meeting of the Senate a private meeting was held in the College Library, continuing to a late hour. Meetings of this body were also held on Tuesday morning, afternoon and evening. At these meetings reports were received and considered from the College faculty and from the Principals of Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary; reports also from committees appointed by the Senate to visit and report upon the condition of the several institutions. These matters, with recommendations as to honorary degrees and other matters of importance, occupied very closely the attention of the body for many hours. A good degree of interest was shown in the work in hand, the attendance of Senators was larger than on some other years, but a considerable number were absent whose presence and counsel was much to be desired. There is undoubtedly a growing conviction in the Senate that its interests and the interests of the University generally demand some better definition, and probably some modification, of the relations existing between the Senate and the Board of Governors. It is not to be inferred from this that any friction has been experienced in the working of these bodies, but it is believed that if the Senate is to serve the College effectively it will be necessary that some sphere of action which shall be, if not independent at least co-ordinate and co-operative rather than merely subordinate, shall be accorded to it.

It may be said at this point that the reports received by the Senate, and later by the Board of Governors, show that the educational year just closed has been a fairly prosperous one for Acadia. The number of students in the College during the year has been 124. Of these 30 were in the Senior class—now graduated, 32 were Juniors, 29 Sophomores, 23 Freshmen and 10 general students. In regard to study and deportment of

students, the year has been generally satisfactory. Discipline has been well maintained, good work has been done, the health of students has been good, special religious influences have been experienced, the spiritual life of Christian students has been quickened and a number have been converted. Dr. Sawyer presided at the public exercises with his accustomed dignity and urbanity, and assisted the Governors and the Senate in the discharge of their duties with all his old time wisdom and abundant information as to details of business. It was natural that in many ways appreciation should be expressed of the distinguished services Dr. Sawyer has rendered to the College during the long term of his incumbency as president and professor, and regret that the condition of his health now makes it necessary to lay aside a part of the work which he has long been doing with so much honor to himself and advantage to Acadia.

The Academy and Seminary have also enjoyed a fairly prosperous year. The Academy has had 86 students enrolled. Of these 13 were from New Brunswick. The senior class numbered 25, of whom 17 have completed the work required for matriculation into the College and received certificates accordingly. Principal Oakes reports that the teachers have co-operated with him very faithfully in the work of the year. The conduct of the students has been satisfactory and their health excellent. A healthy religious life has characterized the school. The report from the Seminary is of a similar character. There have been in attendance 84 pupils, of whom 54 were resident in the Seminary building and 30 non-resident. Ten students were from New Brunswick and one from P. E. Island. The graduating class numbers 5 who have completed what is known as the collegiate course, and 3 others graduate in music only. Miss True, the Principal, reports the intellectual work of the year as being very satisfactory. The teachers have done faithful work. Special mention is made of the value of the instruction given by Dr. Sawyer in the Bible and in Psychology. A strong religious influence has pervaded the school. Fourteen have professed conversion, of whom four have united with the church in Wolfville. Others have united with their home churches.

### The closing exercises of

#### HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

took place in Assembly Hall on Tuesday, June 1st, at 2.30 p. m. Principal Oakes presided. A good sized audience was present. The teachers of the Academy, and a number of visitors occupied seats on the platform. Following is the programme of exercises:—

#### PROGRAMME.

- Prayer.  
Vocal Duet, Sweet Bells . . . . . Denza  
Miss Conrad and Miss Pratt.  
Essay, \* John Hardy, New Richmond, P. Quebec. The Jew  
Essay, Wallace I. Hutchinson, Wolfville, N. S. The Cuban Rebellion  
Essay, Is Labor in Itself a Pleasure? . . . . .  
Miss Mildred K. Bentley, Halifax, N. S.  
Essay, The Public School System of Nova Scotia  
Geo. A. Blackadar, Pleasant Valley, Y. Co., N. S.  
Essay, The Relation of Environment to Character  
\* Charles E. Atherton, Woodstock, N. B.  
Essay, The Novel  
Charles F. Morton, Clementsport, N. S.  
Essay, Benefits of a Fixed Purpose  
Herman W. Cann, Ohio, Y. Co., N. S.  
Vocal Quartette, Kathleen Mavourneen, . . . . . Crouch  
Messrs. Bashaw, Cann, Richardson, Spurr.  
Essay, The Victorian Era  
\* Arthur H. Taylor, Wolfville, N. S.  
Essay, The Russian Siberian Exile System  
Miss Mabel S. Coldwell, Wolfville, N. S.  
Essay, The Expulsion of the Acadians  
\* Marshall S. Richardson, West Jeddore, N. S.  
Essay, The Cretan Dispute  
Arthur J. Atkinson, Advocate, N. S.  
Essay, Charles Dickens  
Ralph M. Jones, Wolfville, N. S.  
Essay, Experiences of an Amateur Photographer  
Andrew R. Cobb, Greenwich, Kings Co., N. S.  
Essay, The Growth of the British Empire  
Heber S. Corey, Penobscus, N. B.  
String Quartette,  
Messrs. Goudy, Cobb, Wyman, Hutchinson.  
Essay, Technical Education  
\* Edgar H. McCurdy, Clinton, Mass.  
Essay, Small Beginnings  
George P. S. Keith, Havelock, N. B.  
Essay, Glaciers  
Eusie Young, Blandford, N. S.  
Essay, Brutus and Cassius as Portrayed by Shakespeare  
Walter F. McLatchy, Grand Pre, N. S.  
Essay, The Apostolic Church  
Naum Young, Blandford, N. S.  
Cornet Solo, Elite Polka . . . . . Fred Boardman  
Ernest Goudey, Yarmouth, N. S.  
Valedictory,  
\* Miss Georgie E. Heales, Wolfville.  
Presentation of Diplomas.  
Addresses.  
God Save the Queen.

#### \* Speakers.

Six of the matriculating class, whose names are indicated in the programme by a star, delivered their essays. These acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner and the musical portion of the programme was also much enjoyed. The 17 young men and women who had successfully completed the course of study required for admission into college received certificates from the hand of the Principal, accompanied by appropriate remarks. Short addresses were delivered to the students by Rev. W. B. Hinson and Hon. H. B. Emmerson. Mr. Hinson called the attention of the students to three words, Duty, Service, God, making them the text of some earnest and impressive counsel which it is to be hoped may long linger in the memories of those to whom they were addressed. Mr. Emmerson said that when he had listened

to the closing exercises of the Academy a year ago, he had felt sure that no class could excel the class of that year and had so expressed himself, but if the class of '97 would keep it a profound secret he would make free to say to them that he believed they had rather surpassed the performance of the class of '96. He congratulated the teachers on the work of the year. His only regret was that, seeing what the Academy was accomplishing, there were not more students especially from his own province to take advantage of the fine opportunities which the school afforded.

### On Tuesday evening the graduating exercises of

#### ACADIA SEMINARY

Took place. This has been always one of the grand occasions of anniversary week and the present year was no exception to the rule. The audience was such as to fill the spacious Assembly Hall completely. It was a brilliant assembly of intelligence and beauty in summer holiday attire. Dr. Sawyer presided, the Principal of the Seminary, Miss True, with her associate teachers, occupied seats on the platform, so also did a number of the Governors and Senators of the College, with honored visitors present. The teachers, and the lady students dressed in white, were greeted with hearty applause as they marched slowly in and took their seats.

### The Programme of Exercises was as follows:—

- Processional March, . . . . . Sellinck  
Misses Dobson and Flemming.  
Prayer.  
1. Piano Solo, Sonata op. 7 . . . . . Grieg  
Florence Seabourne, Wolfville.  
2. Sketch, . . . . . The Cliff Dwellers  
Mabel Louise Wortman, Wolfville.  
3. Vocal Solo, In Seville's Groves . . . . . Van Lennep  
Hattie May Masters, Wolfville.  
4. Piano Solo, Faschingsschwank aus Wien op. 27.  
Schumann  
Romanze and Intermezzo.  
Rosamond Harriet Morse, Lawrencetown.  
5. Essay, . . . . . The Power of Expression  
Sadie Faulkner Jamieson, Truro.  
6. Piano Solo, Ballade op. 47 . . . . . Chopin  
Lola May Bishop, Wolfville.  
7. Vocal Solo, Come unto Me (From the Messiah).  
Handel  
Hattie May Masters.  
8. Essay, Sixty Years' Reign of our Gracious Queen  
Agnes Jane McCart, Carrsbrook.  
9. Piano Solo, Sonata op. 49 . . . . . Weber  
Annie Haseltine Cohoon, Wolfville.  
Presentation of Diplomas.  
Address, . . . . . Mrs. Grace D. McLeod Rogers, Amherst.  
God Save the Queen.

The three essays read gave evidence of careful preparation; they were well presented and well received. The musical part of the programme did not lack appreciation. The lady graduates received their diplomas from the hand of Dr. Sawyer, who also presented the prizes; the Governor-General's prize to Miss Jones, of P. E. Island, and the Alumnae prize to Miss Emily Christie, of River Hebert, N. S. On behalf of the students of the Seminary Miss Smith, of St. Stephen, presented to the Art Department or the Seminary, through Dr. Sawyer and Miss True, two fine steel engravings. Though taken quite by surprise in this matter, Dr. Sawyer replied in a very happy manner, accepting the gift on behalf of the Seminary and expressing the gratitude due to the donors. Not least by any means among the events of the evening was the address to the graduating class by Mrs. Grace McLeod Rogers, of Amherst, whose literary ability has found wide recognition through her stories of Acadian Folk-Lore and other writings. Having been very kindly and gracefully introduced by President Sawyer, Mrs. Rogers delivered her address, having taken as the subject of her remarks the motto which a few years ago she had given to the Propyleum Society of the Seminary: *Cunctis Cunctum Trudit, or Wedge drives Wedge*. The address was most happily conceived. It abounded in excellent counsel and inspiring illustration, and was heard with great interest both by the audience in general and those to whom it was more directly addressed. Dr. Sawyer thanked Mrs. Rogers very heartily for the address, speaking of it in terms of high appreciation and alluding feelingly to the "magnificent tribute" which, incidentally, the address had paid to the memory of his old friend, David Freeman. As this address will be given in full to the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, further reference is unnecessary here.

#### THE CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Took place on Wednesday morning. The day was very fine with a cool and bracing air, highly favorable for the attendance of those who live within driving distance of Wolfville. Assembly Hall was accordingly packed again with such an audience as is accustomed to gather at Wolfville on Anniversary days, but which it would be difficult to match elsewhere or on any other occasion. Governors, Senators, Alumni and other friends of the institution were present in force. The members of the Faculty in their official robes occupied their usual positions on the platform, supported on the right and left by members of the governing body, Senators and others. Dr. Sawyer of course presided.

After the singing of the National Anthem prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Hinson, of Moncton.

### The programme of exercises was as follows:

- Orations by Members of the Graduating Class.  
The Veto Power, . . . . . Arthur C. Archibald, Wolfville, N. S.  
The Purpose of the Poetic Art, . . . . . L. Eva Andrews, Wolfville, N. S.  
The Earth's Unrest, . . . . . Robert K. B. Knowles, Milton, Queens, N. S.  
Man "The Roof and Crown of Things," . . . . . Isabel Davison, Wolfville, N. S.  
Egoism and Duty, . . . . . D. E. Hatt, Hantsport, N. S.  
Machinery and the Wage Earner, . . . . . William W. Conrad, Wolfville, N. S.

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Mr. Todd—Chem  
Mr. Jonah—Econ  
Mr. Nichols—Eco  
Miss Crandall—M  
Mr. Jones—Mod  
Mr. Morton—Mat  
Mr. C. E. Morse—  
Mr. Martell—Mor  
Mr. Spidle—Moral  
Miss Andrews—E  
Miss Caldwell—E  
Miss Best—Englis  
Mr. Campbell—Er  
Mr. W. I. Morse—  
Mr. McNally—Eng  
Mr. Schurman—E  
Miss Yuill—Englis  
Mr. Gordon—Class  
Mr. Newcombe—C  
Mr. Hemmeon—C  
Miss J. B. Burgess  
Miss Blair—Mod  
Miss Keirstead—M  
Mr. Spinney—Mod  
Mr. Richardson—  
A. F. Bell—Englis  
Mr. McNeil—Class  
Mr. A. V. Dodge—  
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