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### Editorial Notes.

—The honorary degrees conferred by Acadia at its late convocation will be generally recognized, we think, as judiciously and worthily bestowed. We congratulate the recipients on their honors which doubtless they will know how to wear gracefully.

—We are requested to say that, until a new principal of Acadia Seminary shall assume charge, Professor Everett W. Sawyer will give attention to the correspondence relating to the school. Persons desiring calendars or any information in respect to the school should address Professor Sawyer at Wolfville, N. S. See also notice on ninth page.

—As will be seen we have given up this week most of the space usually occupied by editorial matter to a report of the Anniversary proceedings at Acadia, in which no doubt our readers will very generally be interested. President Trotter's address to the Graduating Class will be found in full on our first page. It is excellent in thought and expression.

—We learned only a few days since of the death of Rev. George A. Weathers of Summerville, Hants Co., N. S., which occurred about a month ago. Mr. Weathers, although not so old as some of our brethren who are still in the harness, had reached an advanced age and had for a year or so past been laid aside from active service by increasing feebleness and illness. He was a highly esteemed minister of the denomination and had wrought long and faithfully in his Master's service. Now he rests from his labors and we trust has heard the "well done" of his Lord. A suitable sketch of our brother Weather's life and work will appear in a forthcoming issue of this paper.

—We learn that the newly created chair in Hebrew and Biblical Literature at Acadia has been filled by the appointment of Rev. Arthur C. Chute, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Halifax. Dr. Chute is so well and so favorably known to the denomination in these Provinces as to require no introduction at our hands. He is a man in whom intellectual strength, scholastic culture, nobility of character and sweetness of temper are finely blended. In the important position to which he has now been called, Dr. Chute we may be sure, will give heartily to the college and to the denomination the very valuable service which his ability, character and culture so well fit him to render. In this connection it may be noted that the principalship of Acadia Seminary made vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. H. MacDonald, has been offered to Rev. H. T. DeWolfe, of Foxboro, Mass. Mr. DeWolfe is a native of St. Stephen, N. B. He graduated at Acadia with the class of 1889, took the course in theology at Newton, and after a year spent in special studies in Germany, returned to Newton as instructor in New Testament Interpretation. After two years spent in teaching at Newton, Mr. DeWolfe accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Foxboro, which position he has now held for some five or six years. Mrs. DeWolfe, formerly Miss Hatlie Eaton, is a graduate of the Seminary and was for a time teacher of music in the institution. It is expected that Mr. DeWolfe will accept the appointment to the Principalship.

### The Acadia Anniversaries.

Not less than the usual interest and enjoyment attached to the anniversary proceedings at Wolfville last week. With its extending orchards and constant increase in buildings and population, Wolfville grows more attractive with every passing year, while the rich beauty of the landscape continues as of old to charm the eye of the beholder. The wealth of foliage and of bloom is a constant delight to the senses. After the showers of Monday evening, earth and atmosphere were athrob with life, and the air seemed charged with an elixir that was as balm to wearied brains and nerves. A day in June may be a thing of rare beauty elsewhere, but surely its rarest quality is to be found in "the land of Evangeline" when the apple trees are filled with blossoms and hum of bees.

Some account was given in our last issue of the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. T. Harwood Pattison, of Rochester, on Sunday morning, and of the musical recital in connection with the graduating class of Acadia Seminary on the previous Friday evening. Dr.

Pattison not only preached the annual sermon in the morning, but spoke before the Y. M. C. A. of the college in the evening. Rev. Mr. Newcombe of Thomaston, Me., who had been announced for the latter service being, to the general regret, kept at home by illness. Dr. Pattison was heard on both occasions with great interest, his hearers being impressed and attracted not less by the genial personality of the speaker than by the excellence of his thought.

The considerable number of visitors already arrived in Wolfville for the anniversaries was augmented by new arrivals on each of the trains on Monday. The grand attraction of the day was the sports on the campus in the afternoon, where in the presence of admiring spectators the students engaged with zest in a variety of athletic contests. The weather became showery toward evening interfering somewhat with the closing numbers on the programme of sports. However, the afternoon was on the whole very enjoyable, and the students of Acadia fully maintained the reputation of the college on the campus.

In the evening came Dr. Pattison's lecture before the Senate. The number present would doubtless have been considerably larger if the external conditions had been more favorable. However, in spite of the rain, the audience was fair as to numbers, and its powers of appreciation had of course suffered nothing from the weather. President Trotter presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Judson Kempton, of Mt. Carroll, Ill. Mr. Kempton is a Maritime man and an Acadia Alumnus of the class of 1898. He is also a graduate of Rochester, and naturally cherishes a warm regard for Dr. Pattison, his former teacher in Homiletics and Pastoral Theology. Dr. Trotter briefly introduced Dr. Pattison to the audience, announcing his subject as "The Bible and the Twentieth Century." He alluded to the lecturer as a gentleman who, though coming to us now from under another flag and from the other great branch of the English-speaking people, was nevertheless British-born and had not lost his sympathy with the British people and British institutions. Dr. Pattison on rising said that an Englishman was always an Englishman, and in a few words made it evident that the land and the people of his birth had not been crowded out of his heart by whatever strong sympathies he had come to feel for those of his adoption.

The lecture was in part an instructive and attractive setting forth of the influence of the Bible on the world, especially during the century just closed, with an eloquent appreciation of its present and prospective influence now, on the threshold of this new and wonderful century. The nineteenth century might well be regarded as a Bible era. Much has been done toward giving the Word of God to the whole world. The lecturer made especial reference to the facts connected with the organization of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the beginning of modern missions, in both of which Baptists had borne a leading and honorable part. In this respect the nineteenth century was of Pentecostal significance, since men of almost every nation had been enabled to read in their own tongues the wonderful works of God. In 1800 the Bible had been translated into only 16 languages. In 1900 the number of translations had increased to 460. Dr. Pattison spoke of the eager reception which, throughout the English-speaking world, was accorded to the Revised Version of 1881, as evidence of the very deep and general interest which the people had come to feel in the sacred Scriptures. Through that version the nineteenth century had placed in the hands of the twentieth a more worthy transcript of the thought of God than the world had before possessed. The influence of the Bible had therefore been growing ever greater and more far-reaching. The expectations and predictions of such men as Voltaire and Paine concerning it had been altogether disappointed.

Among the characteristics of the twentieth century, which the lecturer noted as bearing upon the place and influence of the Bible in these coming days, was—a quickened intellectual life, leading to important contributions to the criticism and understanding of the Scriptures. Grammar was however only a means to an end. Criticism might purify the marble aqueduct, but could neither create nor destroy the fountains of the water of life. The vital power of the Bible had been too fully proved by the gracious influence of the past and the present, and had found too sure a response in the conscience of mankind, to permit us to doubt its essentially divine origin. The lecturer spoke eloquently of the debt of education and literature to the Bible, quoting a number of eminent names in testimony to the truth of this. This was also an age of research and investigation in all lands and into all things past and present. The Orient was about to become known as never before to the western world, and the light of the ancient eastern civilizations would bring illumination to the Bible—itsself a product of the Orient. The lecturer also dealt with the influence of the Bible in connection with the developing of the national life of the world, and all that in art, literature, etc., is connected with advancing civilization. The wonderful spread of the English language was referred to as significant and providential. The King

James Version had made the English language the foremost in the world, and with its spread, the matchless English version of the Bible was being given to many lands. Dr. Pattison dwelt eloquently upon the democracy of the Bible, the humanity of the Bible, and the fact that the Bible was on the side of the people and the great interests of humanity.

It has been possible to give here only a very imperfect sketch of a most instructive and inspiring address by which Dr. Pattison placed his hearers under deep obligations.

At the close a vote of thanks, moved by Dr. Keirstead, seconded by S. McC. Black, supported by Dr. Saunders and heartily endorsed by the audience, called forth from the lecturer a happy response.

Meetings of the Senate occupied the time and thought of the gentlemen connected with that body to a late hour on Monday evening and again on Tuesday morning and afternoon—at which meetings matters having to do with the literary interests of the institutions received consideration.

### CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

On Tuesday morning the Class Day exercises were held in College Hall. This function seems now to have won a permanent place on the programme of events for Anniversary week, and the interest which attaches to it quite justifies its right thereto. The Class Day of '01 would seem fully to have maintained the reputation of preceding years. The audience was large and the several parts of the programme were thoroughly enjoyed. The Class History by Mr. Jones was written in a style which indicated originality and literary taste, and its subtle and piquant humor was keenly relished. The Prophecy by Miss Pearson was received with much interest, as such academic vaticinations are wont to be. Strange things indeed will come to pass if the forecastings of the fair prophetess shall be realized. Mr. Lewis' Valedictory was an eloquent and excellent address and contributed a really earnest and serious note to the programme. The singing by Mr. Wallace and the violin numbers by Prof. Well were very much enjoyed.

Following is the Class Day programme, and the Class Ode.

### PROGRAMME.

Opening Address: - - - - - Class President.  
Roll Call. - - - - - Nachez.  
Violin Solo: "Gipsy Dance," - - - - - Prof. Max Well.  
Class History: - - - - - Ralph M. Jones.  
Vocal Solo: - - - - - Selected.  
Class Prophecy: - - - - - Burpee W. Wallace.  
Violin Solo: (a. Air for the F String, - - - - - Alberta A. Pearson.  
(b. L'Abeille, - - - - - Bach.  
Prof. Max Well, Francois Schubert.  
Valedictory: - - - - - Arthur S. Lewis.  
GOD SAVE THE KING.

### CLASS ODE.

A peep into rich books  
And richer men,  
Green slopes and sheltered nooks,  
And then—ah, then  
Dust and mold and struggle and strain,  
Worry and hurry of body and brain.  
But armored in the past  
We cope and win;  
To-day's the mould we cast  
To-morrow in.  
The minutes do not die; they breathe in you,  
Hast thou wrought well?—Go forward and subdue.  
May we not love gilt sin  
Above repute,  
Nor starve the God within  
To feed the brute;  
But may we dare, stripped of hypocrisy,  
To boldly front the eyes that peer and pry.  
Ralph M. Jones.

### HORTON ACADEMY.

In the afternoon the closing exercises of the Academy were held in College Hall in the presence of a large audience. Principal Brittain presided.

Following is the programme of exercises:

### PROGRAMME.

1. March—"Militaire," - - - - - Schubert.  
Misses Davis and Price.  
2. Essay—"Defeat Contains the Seeds of Victory,"  
Avar Giffin, Sable River, N. S.  
3. Vocal Solo—"Ave Maria," - - - - - Belle Menard.  
[with violin obligato].  
Mr. Burpee Wallace.  
4. Essay—"The Advancement of Russia in the Nineteenth Century,"  
Hovey Burgess, Wolfville, N. S.  
5. Piano Solo—"The Dance of the Gnomes,"  
Miss Mabel Elliot.  
6. Valedictory—  
Miss Greta Bishop, Wolfville, N. S.  
7. Presentation of Diplomas.  
8. Addresses.

### ESSAYS NOT DELIVERED.

"Why is Wealth Desirable?"—Claude Peppett, North Sydney, C. B.  
"Boys"—Edward McMullen, Truro, N. S.  
"The Exploits and Character of Hannibal,"—Lorne MacMillan, Isaac's Harbor, N. S.  
"The Natural Resources of Nova Scotia,"—Robbie Tufts, Wolfville, N. S.