

Austin A. Chute, of Wolfville, N. S., in Classics; Harvey T. Reid, of Hartland, N. B., and Joseph E. Touch, of Granville Centre, N. S., in Mathematics. Mr. Reid is Acadia's Rhodes Scholar for 1912.

Six gentlemen had honorary degrees conferred upon them: Rev. C. H. Day, of Watertown, Mass.; Rev. W. C. Goucher, of St. Stephen, N. B.; Rev. Prof. F. A. Starratt, of Colgate Theological Seminary, Hamilton, N. Y.; and Rev. A. Chipman, of Berwick, N. S., were made Doctors of Divinity. Hon. J. N. Armstrong, of Sydney, and Mr. Nathaniel Curry, of Montreal, received the D. C. L. degree.

The graduating class of the College has outdone all predecessors in their parting gift to their alma mater. They have had a brick Observatory erected at a cost of twelve hundred dollars. The building was formally presented to the University as the closing part of the Class Day Exercises. On a height above all the other buildings this Observatory stands as a monument to the generosity of the Class of 1912.

The laying of the corner-stone of Rhodes Hall followed the granting of these degrees. Two addresses were delivered in connection with the event, the first prepared by Rev. Dr. Steele, of Amherst, and read in his absence by Rev. Dr. Manning, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and the other by Prof. F. D. Adams, Dean of the Faculty of Science in McGill University. The building is to be wholly the gift of one person, Mrs. Rhodes, of Amherst, widow of the late Mr. N. A. Rhodes, for years on the Governing Board of Acadia. The stone was formally laid by the son, E. N. Rhodes, M. P., who graduated at this College in 1900.

At the graduating exercises President Cutten called special attention to two things urgently needed at this time on the Hill in Wolfville, viz., a residence for College women, and a central heating-plant for all the buildings. It is expected that these will soon be secured. The new library building, the President also said, may be begun in a few weeks, for the safe housing of the valuable library, which is at present in danger from being within a wooden structure.

Some changes have taken place in the College Faculty. Dr. L. E. Wortman, after twenty-four years of valuable service, has retired from his work as professor of Modern Languages, followed by the esteem and affection of his colleagues, his students, and the community in which he has lived so long. His place has not been filled. Prof. Durkee has been absent since Christmas owing to ill-health. His classes have since been in charge of Prof. Howe, of Dalhousie. It is unlikely that Prof. Durkee will be able to return. Mr. Archibald, of the Yarmouth Y. M. C. A. has received the appointment of physical director for next year.

Acadia has the strong support of its constituency. The year just gone has been a good one, and the plans which are laid, or now in process of fulfilment, are full of promise for the time to come.

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Teachers' Institute at Amherst, N. S.

"Busy Amherst" is the placard that greets the visitor on entering this enterprising town; and justly so according to report which states that there is more capital invested in manufacturing in this town than any other of its size throughout Canada. It is enterprising also in education. It has progressive schools and teachers and has recently erected one of the finest school buildings in the Atlantic provinces—the West Highlands School. It has led other towns in being the first to adopt medical inspection for its schools and its citizens and school board are ambitious to be in the van of educational progress.

The Cumberland County Institute which met at Amherst May 21st and the two days following, enrolled 175 teachers, bright young men and women, who discussed educational questions and methods with a clearness and vigor that augured well for their skill in the conduct of the schools, and these teachers could enjoy themselves socially in the "off hours," as was proved at the evening "At Home" tendered them by the school board and citizens of Amherst.

The president of the Institute, Inspector Craig, has a genius for organization which was shown by the excellent and varied character of the programme and by the large and representative attendance. Inspector Craig is untiring and unselfish in his efforts to advance the educational welfare of his district. His faithful work was recognized during the course of the Institute by the presentation by Principal Morehouse on behalf of the teachers of an address of appreciation and the gift of two beautiful morris chairs for himself and Mrs. Craig.

After the formal opening of the Institute on the afternoon of May 21, addresses were given by G. U. Hay on the Teacher and Pupil as Co-workers, and by Principal W. E. Brannen on the Boy and the School, both of which were freely discussed. The former referred to the stimulating effects produced by the Amherst *Daily News*, in offering prizes for essays on local history. A resolution, on motion of Principal Lay, was passed asking to have these essays printed in pamphlet form and distributed. Miss Laura Evans, of the Amherst Academy staff, conducted very skilfully an outline lesson on Drawing.

Among the excellent papers and addresses at the remaining sessions of the Institute were the following: Geography in Grade IX, a study of natural and climatic features and commercial products of the continents, by Principal M. C. Foster, of Parrsboro; Can the High School Course be made