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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1894.

ACADIA ANNIVERSARIES.

The Baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, of St. John. The congregation was large, completely filling the church. The text was 1 Chron. 12: 32: "Men that had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do." The discourse was marked by that broad range of thought and felicity of expression characteristic of the speaker. It dealt with the relation of education to the times in which they live. The qualities dwelt upon as important to their usefulness were culture, conviction, conversion, courage and consecration. This thoughtful and eloquent discourse was evidently highly appreciated by the large congregation.

In the afternoon Dr. Jesse B. Thomas of Newton Theological Institution, preached from 2 Cor. 14: 6, dwelling chiefly upon the closing words of the verse, "The simplicity there is in Christ." His manner of speaking and his treatment of the theme were in keeping with the text, being marked by great simplicity, clearness and forcefulness.

Dr. Thomas addressed the Y. M. C. A. of the College in Assembly Hall in the evening. The place of America in the evangelization of the world was the topic of discourse. A large audience was present to enjoy the able address.

On Monday evening an open meeting of the Senate of the University was held in Assembly Hall and a fairly good number were present to listen to an address by President Sawyer. The subject of the address was "The University and the People," and the proposition affirmed and discussed was "The University becomes a necessary factor in the right evolution of social and civil life." It is unnecessary to say that the discussion was thoughtful, scholarly and strong. The University and the education which it places within the reach of the people, it was shown, is not rightly regarded as an intellectual luxury but as a necessary condition of the attainment of the best national development. The University therefore must seek the sympathy and support not only of the rich and cultured classes but of the common people as well, since it tends to conserve and develop the best forces of the nation, and also affords an arena where men may meet on common ground, without regard to distinctions of birth and fortune. We do not here attempt to present an abstract of this valuable paper. We are pleased to learn that the Senate has taken steps to have it printed in suitable form, and those who are interested will, no doubt, have an opportunity of reading it.

At the close of the public meeting, the Senate was called together in the college library and was occupied until a late hour with business. Three sessions were also held on the following day, and the time was fully taken up in hearing various reports in reference to the literary condition of the different institutions, the recommending of candidates for degrees and various other matters which occupy the attention of the body. It is proposed to perpetuate the custom of having an annual address delivered before a public meeting of the Senate. A committee was appointed to secure a speaker for next year, and we understand that Hon. Attorney General Longley has given a favorable answer to an invitation of the committee to deliver the address on that occasion. A comparatively large number of the members of the Senate were on the ground this year and they are to be commended for their faithful attendance upon the meetings until the large amount of business before the body was disposed of.

A highly attractive feature of anniversary week appeared in the annual day exercises which were held in Assembly Hall, on Tuesday morning. Class day has hardly as yet become an established custom at Acadia, though on

one of two previous occasions such a celebration has been held. That of 1891, when the largest class in the history of the college graduated, was especially interesting. The exercises this year were perhaps not less so, and such exercises may not unlikely become a permanent feature among the Anniversary attractions. The class of '94 has taken as its motto *Possunt quia possidentur*. The class officers are—Archibald Murray, President; M. B. Whitman, Vice-President; Albert M. Parker, Secy.; and B. B. Bishop, treasurer. The order of exercises was as follows:

1. Hymn—M. A. Murray.
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Good music also formed an enjoyable part of the programme. There were some things in connection with the farcical distribution of prizes, which, in the judgment of some, might better have been omitted, but as a whole the exercises were of a very creditable and interesting character and were evidently highly appreciated by the large audience present. Mr. James E. Ferguson, of Hantsport, the class poet, gives evidence, if we may take note, of the possession of poetic faculty of an order above that of the ordinary versifier.

The closing exercises of

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

took place at 2:30 p. m., and were, as usual, of an interesting character. Principal Oakes presided. The essays who represented their class on the platform were Mr. Isaac A. Corbett, of Five Islands, N. S., Subject—"Joseph"; Mr. A. H. Whitman, of New Albany, N. S., Subject—"The Grand Old Man"; Miss Evelyn Keirstead, Wolfville, Subject—"Dun Fennia Facti"; Mr. W. Laurie Hall, of Halifax, Subject—"The Constitution of Canada"; and Miss J. Blanche Burgess, of Westport, N. S., Subject—"Clouds."

The essays were both well prepared and well delivered. They impressed us as being above the average of the literary efforts usually presented on such occasions. The essays of the young ladies were such as to deserve special mention and seemed quite to justify the subject of one of the essays which being freely translated, as the fair essayist told us, means "A woman leads the way."

Diagrams were presented by Principal Oakes to those who have completed the prescribed course of study in the Academy. The names of those who belong to the Matriculating class of the Academy are as follows:

George Bishop, Carlisle, N. S.; Howard Burns, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.; E. J. Burgess, Hantsport, N. S.

At the request of Principal Oakes, Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney General of Nova Scotia, addressed the class and the audience. He congratulated the principal on the evidence presented of a year of successful work in the institution and the young men and women on the stage which they had reached. But it was well they should consider that while they were now at the beginning of their careers, life is short and none could afford to neglect their opportunities for making the most of it. Everyone should be ambitious of success, but no one succeeds by pursuing merely personal and selfish aims. The true ambition is to do useful work, to subserve the common good. With this as a constant aim one will not fail of success. Honesty was a necessary element of success in all walks of life. It was just as impossible for a dishonest man to succeed in politics as in the Christian ministry. Mr. Longley congratulated the essayists on the excellence of their papers. One of these suggested some remarks as to the relations of women to the world. The signs of the times were that women would come more and more into competition with men in almost all spheres of thought and labor, and thus the distinction between the sexes would in a manner disappear. But he expressed the opinion that it was better that there should be both men and women in the world, and that after the new order of things had been experimented with there would be a return to the old.

Later in the afternoon a large number of persons accepted the invitation to visit the Manual Training Hall and inspect the work of that department. A number of students were found at work at the lathe, and the products of the skilled handiwork developed by the course of instruction were to be seen in great variety, in such articles as napkin rings, ring stands, watch rests, cups, rulers, Indian Clubs, rolling pins, boxes, tables, an iron chair, shovels, tongs, and other products in wood and iron. These evidences of skilled workmanship elicited many expressions of admiration and approval. The exhibition of perspective and free hand drawing was also considered good, and all reflected great credit on Mr. McDonald, the instructor. The graduating exercises in connection with

ACADIA SEMINARY took place on Tuesday evening. This is always an occasion of lively interest, and notwithstanding an admission of twenty-five cents for the benefit of the institution, the Hall was filled as usual. Dr. Sawyer presided, Miss Graves, the principal, and the other teachers, occupying seats on the platform.

Following is the programme presented:

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The essays were all of more than usual merit, and the musical part of the programme, which was wholly by the class and an essential part of its graduating work, was highly appreciated. Miss Shaw possesses a fine voice, and her singing seems to deserve particular mention. The graduating class is composed as follows:

John James Robertson—Classical; Madeline Elizabeth Harrison—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical; Helen Rose Quirk—Classical.

The principal's report shows a total attendance of 111 during the year, of whom 63 were boarders. Of these eight were from New Brunswick, 102 from Nova Scotia and one from the United States. The junior class numbers fifteen, the largest in the history of the school. A reading prize of ten dollars was divided between Misses Harrison and Quirk. These ladies have finished a course of reading embracing history, biography, essays, art, literature, etc. The German prize of five dollars was won by Miss Chaloner, and in this connection Miss Rosemond Morse obtained honorable mention. The Art studio was opened to visitors at convenient times during the anniversary week. The work done in that department was much admired and is such as to reflect great credit on the pupils and their teacher, Miss Harding.

At the close of the exercises on Tuesday evening President Sawyer presented the several members of the class with their diplomas. He congratulated the class on its motto, *Alacritas Virtute Nilidi*, and on the manifestation of it which they had just given. He trusted they would ever be true to that motto. "You have tonight," he said, "the sympathies of this audience; go on doing your best and the sympathies of the good will ever be yours." Brief addresses of a very complimentary character were made by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, of St. John, Hon. J. W. Longley, of Halifax, and Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Newton Theological Seminary; and the exercises of the evening were brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

On Wednesday morning at nine o'clock

THE ALUMNI SOCIETY

of Acadia University held its annual meeting in the college chapel. Judge Chipman, of Kentville, president of the society, occupied the chair. The secretary, Mr. C. E. Seaman, presented his annual report. The report noted among other matters that the society had the privilege of nominating three of its number to fill vacancies in the Senate occurring this year. This was referred to a nominating committee. In 1889 the society had proposed to raise \$20,000 in five years as an endowment for an alumni professorship. By current subscriptions and fees the chair has been sustained from year to year, but the five years have now elapsed and only \$400 toward the endowment has so far been secured. This matter was referred to a committee which reported at the afternoon meeting, and it was decided to undertake to raise during the present year at least \$1,000 of the proposed endowment. The income of the society from fees and subscriptions during the year has been about \$1,448, and the disbursements about \$1,448, leaving a small balance on current account in the treasury, but a deficit carried forward from the previous year amounts to \$242. The secretary-treasurer estimates that in order to meet the demands on the treasury during the coming year \$1,847 will be needed. The report notes the existence of two branch alumni societies, one in Halifax and one in New England. The latter is manifesting an active interest in the University, and it is hoped that substantial support will come to the institution from that quarter. The committee on nominations presented their report at the afternoon meeting. The following names were accepted as the society's nominees to fill vacancies to occur this year in the Senate: W. F. Parker, A. C. Chute, S. McC. Black. The officers of the society for the year were elected as follows: President,

Hon. J. W. Longley, vice president, F. H. Eaton, Esq., secretary-treasurer, C. E. Seaman, directors, J. F. Herbin, H. L. Beckwith, W. N. Hutchins, R. G. Haley, C. J. Shand, S. W. Cummings, E. W. Sawyer.

THE UNIVERSITY CLOSING.

The weather did not look propitious on Wednesday morning. About eight o'clock rain began to fall quite heavily and the prospect for a pleasant day was not at all encouraging; but after an hour or two the clouds broke away, the sun came out and the day proved to be all that could be desired. Wolfville never failed to be beautiful at this season of the year, but the general verdict of visitors this year appeared to be that it had never been quite so beautiful before. The rich verdure of field and meadow are most grateful to the eye accustomed to the barrenness of the city. The rich foliage and the luxuriant bloom of the trees are a continual feast to the vision. Great is the profusion of blossoms. If the promise of the springtime shall be realized in the autumn, the fruit crop of 1894 in the Cornwallis and Annapolis Valleys will certainly be immense.

At 10:30 a. m. the convention took place in Assembly Hall, and though the rain of the morning had probably prevented a good many who would have come in from the surrounding country, the large hall was comfortably filled.

The Faculty, members of the Senate and Board of Governors and others occupied seats on the platform. The president called upon Rev. J. W. Manning to offer prayer. The following is the programme of exercises:

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Five members of the class delivered orations. These were Messrs. Harold S. Davidson, James E. Ferguson, W. C. Vincent and Misses Cook and Morton. The orations were all of excellent quality and were well delivered. The ladies certainly acquitted themselves with great credit and well sustained the honor of their sex. Mr. Vincent is a man of mature mind and a good deal of experience as a public speaker. His oration met with much favor. The arrangement of his thought was perspicuous, his delivery pleasing and forceful. The readers of the MESSANGER AND VISITOR will, we hope, have the pleasure of perusing this excellent paper for themselves.

The candidates for the degree of B. A. were introduced with the usual formalities by Rev. S. B. Kempton and received their parchments from the hand of President Sawyer. In addition to those whose names appear in the programme above, Mr. D. Livingstone Parker received this degree, and it was announced that Mr. Lew. Wallace, who had studied with the class, but on account of illness had been unable to compete all the examinations, would also receive the degree when these examinations should be passed. Honor certificates for extra work were awarded as follows:

HONOR CERTIFICATES TO SENIORS.
Helena Blackadar—English literature.
Estelle A. Cook—Classics.
H. L. Davidson—Classics.
W. I. Moore—Classics.
James E. Ferguson—Political science.
HONOR CERTIFICATES TO JUNIORS.
Miss W. M. Cooke—Modern languages.
Margaret McLean—Classics.
H. P. McLean—Physics.
H. A. Stewart—Physics.
Miss E. K. Patton—Mathematics.
HONORARY CERTIFICATES TO SOPHOMORES.
Sally E. Burke—French.
C. W. Jackson—Classics.
Wylie C. Macgregor—Mathematics.
A. H. Moore—Classics.

Certificates in elocution were awarded to Helena Blackadar and Hattie E. Morton. Degrees were conferred as follows: The M. A. degree in course was conferred upon the following: Rev. F. H. Beale, Miss Blanche Bishop, H. Y. Corey, Zenas L. Fash, W. Norman Hutchins, Rev. W. B. Hutchins, Arthur C. Kempton, Rev. Austin T. Kempton, John L. Marsters, Miss Annie M. McLean, Miss J. Mildred McLean, Rev. R. O. Morse, Rev. J. W. Tingley and Harry F. Waring. President Sawyer then announced

that the University had been pleased to confer the following

HONORARY DEGREES.

Prof. A. J. Eaton, of McGill, A. M. of Acadia and Ph. D. of Lelapa University, admitted *ad eundem gradum*. The degree of M. A. is conferred upon Mr. Geo. U. Hay and Rev. J. A. Gordon of St. John. The degree of B. D. upon Rev. S. B. Kempton M. A., Rev. D. A. Steele, M. A., and Rev. G. M. W. Carey, M. A. The graduating class were then presented by Dr. Kempton to receive from the president his parting address; Dr. Sawyer spoke, in substance, as follows: On this day you complete your course of study in connection with this institution. It is a day significant in your history and in some measure also in ours. You are graduated today, but you have not made the mistake of supposing that you are also graded. The grading will come later. It will depend partly upon yourselves, partly upon providential appointments and partly upon the judgment of the world. If there is an idea that graduation tends to separate the college-bred man or woman from the rest of the world, it finds no support with us. We seek to discourage the idea that college graduates should form a distinct class in the community. There will always be, of course, the distinction which talent and culture give; but the purpose of everyone should be to employ his developed powers for the common good. We trust you carry this purpose in your hearts as you go forth from us. There is a sense in which graduation is not for you a thing of the past. The passing years with their events and the experiences of life graduate us. We are changed with and by the changing times. How shall these changes be regarded, what shall they work in us? Each individual must work out his own destiny. Each one can regulate in some degree the effect, if not the character, of the events he meets with in life's journey. Each must work for himself. Success comes not by accident, but by patient labor and patiently confronting the hard conditions which we meet. You came in here with all the brilliancy of the Freshman upon you, confident in your ability to meet anything. One effect of the discipline received has been to teach the limits of human strength. Most classes have failed to do all they were ambitious to do. We should be thankful for their successes, and perhaps we should be equally thankful for their failures. Be confident that, whether there come darkness or light, sunshine or storm, all shall work for good. The oft quoted words, "To thine own self be true," "thou canst not then be false to any man," contain a false philosophy; rather say: Be true to others, seek the common good, realize the law of love, and then you will surely be true to your own highest interests.

Other addresses followed. Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D., and Rev. G. M. W. Carey, D. D., being called upon, responded in a few well-chosen remarks, expressing their thanks for the honors conferred upon them. Hon. Attorney General Longley spoke in his felicitous way. He alluded to the flight of time and recalled the fact that it was now nearly twenty-five years since President Sawyer had entered upon those important duties which during these years he had continued to discharge with so much honor to himself and to the University. He expressed the hope that the present year would not be allowed to pass without some suitable public recognition of this long period of valuable service. Rev. Dr. Thomas, of Newton, also responded to the call for an address. He said that when he came to Newton as a professor one of the things which struck him was the number and character of the students from Acadia. He had looked forward with interest to seeing the mine out of which this valuable ore had been dug. Dr. Thomas spoke in praise of the atmosphere of religious faith which pervaded the college. Reverence was paid to the Bible and religious truth, and the dogmas of such men as Herbert Spencer, he observed, were not received with unquestioning assent. Baptists in other perilous days had stood loyally for the truth, and he trusted that they would be found equally faithful in these days.

The year just closed is regarded as a good average year for the college. Nothing of a particularly disturbing character has occurred. Things have gone on harmoniously; the health of teachers and students has been good and steady work has been done. There has been no especially marked religious movement in connection with the institutions this year and not so many conversions are reported as in some previous years, but a good degree of interest has been manifested in the prayer meetings, and the religious services have been well sustained. The class graduated this year is not so large as of some other years. Counting in one student, who on account of ill health has not completed the work of the last year but will probably receive his degree in the course of a few weeks, the class numbers 23. The Freshman

class of the year numbered 40 and the two middle classes averaged nearly 30, 119 in all.

SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE.

On Wednesday afternoon the closing exercises of the Nova Scotia School of Horticulture were held in Assembly Hall and attracted a good deal of attention. A circular of information was distributed, from which we take the following:

"The Nova Scotia School of Horticulture was established by the N. S. Fruit Growers' Association, by virtue of an Act passed by the House of Assembly, on the 22nd day of April, 1893, and formally opened the first of January, 1894 with an enrollment of over sixty students. Wolfville, Kings County, was chosen as the location for the institution. By the Act the school was placed under the control of the Fruit Growers' Association, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council. The school is now under the management of a Council Board of Directors chosen from the Association. A lease of land, at a nominal rate, was obtained from the Governors of Acadia University, and use of class rooms, laboratories and library are kindly donated in kind. Since the opening of the school it has been well attended and great interest and good work manifested by the students. A new building is to be erected at once, containing lecture rooms, chemical and botanical laboratories, green-house conservatories, library, etc., thus further facilitating the work for next year.

The course of study as prescribed comprises a two years' course. In the first year's course principles are thoroughly mastered and such studies pursued as to fit the student properly to understand all phases of horticulture used in the application of practical work. Botany, chemistry and horticulture are treated in lectures as well as by text books, using the laboratory constantly, making the practical side thoroughly understood. Students may take optional studies in addition in Acadia University, Horton Academy and the Manual Training School, which are in the immediate vicinity, but no horticulture study can be omitted. Certificates of proficiency are granted for this year's work. In the second year's work the student takes up the study in a more advanced and theoretical manner, having by this time become thoroughly acquainted with the practical side leading to the conferring of a diploma and a proposed degree. An address of welcome was given by J. W. Bigelow, Esq., Pres. of the N. S. Fruit Growers' Association. Papers of considerable merit and interest by students of the school were presented as follows: The Grape, C. S. Fitch; Landscape gardening, Mrs. A. H. Johnson; Drifting, C. A. Paterson; The Strawberry, R. E. Burgess. Certificates for proficiency in the work of the year were presented with appropriate remarks by Prof. Fayville. There were also addresses by Hon. J. W. Longley, Prof. Lawson, Secy. for Agriculture, and Prof. John Craig, of Ottawa. The names of President Sawyer, Prof. Keirstead and other gentlemen were on the programme, but the afternoon had been fully occupied and