

ed with her husband in the honors of the day as she has been closely connected with him in his noble work. Dr. Clarke, of Hamilton, and Dr. Pepper, of Colby, and Hon. Mr. Washburn also spoke. Dr. Weston, of Crozer, was unable to be present but sent a well written estimate of Dr. Hovey's work. This was the most enthusiastic meeting of the series.

In the evening Dr. Strong gave an able address on "The Progress of Theology during the last fifty years." His views on Monism are not yet accepted but they are always stated with ability. This closed the Jubilee to Dr. Hovey (if the expression be allowed) and surely it was worthy of the occasion and of the man as the man was deserving of the praise.

The Anniversary exercises, when the graduating class of fifteen delivered addresses and received their certificates, were held on Thursday. There were ten speakers and the speeches averaged over ten minutes in length, but the audience enjoyed it all. Acadia was represented by Selden R. McCurdy, class of '95. He spoke on knowledge of missions as an element in the pastor's training. He was distinctly the orator of the day. Twice during his address the audience interrupted him with vigorous applause. The other speakers were attentively heard and cheered at the end of their addresses. Prof Thomas addressed the class. His motto was "Cut loose; hold fast," cut loose from tradition when opposed to truth, hold the things that are known.

The degree of B. D. was given to one student for special work in Hebrew. Mr. McCurdy was married at Lynn on Thursday evening and will go to Burma in the autumn. Mr. W. F. Spidell of Lunenburg, N. S., and York Adam King of Pictou, who completed their course of study this year, will settle in United States.

Acadia students are doing well at Newton, especially as orators. At the Oratorical contest open to all Newton students W. H. McLeod, Acadia '95, won. At another public debate of four speakers three were from Acadia, viz, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. A. J. Archibald and Mr. A. C. Archibald. The side having two Acadia men won the decision. The Archibalds are sons of Rev. E. N. Archibald. X.

About the Convention.

It is coming to Fredericton and will be warmly welcomed. The hesitancy of the Fredericton church to extend an invitation to the body and its acceptance of the proposed conditions by which its responsibility in the matter of entertainment becomes somewhat limited, should not be interpreted as indicative of an inhospitable spirit. On the contrary this action was dictated by the hospitable instinct, the church feeling that it would be an ungracious thing to encourage expectations concerning entertainment which it would be unable to fulfil. Convention has come to be a great body and it is a big undertaking for a single church of moderate size to care for it. Under the conditions submitted to us, that we provide entertainment for two delegates from each church, we shall receive the gathering gladly, only regretting our inability to assume a larger measure of obligation in providing free homes.

The contract into which we have entered is so simple that no one should misunderstand it. B. Y. P. U. delegates to secure free entertainment must be delegates from the church to the Convention proper. The same applies to the ladies, the ministers, and indeed to all comers. The arrangement provides for no favored classes. We shall endeavor to place in comfortable homes two delegates from each church free of expense. If we find ourselves able to exceed this we shall be most happy to do it. For all who are not included in the list for which the church holds itself responsible, we shall secure hotel or boarding-house accommodation at reduced rates. A list of hotels with rates will be published later. There is always a large number of Baptist summer tourists hovering about our Conventions and to these we commend Fredericton and vicinity as well worthy of a visit. We should like to see the city crowded with them during Convention week. The hotels are ample for their accommodation. We suggest that they wear a badge to distinguish them from Convention delegates.

The Convention will be a blessing to this church and city. We confidently anticipate a pleasant and profitable week. We have arranged with the weather clerk for bright, warm sunshine with an occasional shower to freshen the abundant foliage. We should be pleased if the Convention could take a half holiday to see the city and surroundings. As that is scarcely practicable perhaps the B. Y. P. U. will leave one forenoon clear until 10 a. m., that delegates may take a morning stroll through parks and along the river banks without their consciences accusing them of sin in neglecting a religious service. Friends will see the city and it will be well if the temptation to see it during sessions is removed.

There will be no "Growlers" in the Fredericton church this year. We have no room to spare for the purpose. We do not expect to need it.

All necessary announcements will be made in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR from time to time. Now, brethren let us gird ourselves for the work which lies before us, and by prayer, preparation and patience make this Convention one of mighty power for Christ in the churches!

J. D. FREEMAN.

The Alumnae of Acadia Seminary.

The eighth annual business meeting of the Alumnae Association was held Monday, 5th inst., at 2:30 in class room "A" of the Seminary. In the absence of the President, Miss Laura Sawyer, the first Vice-President, Mrs. Otis Redden, occupied the chair. After prayer by Mrs. William Chipman the secretary called the roll, which each year is enlarging. Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved. Mrs. Trotter presented the report of the executive committee, which was adopted. The treasurer stated that \$220 had been raised and paid on account of the furnishings of the Seminary. As a tribute to the faithful service rendered by Miss Crowell while teaching in the Seminary, this Association made her a life member. Much gratitude is due Mrs. Ralph Eaton by whose efforts the sum of \$80 was raised. Half of this was donated by the class of which she is a graduate—the room to be named "Class of '83." At the request of her class mates, Mrs. Eaton, Valedictorian of the class of '83, was made a life member of the Alumnae. Kentville church and friends gave the other \$40 to name a room "Kentville" and make Miss True a life member. Deep regret was expressed that instructors so efficient as Miss True and Miss Crowell should deem it necessary to sever their connection with the school. The members of the class of 1895 are busy collecting money for the Seminary but were not prepared to report in full. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Ralph Eaton, Kentville; 1st Vice President, Mrs. A. A. Shaw, Windsor; and Vice President, Mrs. H. G. Estabrook, New Glasgow; Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Wolfville; Treasurer, Miss Kezzie Banks, Waterville; Executive Committee, Mrs. Redden, Miss Mabel Jones, Mrs. Trotter, Mrs. Walter Higgins, Mrs. B. W. Wallace, together with the officers; Entertainment Committee, Miss Edna Wyman, Miss Grace Reynolds, Miss Ethel Johnson.

In the evening the Annual Reunion was held in Alumnae Hall. A large number (about 150) of the friends and graduates of the Seminary assembled and enjoyed the following programme: Poem, Miss Annie Fitch; Address by President, Miss Sawyer, read by Miss Crowell; Chronicles of the class of 1883, written by Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace, read by Mrs. Trotter; Vocal Solo, Miss Lawson, with violin obligato by Mrs. B. W. Wallace. The announcement was made by the acting president that Miss True and Miss Crowell had been made life members. These ladies expressed their gratitude and appreciation in grateful terms, dwelling tenderly on their love and faith in Acadia. While refreshments were served the delightful intercourse of old friends took place and the making of new acquaintances was most agreeable. Visitors were warmly welcomed and soon felt perfectly at home amid the overflow of sociability. Quiet was at length resumed to listen to the responses given by the representatives of the various classes. Miss Read of Mount Allison Alumnae brought greetings from the sister institution. Mrs. R. A. Christie of Amherst spoke for the years 1861 and 1863. For the class of 1878 Mrs. Trotter responded; 1883 Mrs. Ralph Eaton, 1886 Minnie Chipman, 1889 Mabel H. Parsons, 1890 Mrs. W. B. Wallace, 1891 Mrs. H. G. Estabrook, 1895 Helen King, 1896 Kezzie Banks, 1897 Sadie Jameson, 1898 Lulu Doleson, 1899 Ethel Emmerson. The hour was late when the end came to this joyous evening, one of the most interesting in the history of the Association. As hands were joined and the ever dear Auld Lang Syne was sung, all felt that it was good to be there. Former students of the Seminary, the loss is not only ours but yours when you fail to be present at these gatherings. May the number be greater at the next Alumnae Reunion on Monday preceeding Anniversary.

MABEL H. PARSONS.

Halifax, June 14.

Newton and New England.

Last week while the Anniversary exercises were going on at Wolfville, we were enjoying the most delightful Anniversary Newton Theological Seminary ever held. You will no doubt, Mr. Editor, receive ample account of the exercises but I would like to say a word that other correspondents may not send you.

Acadia received very high praise for the men she sends to Newton, which we are sure, with an exception or two, is justly due, this was very happily illustrated during the exercises. At the banquet given Dr. Hovey on Wednesday afternoon, the banner speech was made by a man by the name of Rev. E. M. Keirstead, D. D., who spoke for Acadia. Dr. B. L. Whitman in introducing this modest man said he thought the best combination for a New England minister was Acadia and Newton.

On Thursday morning the graduating class gave their varied utterances. They were all good, but the most appreciated and deservedly so was by S. R. McCurdy on "The neglected part of the ministers preparation"—missions. He was several times vigorously applauded. These addresses by Dr. Keirstead and Mr. McCurdy were highly appreciated by many and Acadia received many kind words on their account, as well as on account of many others of her sons and daughters here in old New England. During the summer many of the New England pastors are planning a trip to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for rest and change, among them will probably be Rev. W. E. Witter and wife, District Secretary of the Missionary Union, and the old veteran missionary, Dr. Ashmore and his family. To suggest a warm welcome for these and other men would be needless. May they receive a blessing and also leave one too.

June 9.

A. T. KEMPSON.

About the Flags.

The Academy and the Seminary have flags. I surmise they were not flying on anniversary days on account of the weather. They were raised on the Queen's birthday. The College has a College flag and a national flag, but it has no flag-staff. The one that stood between the Seminary and the College became weak at the base and was removed a few years ago. One reason why another was not erected was the difficulty in selecting a site on account of the position of the College and the trees around it. It has been suggested that the College flag might float from one of the end towers of the building and the national flag from the other. However, if any one is moved to do something for the proper display of banners he may understand that what the College needs is a suitable staff in a suitable location. A. W. S.

Is the Royal home at Windsor Castle a sufficient standard for Baptists; and are we indebted to the Queen for the moral standard of our homes?

DEAR SIR.—Feeling it to be no breach of propriety, I herewith venture to say a few words in reference to the "Patriotic Discourse" delivered by the Rev. H. F. Adams of Truro, which appeared in your issue of the 31st ult.

Being perfectly aware of the strong patriotic spirit of the Canadian people, and especially of the people of the Maritime Provinces; and therefore the great risk I run of being considered unpatriotic in venturing a few remarks adversely to some things said in that discourse; I wish to say that I too am English born, and have often helped swell the hundreds of thousands along "Edgware Road" and "Oxford Street" to get a glimpse of Her Majesty and to give her a cheer, and I think I love the British flag and respect Her Majesty as much as any British subject; but we cannot afford to let our patriotism run wild with our Christian principles.

Queen Victoria is a noble woman, worthy the highest respect of every subject in her kingdom as the political head of the British Empire, and it is eminently true that her home life has been governed by purity, and that her reign is unstained by any personal vice; but when she is held up as an ideal Christian and the Royal home at Windsor Castle as the ideal home worthy the admiration and imitation of the Baptist Communion it becomes another consideration.

While the Queen encourages the use of intoxicating liquor, and attendance at "dress balls" and the theatre, she is no ideal Christian and her's is no ideal home for any Baptist family to pattern after.

It may be pleaded that she must be popular, and we sympathise with her in her position, but she does not feel the strain of this any more than any one of her subjects, however so humble, and who's bread is often buttered on that side. There is not a Christian but what feels the inconvenience of this, but he sacrifices popularity for the sake of his Christian principles.

If it is wrong for a Baptist to use intoxicating liquors as a beverage so it is for the Queen. If it is wrong for a Baptist to attend "balls" or dancing frolics so it is for the Queen. If it is wrong for a Baptist to attend the theatre so it is for the Queen. What is wrong for the one is wrong for the other. There is only one standard of Christianity; one God to come before who is no respecter of persons.

I deny that we are indebted to the Royal home at Windsor Castle for the high moral standard of our own. Take the homes, as a class, that are most nearly in touch with that home and therefore the most influenced and what is the moral tone here found? Chiefly winebibbers spending their time at the banquet, at the ball, at the theatre. Where shall we go then to find the ideal Christian home? We find them among the humbler subjects of Her Majesty, among the artisan class. And to what are these indebted for the high moral and Christian standard of their homes? To the Halls of Windsor Castle? No! No! No! They are indebted to the Word of God. To the nonconformist's interpretation of that Word, to nonconformist's preaching and nonconformist's principles; and the halls of Windsor Castle and the rest of the Empire for as much of this purity that they possess are indebted to the nonconformists.

Listen to Dr. Parker of London, when he represented the Nonconformist body of England and Wales, when that body celebrated the Queen's Jubilee. After telling the Queen that to his knowledge she had never entered an English dissenting chapel; that she had never heard an English dissenting preacher, he said, "Others will speak and have spoken of the Queen's great premiers, and chancellors, and soldiers; but I want to say something about her dissenting preachers." And after pouring forth the grand names of the grand men of Nonconformity, he said, "These names are footprints of progress; they are pulses of endless life; they are God's own signals; they are chapters of civilization. These men have helped to make the British nation, and they have extended its dominion; but, officially, they have been allowed to live and toil and contribute unrecognized by Her Majesty as though they were not. We owe much to the Queen but she owes infinitely more to us." This is true, it is honest, it is brave. Take from the British Empire at home and abroad the Nonconformist and his Christian influence and what have you left?

Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

W. A. SKELTON.