

THE Lecture delivered on Wednesday evening, May the 6th, in College Hall, by R. J. Burdette, was the closing one of a very successful course, and worthily sustained the reputation of the great humorist. It has been said that Burdette's lectures cannot be reported, and there is truth in the remark; for, to be appreciated he must be heard and seen. The genial smile, the peculiar intonation of voice, the serio-comic air, in short the whole appearance of the man give an added charm to the brilliant flashes of wit, the inimitable humor, the fine descriptive powers so characteristic of the lecturer. Mr. Burdette has many friends in Wolfville, and he will always receive a cordial welcome whenever he visits the place.

WITH its last meeting in May the Literary Society closed the most prosperous year in its history. While the students have reason to be proud of the high character of their weekly entertainments, and the interest exhibited in the debates, the most gratifying feature of all will likely be the satisfactory condition of the exchequer. After honorably discharging all just obligations the Society finds itself possessed of a respectable balance with which to begin another year.

THE ANNIVERSARY.

THE closing exercises of Acadia College and affiliated institutions were begun on Wednesday, the 3rd of June. The weather, which for a few days previous had been most unfavorable, fortunately became more settled; and although the sky continued partly overcast and the periods of sunshine brief and uncertain, the friends of the college were not thereby prevented from assembling in large numbers from all parts of the country to witness the closing exercises. The hotels were crowded with visitors, and nearly every private residence in the village threw open its hospitable doors to welcome the strangers. The influx of dignitaries representing the various learned professions was unusually large; and the array of polished beavers and ministerial looking characters constantly encountered would upset the equanimity of a person of nervous temperament.

On Tuesday evening there was the customary meeting of the Senate of the University. The functions of this body, as described in the Calendar, "are those of discipline, the prescribing of courses of study and text-books, the care of Library and Museum, and the

conferring of learned degrees, or any such other degrees of literary, scientific or technical honors as they may desire." It is composed of the Faculty of the College, six Fellows and twelve Scholars. There were present at the meeting referred to, in addition to the members of the Faculty, three Fellows—Judge Johnson, Rev. D. A. Steel, S. B. Kempton, M. A.; four Scholars—H. C. Creed, M. A., E. D. King, M. A., Rev. A. Cahoon, M. A., and J. F. L. Parsons, B. A. Besides other business of importance connected with the college, the senate unanimously adopted the following report, submitted to them by a special committee:—

The committee to whom was referred the matter of granting the second degree in Course beg to report—

That it seems to them desirable that efforts be made to encourage and stimulate all those receiving the first degree (B.A.), no matter what profession or calling such persons may enter upon, to select some one department of study with a view to the attainment of excellence in the same.

HORTON ACADEMY.

The closing exercises of this institution took place on Wednesday afternoon. Prof. Tufts, the energetic and popular principal, presided. Quite a respectable representation of the friends and patrons of the school appeared in the audience or occupied prominent positions on the platform. Twenty students from the institution have successfully passed their examinations for entrance into the college. Several out of the number—notably Chipman, Jones, MacDonald and Foster—have attained the highest positions on the pass-list, making a record seldom equalled by matriculants. After prayer by Rev. W. H. Cline, the following interesting programme was successfully carried out:—

Piano Solo—Caprice Brilliant.	Miss Lila Williams
Essay—Our Inheritance.	Fred Bradshaw
Essay—Wealth.	J. H. Cox
Vocal Duet.	Miss May Vaughan and Miss Lilian Benjamin
Essay—African Exploration	A. W. Foster
Essay—Common Sense.	W. J. Illsley
Vocal Solo—Ring out Sweet Angelus.	Miss Brannan
Essay—Charlemagne.	Fred S. Anderson
Essay—Success in Life	Hugh Blackadar
Essay—La Salle	L. J. Haley
Vocal Trio.	Misses Smith, Cook and Benjamin
Essay—The French in Canada.	E. J. Stephens
Essay—The Roman Military System.	W. W. Chipman

All the essays showed careful preparations, and one or two a good degree of originality. Foster's easy manner and good delivery gave him the advantage over most of his class. Illsley's effort though inferior to many of the others in smoothness and grace, was far in advance of them all with regard to point and originality. Chipman had the place of honor, and he deserved it. His paper gave evidence of mature thought and careful composition. The public exercises of the