

# In Memory of THEODORE HARDING PORTER,

BORN MARCH 22ND, 1867.

DIED MARCH 19TH, 1886.

AGED 19 YEARS.

THE institutions are in mourning on account of the death of one of the students. On Friday, Feb. 26th, Mr. Theodore Harding Porter of the Junior Class, son of the late Rev. T. H. Porter, was compelled to give up work and visit his uncle, Rev. R. D. Porter, of Middleton, N. S., for the purpose of rest and recuperation. No one, at that time, suspected his case was serious, and all were expecting him to return in a few days. It has since become known that before leaving he had had several attacks of hemorrhage of the lungs, but being of a resilient disposition had not let it be generally known. On Monday he raised our expectations by closing a written communication to one of his fellow-editors with these words: "My health is slowly improving." A letter, however, on the following Wednesday from his uncle took his class and room-mate, Mr. J. B. Morgan, to his bedside, and partially prepared us for the fatal telegram which came at six o'clock Friday evening, March 19th, exactly three weeks from the day he went away,—“Theod. died this afternoon at 4.30; will leave for Fredericton to-morrow.”

On hearing of his death his classmates met and delegated one of their number, Mr. I. W. Porter, to accompany theremains to Fredericton, N. B., where they were taken for burial. The body of students also came together and passed the following resolutions:—

*Whereas*, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from amongst us our esteemed friend and brother, Theodore H. Porter; and

*Whereas*, we are constrained by feelings of affection and sympathy to give expression to the emotions produced by this sudden removal of one who, by his eminent qualities as a student, by his high moral character, and by his Christian life, had won our respect and admiration;

*Therefore Resolved*, that we place on record this tribute to his memory, realizing that we have lost a true and valued friend, whose associations with us for the past three years have endeared him to us by the fondest ties, and whose marked abilities and many virtues gave promise of a brilliant and successful life;

*Resolved further*, that we tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the deceased, with whom we mourn in their bereavement, and especially to the widowed mother, trusting that the Father of mercies will yield abundant consolation in this sad affliction;

*Resolved*, also, that these resolutions be printed in the ACADIA ATHENÆUM, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

On behalf of the students of Acadia College.

A. K. DEBLOIS, }  
C. H. MILLER, } *Committee.*

An appropriate service was held in Assembly Hall on the following Monday at 3 o'clock. The College students, in cap and gown, wearing crape, occupied the centre rows of seats. The ladies of Acadia Seminary sat on the right, the members of Horton Academy on the left. Behind a large table draped in mourning were the Faculty of the College and Rev. T. A. Higgins. A number of village friends were in attendance. After the singing of appropriate hymns by the students, and reading of Scripture and prayer by Prof. Kierstead, Dr. Sawyer delivered a touching and powerful address, in which he referred to the life and death of the departed, and showed how useful lessons, by those left behind, might be learned therefrom. Rev. T. A. Higgins also made some suitable remarks.

This sad event has cast a gloom over all connected with the institutions. Everybody on the Hill is affected, and those who knew Mr. Porter best most deeply so. Both his teachers, who had watched his progress with pride and predicted for him a brilliant and useful future, as well as his fellow-students, with whom he was a general favourite, find it hard to believe that he is really dead. The circumstances of his death, his youth, superior abilities, splendid attainments and family connections, all tend to deepen the sorrow.

For a short time before his death Mr. Porter had been connected with the ACADIA ATHENÆUM as junior editor. His associates desire here to record their appreciation of his labor in this relation, and to add their tribute to his memory. His neatly-written and almost prophetic essay on "The Struggle for Life," delivered at the Junior Exhibition, will appear in the next issue of the ATHENÆUM. To his stricken and lonely mother, and to his sorrowing friends, we tender our heartfelt sympathy, and into the care of the God he loved and served we commit the noble spirit, the influence of whose short stay on earth and sudden departure from it, eternity alone can reveal.