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THE FIRM BANK.

Supposed to have been written by the Rev.
Rowland Hill, at a time when public
credit in Great Britain was shaken by
the failure of several banks.

I have a never-failing bank,
A more than golden store;
No earthly bank is half so rich;
How can I then be poor?
'Tis when my stock is spent and gone,
And I without a groat,
I'm glad to hasten to my bank,
And beg a little note.

Sometimes my Banker smiling says,
Why don't you oftener come?
And when you draw a little note,
Why not a larger sum?

Why live so niggardly and poor?
Your bank contains a plenty;
Why come and take a one pound note,
When you might have a twenty?

Yea, twenty thousand ten times told
Is but a trifling sum,
To what your father has laid up,
Secure in Christ his Son.

Since then my Banker is so rich,
I have no cause to borrow;
I'll live upon my cash to-day,
And draw again to-morrow.

I've been a thousand times before,
And never was rejected;
Sometimes my banker gives me more
Than asked for or expected.

Sometimes I've felt a little proud,
I've managed things so clever;
But ah, before the day is gone,
I've felt as poor as ever.

Sometimes with blushes in my face,
Just at the door I stand;
I know it Moses keep me back,
I surely must be damned.

Should all the banks in Britain break,
The bank of England smash,
Bring in your notes to Zion's bank,
You'll surely have your cash.

And if you have but one small note,
Fear not to bring it in;
Come boldly to the bank of Grace;
The banker is within.

All forged notes will be refused.
Men-merits are rejected;
There's not a single note will pass
That God has not accepted.

'Tis only those beloved by God,
Redeemed by precious blood,
That never had a note to bring—
Those are the gifts of God.

Though thousand ransomed souls may say
They have no notes at all,
Because they have no plague of sin,
So ruined by the fall.

This bank is full of precious notes,
All signed and sealed and free,
Though many a sowing souls may say,
There is not one for me.

Base unbelief will lead the child
To say what is not true;
I tell the soul who feels self lost,
These notes belong to you.

The leper had a little note—
"Lord, it thou wilt, you can."
The Banker cashed this little note,
And healed the sickly man.

We read of one young man indeed
Whose riches did abound;
But in the Banker's book of grace
This man was never found.

But see the wretched dying thief
Hang by the Banker's side;
He cried, "Dear Lord, remember me;"
He got his cash and died.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES AT MOUNT ALLISON.

On Sunday morning, Rev. W. C. Brown preached to a large congregation at the Methodist Church, and in the evening the Rev. Mr. McMurray preached the Baccalaureate Sermon.

Rev. Dr. Stewart delivered the Annual Lecture of the Theological Union at Lingley Hall on Monday evening—subject: The teaching of Christ in reference to his own Person and work.

MALE ACADEMY EXERCISES.

The closing exercises of the Male Academy were of a most interesting character, and considering the age of the students who took part in them, reflected great credit on the Institution they represented. Principal Longley made some very happy remarks in preventing his report.

Devotional exercises.
Memories of Childhood, H. R. Palmer, Singing Class.
Essay: Shakespeare's Macbeth, J. W. Tait.
Recitation: Autobiography, A. Bliss.
Recitation: Le Roi Alphonse, S. W. Luttrell.
Tantale de Concert, G. Saller. Miss L. M. Stewart and Prof. W. Jost.
Recitation: Parting of Marmon and Douglas, C. Stewart.
Recitation: Grammar of Life, S. Thompson.
Recitation: The Empty Sleeve, V. H. Woolrich.

Declaration: Pro Archia Poeta, Hedley Thompson.
Angels Ever Bright and Fair, G. F. Haendel, Miss M. M. Walton.
Recitation: Arnold Winkelreid, J. R. Johnson.
Oration: The Glory of Arms, W. H. White.
Reports
Ppionaise, Op. 9, O. Schmidt, Misses A. Black, E. DeBlots, L. Jeffery, M. Ketchum.
Doxology.

LADIES' ACADEMY.

The exercises took place on Tuesday morning. The Hall was quite crowded. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character. The following was the programme:

Devotional Exercises
Morning Hymn, Chorus for 3 voices, J. Concone, The Young Ladies.
French Salutatory, Miss George.
Essay: Sex in Industry, Miss Humphrey.
Overture: "Felsenmuehle," for eight hands, C. G. Reissiger, Misses J. L. Black, J. Campbell, M. Fletcher, L. Tweedie.
Essay: Life's Sculptors, Miss Lovitt.
Essay: Ideals, Miss Smith.
Scene and Prayer from "Freischuetz," C. M. Von Weber, Miss Annie W. Gibson.
Essay: The Ecstasy of Sleep, Miss Walton.
La Bella Capricciosa, Op. 55, J. V. Hummel, Miss L. Tweedie.
Essay and Valetictory: Pathos in Literature, Miss Robertson.
Air de Grace from "Robert Le Diable," G. Meyerbeer, Miss H. Black.
Presentation of Diplomas—Reports.
"Hexameron," Grades Variations de Concert, F. Liszt, Miss L. M. Stewart, and Prof. W. Jost.
Address by Rev. R. Brecken, M.A.
"Gloria," from the 12th Mass, W. A. Mozart, Singing Class.

The literary reputation of the Academy was well sustained by the excellence of the essays.
DR. KENNEDY, in making his report, stated that during the year the attendance was 79. The progress made was most gratifying. Over half attained the first rank and eleven were in College classes. The manner in which the latter passed their examinations showed they were no way inferior to the other sex in mastering the subjects embraced in the College Curricula. The Principal paid a glowing high eulogium on the high attainments of Prof. W. Jost and the efficiency of his assistants, Misses Stewart and Pickard. The Art Department had made an excellent exhibition of pictures. Mrs. MacCarthy, under whose direction it was managed, was a lady of high reputation as an artist.

GRADUATES.

Graduate in Music: Miss Leora R. Tweedie.
Graduates with degrees of M. L. A.: Bessie J. George, Sackville, N. B.; Jane Humphrey, Moncton, N. B.; Augusta Lovitt, Yarmouth, N. S.; Annie J. Robertson, Hardwicke, N. B.; Josephine Smith, Coverdale, N. B.; Lillie C. Walton, Canard, N. S.

REV. MR. BRECKEN

then delivered a brief address, in which he traced the liberalizing tendencies of the day in the direction of the removal of disabilities against women obtaining college degrees, and he claimed that woman's sphere was limited by no bounds except what she herself could not do.

DR. ALLISON

being called upon delivered a short and amusing address, followed by Dr. Pickard, who, in a few congratulatory sentences testified to the efficiency of the Educational means of Mt. Allison, when the proceedings terminated.

THE ALUMNI ANNIVERSARY

took place on Tuesday evening. The hall was quite packed. Miss Inch, M. L. A., presided in behalf of the Alumnae and Mr. W. C. Milner, B. Sc., in behalf of the Alumni. The following was the programme:

Devotional Exercises.
"When hands meet," C. Pinsute, (Chorus for mixed voices), Singing Class.
Address by the President of the Alumni Society.
Overture, "Pique Dame," F. V. Suppe, Misses J. Gibson, A. McBean, L. Phinney L. Pritchard.
Address by the President of the Alumnae Society.
Essay: The Last of the Tudors, Miss Annie B. Trueman, M. L. A.
Vocal Sol., "Waiting," H. Willard, Miss H. Black.
Address, B. Russell, M. A.

Address, Rev. Joseph Hart, Ill Travatore, Op. 20, H. Albert, Misses M. E. Pickard, L. M. Stewart.
Address, D. Allison, L. D.
God Save the Queen.

Miss Inch, at the close of her very neat address, presented to Miss Jeanne M. Grant of Stellarton, the Mathematical scholarship of the Alumnae Society.
Miss Trueman's Essay was somewhat lengthy, but a highly finished and elegant composition of the times of Queen Elizabeth.

The address of Mr. Russell was devoted to proving the advantage of collegiate training to those entering professional careers, especially the law. While he admitted that a quotation from an ode to Horace would add nothing to the force of a lawyer's dunning letter; he believed that experience and statistics proved that the mental drill and discipline of a college made those possessing it superior to their competitors.

Rev. Joseph Hart delivered a scholarly address, showing the needs of a Christian education in a new country like this. He drew a glowing picture of the future possibilities of our Great North West, which he believed would fulfil a great destiny, if the foundations were laid deep and strong of an education that will keep the franchise pure and elevate the tone of public sentiment.

Dr. Allison, in an off-hand speech, said he could almost claim Sackville as a part of Nova Scotia. It was once a township belonging to that Province and sent a representative—the grandfather of the present Collector of Customs—to the Assembly at Halifax, and he had understood that when Sackville was severed at the time of the creation of the new Province, the Sackville farmers used very strong words of disapproval. Nova Scotia had any way treated Sackville like a mother, because when her own Province had cast her off, Nova Scotia had acted as a foster mother to these Institutions. He indulged in numerous reminiscences of the old Academy and referred to the great influence it had exercised, and which all such institutions do exercise. He paid a glowing tribute to the great services of Rev. Dr. McCollough, who attempted to establish a college at Pictou, and who, at enormous disadvantages, sustained it for fifteen years himself. Though it was abandoned, it was not a failure, but a magnificent success, for drawing a line across Nova Scotia embracing more than half of the population easterly, you find a people that have been brought under the influence of his teachings, exemplifying the fact that rich endowments and libraries and college apparatus, could not leave an impress on the people's life and character the same as a living man vitalized with great purposes. He declared he would rather possess the reputation of Dr. McCollough, than any Nova Scotian who ever lived.

At the close of his speech a vote of thanks was given Prof. Jost and his assistants and the meeting adjourned.
At the annual business meeting of the Alumni Society on Monday afternoon, the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. D. Chapman.
Secretary—R. C. Weldon.
Vice-Presidents—S. B. Snowball, M. P., B. Russell, M. A., L. Allison, B. A.
Council—Rev. J. Burwash, J. F. Allison, W. C. Milner, A. D. Smith, H. R. Powell, J. L. Black, J. Wood.
The Alumni representatives elected to the Board of Governors were: J. L. Black, M. P., and R. C. Weldon.

At the meeting of the Alumnae Society of Mount Allison, the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. B. F. Chandler.
Vice-Presidents—Miss S. E. Smith, Mrs. Dr. Allison, Miss Burrell.
Secretary—Miss G. A. Lockhart.

CONVOCATION EXERCISES

of the College took place yesterday morning. Despite the rain, the Hall was comfortably filled. The programme was as follows:

Devotional Exercises, Rev. C. Stewart, D. D.
Music: "Joy, Joy, Freedom to-day," (Chorus from Gypsy's Warning), Singing Class.
ORATIONS BY THE GRADUATING CLASS.
Salutatory Addresses (Latin), J. W. Wadman.
The Conqueror of the South, Fred A. Buckley.
A Reverie, Albert J. Chapman.
An Economic View of Slavery, Thomas E. Colpitts.

The Romantic in the Elizabethan Age, D. D. Moore.
Oratory, Alfred R. McAlpine.
The Land of the Pyramid Builders, W. A. Black.

Music: Overture, "Jubel," (2 Pianos), C. M. Von Weber, Miss L. M. Stewart and Prof. W. Jost.
Schiller's Jungfrau Von Orleans, (German) H. E. Kennedy.
Influence of the Discovery of America, Ralph Colpitts.
Europe's Obligations to England, Benjamin Hills.

Persistence as exemplified in the Life of Columbus and Valeictory Addresses, Geo. O. Robinson.
Music: "Stay with me," (Vocal Solo) F. Kuecken.

CONFERRING DEGREES, REPORTS, & C.
Music: First Symphony, First Movement (8 hands) J. Haydn, Misses M. Bishop, P. Comben, B. George, H. Stewart.
Address by Rev. George W. Hill, D. C. L., Chancellor of the University of Halifax.
God Save the Queen.

In order to economize the time, the orations of Messrs. Buckley, T. E. Colpitts, McAlpine, and R. Colpitts were omitted. The orations were all of a high class and well worthy of the occasion.

REPORTS, ETC.

Mr. Arthur Black was then presented with the prize given by Mr. McDonald of Toronto, for proficiency in the Theological Elocution Class.

President Inch announced with cheers that Mr. Goodwin of Mount Allison, who held the Gilchrist scholarship, had won, some days ago, a prize of £50. The following

DEGREES

were then given.
GRADUATES IN SCIENCE.
Albert J. Chapman, Dorchester, N. B.

GRADUATES IN ARTS.

W. Arthur Black, Amherst, N. S.; Fred. A. Buckley, Guysboro, N. S.; Thomas E. Colpitts, Elgin, N. B.; Ralph Colpitts, Elgin, N. B.; Benjamin Hills, Halifax, N. S.; Harvey E. Kennedy, Smithville, Ont.; Alfred E. McAlpine, Welland, Ont.; Daniel D. Moore, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Geo. P. Robinson, Aylesford, N. S.; John W. Wadman, Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

He also announced that Rev. Mr. Brecken had given \$40 prize to the Matriculating Class. Dr. Inch reviewed the work of the College, passed a few congratulatory remarks regarding the University of Halifax, and then introduced.

REV. CHANCELLOR HILL, Dr. Allison, Dr. Pickard, Rev. Mr. McMurray, and Rev. Joseph Hart, delivered short addresses when the proceedings ended.

THE MUSIC

of the various performances was under the direction of Prof. Jost and his efficient assistants, Misses Pickard and Stewart, who were very justly complimented on the evidences presented of the efficiency of that department. The instrumental pieces, the vocal solos and choruses, exhibited in many cases a great degree of musical talent, and in all cases a careful and judicious training. It need not be added that the musical displays were highly appreciated by the critical audience present.—Condensed from the Post.

"LOVE AS BROTHEREN," & C.

The prime element in Christianity is love. Its absence from the heart, man's moral nature, indicates that he is not a genuine Christian. Love belongs to human nature, but not the love of which I am now speaking—Christian love. This differs in several respects from creature or natural love. It is the result of grace—Divine influence shed abroad in the heart of man. We know it not until a consciousness of the divine favour is realized. It is an immediate result of justifying faith. And while faith continues, love influences the soul. "We love him (Christ) because he first loved us." It is a powerful, constraining principle. Makes obedience congenial, and relieves the agony of suffering. It is the strongest moral power in the universe, and has done more than aught besides to augment the happiness of mankind. When genuine, it is not only God-

ward, but also manward in its operations. It is one of the marks of discipleship. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another." This love must show itself in word or deed, or the world could not see it. If it were only a feeling in the soul, none would know that we had it but ourselves. But love will manifest itself. It will act and speak. Hence John hesitates not to say, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments." The same important idea is presented in his exhortation, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." Tongue and word love, is much more plentiful than "deed" love. There is a great lack of brotherly love among Christians, or rather those who are called Christians. If we have passed from death unto life we certainly will love the brethren. God's children love each other. If, then, brotherly love is absent, we may rest assured that our religion is wanting in the main particular. We either love or hate the brethren, there is no neutral position. Hence the decisive language of John, "If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar."

So certain is it that the love of the brethren will flow from the love of God, that Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians, remarks, "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you; for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another." In this grace we ought to abound, for by its proper exhibition, the world is convinced that our religion is of God. But where brethren, especially ministers, give proof that they have it not, the result is disastrous to the interests of holiness.

We have seen it finely illustrated in ministerial convocations, and have felt like exclaiming, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Not always; sometimes its absence is conspicuous, and Christ is wounded in the house of his friends. A painful illustration of this was recently given in Brooklyn, N. Y., at a ministerial trial. If ministers cannot love one another, who can? If ever the exhortation of Peter was necessary, it is now. "Add to Godliness brotherly kindness." There is a little in the church to-day. May it increase, and abound among preachers and people.

Let all the churches pray for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Conference soon to meet at Halifax.

The exercise of brotherly love will act as a precious balm on many a tender heart, and tend to inspire hope, respecting the welfare of our beloved Zion.

"Let brotherly love continue."

ALPHA.
Maitland, June, 1879.

Portland Methodist Sabbath school celebrated its 51st anniversary, in the church, Chapel street, on Sabbath afternoon. The edifice was crowded. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "Precious Promise God has given." Mr. Thomas Stubbs offered prayer, and Rev. S. T. Teed pastor of the church, spoke briefly. He alluded to the great change that had been wrought in a year. Last year, when the school met to observe its anniversary, they were in a different situation, having no place of their own, but now they occupied their own beautiful room. For this they should be thankful. The secretary, Mr. Charles H. C. Duncan read the report, we can give only a short summary this year. The average attendance was 180; here are registered on the books 5 officers, 8 male teachers, 16 female teachers, 119 male scholars and 163 female pupils, a total of 311. The financial statement shows the receipts to have been \$340.76 and the expenditures \$328.55, which includes a donation of \$2.00 to the church, leaving a balance of \$14. Other addresses were made by Mr. H. Porter, superintendent of the school; Mr. Bustin, of G. W. St. Methodist church; Mr. John Mealey, Mr. John Coleman, Mr. Andrew Myles, the late superintendent and Mr. George Hadden. The exercises concluded with singing and prayer by Mr. Wm. Irvine.—Exchange