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It is seldom we have the privilege of noticing such a happy event as that which took place in our village on the 25th of last month. We refer to the celebration by Dr. and Mrs. Welton of their silver wedding. We congratulate the Dr. and lady on this the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, and trust, when the figures shall have doubled, they will be found in the enjoyment of the same good health and happiness.

It is our earnest desire that those subscribers and advertisers who have not yet paid the amounts due us will do so at once. We wish to have our paper printed this year without going a dollar into debt—but unless our friends are more prompt, we cannot hope to get along without financial difficulties. We have never professed to make one cent out of the ATHENÆUM, and we have lived up to our profession in an admirable manner.

News has been received that the Gilchrist Scholarship for the present year has been won by Mr. W. M. Tweedie, a student of Mount Allison, and

further that he stands second in the Honours Division. This, we believe, is the highest stand yet made by winners of this scholarship in Canada. Mr. Tweedie will go to England covered with honour, and we do not doubt that he will sustain the reputation which Canadian students have already won in the Universities of the old world.

We learned with pleasure during the latter part of our vacation that Mr. Wm. L. Goodwin, D. Sc., had received the appointment to the chair of Science in Mount Allison made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Burwash. Dr. Goodwin as many of our readers are aware was a winner of the Gilchrist Scholarship, and after a very successful career in English, Scotch, and German Universities, has now returned to the college where first a student. We congratulate our Methodist friends on obtaining the services of such a professor. It is a pleasure to see our young men return to their native country ready to assist in the great work of education.

REFERENCES will be found in other columns to the new departure this year in regard to the important subject of elocution. We students ought to feel thankful for the opportunities placed before us this fall. The subject is one which bears discussion—a proper training in elocution is valuable to all, and to many invaluable. Among the latter, it is our opinion ministers, or those intending to be, should be classed. That reading one's own language should be a profession seems to us almost absurd, yet such is the fact. It certainly cannot be expected that all of us can really become good readers. Our voices have as much to do with that, as the want of proper cultivation; but there is no possible reason why the great majority of our professional and public men should be nothing more than mere mumblers or stumblers even when their manuscripts are before them. The charge is doubtless a serious one, but we are only too sorry that it is so well founded upon fact. Students everywhere should seize the opportunities