

Acadia's anniversary properly extends from Sunday morning to Thursday evening. On Sunday morning, May 31st, Rev. A. S. Gumbart, of Boston, preached eloquently in the Baptist church. Dr. Saunders preached the baccalaureate sermon in Assembly Hall in the afternoon, and in the evening another audience of about 1000 filled the Assembly Hall to hear a masterly address by Mr. Gumbart to the college Y. M. C. A. on "The Man Christ Jesus."

On Monday evening, Rev. Thomas Trotter delivered the annual oration before the Senate of the University, subject, "The English Pulpit in the Seventeenth Century." This address was scholarly and instructive, as Mr. Trotter's utterances always are.

On Tuesday afternoon, the closing exercises of Horton Academy took place in the presence of an audience that completely filled the Assembly Hall. Principal Oakes presided. He said that the academy had enjoyed a prosperous year. The senior class numbered twenty-five; of whom twenty had completed the course and would receive their matriculation diplomas at the close of the exercises. The following six members of the class delivered their essays, viz.: W. H. Dyas, of Parrsboro, "The Power of Habit;" R. D. Pugsley, Penobscot, "Tourist Travel;" E. C. Stubbart, Deerfield, N. S., "The Armenian Question;" Miss M. V. Crandall, Wolfville, "Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate;" L. J. Peters, Port Morien, "Relation of Bible Study to a Successful Life;" S. S. Poole, Yarmouth, "Valedictory."

The essays and their successful delivery were subjects of very general and favorable comment. The warm appreciation of the graduating class for the academy and its teachers was made especially evident in the Valedictory. Stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Gumbart and Hon. H. R. Emmerson.

The exhibit of the work done in the Manual Training Department was visited by a large concourse of people. A number of the boys at wood turning and carpentry attracted much attention. The drawing and iron work were well up to the average in their excellence. This department has fully justified its existence. An increased attendance at the academy next year is confidently expected.

On Tuesday evening, the graduation exercises of the seminary were of great interest. Seventeen young ladies received their diplomas, five graduating in the collegiate course, eleven in piano music, and one in voice.

The following young ladies delivered essays: Miss Kezia Belle Banks, of Waterville, N. S., "The Legend of the Holy Grail in Literature;" Miss Jost, of Guysboro, "The Elgin Marbles;" Miss Grace Patriquin, Wolfville, the class motto, "Perseverando."

Addresses by Dr. Steele, Hon. H. R. Emmerson and Attorney General Longley were well received.

The year's record of the seminary under the new principal, Miss True, is very encouraging. The prospects for the coming year are very bright.

The college exercises on Wednesday forenoon was presided over by Dr. Sawyer. His address to the large graduating class, numbering twenty-eight, was as usual, wise and weighty. Six of the students delivered addresses. Franklin S. Morse, of Digby, treated of the "Permanency of British Civilization;" Mr. Fred. Fenwick, of Montana, discussed "The Munroe Doctrine;" Miss Minnie Brown, of Wolfville, urged a graceful and clever plea for the study of expression in the Arts course; Mr. Moffat, of Amherst, spoke on the "Future of Egypt;" Mr. Denton, on the "Æsthetics of Rhythm;" and Mr. Bishop on "Socrates as a Revealer of Unwritten Law." The twenty-eight members of the class received the degree of Bachelor in Arts.

The degree of M. A. in course was conferred on S. J. Case, N. J. Lockhart, Miss Eveline K. Patten, Miss Agnes Roop, Miss Estelle Cook, Miss Hattie Morton, D. H. McQuarrie, H. S. Shaw, B. K. Daniels and W. R. Foote. Rev. A. S. Gumbart received the degree of D. D.

The first class reunion in the history of the university was celebrated on Tuesday afternoon at the Central Hotel, by the class of 1871. The following are the names of the twelve members: Rev. W. H. Warren, Rev. A. Cohoon, Attorney General Longley, J. B. Mills, M. P., Principal I. B. Oakes, Rev. H. E. Morrow, of Burmah, Dr. Bradshaw, of Kansas, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. J. Neiley, deceased, Rev. John Stubbart, W. A. Spinney and Chas. Masters. Eleven of the twelve classmates are still living and in good health, and each has constantly filled honorable and useful positions during the intervening quarter of a century.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors on Thursday a great surprise was occasioned by the resignation on account of ill health, of President Sawyer. The doctor's incumbency of twenty-seven years has been one of genuine success. He retires from the presidency with the esteem of all, and with universal regret that his term of office cannot be continued. The college will, however, continue to have the benefit of his rare abilities as a professor. A committee of ten has been appointed to secure a successor.

The institutions at Wolfville have had an honorable record. They are under the direction and influence of men and women of high scholarship and worth, and their future is big with promise.