

carried over the Alps and found ourselves safe in the lovely valley of Aosta. But it is impossible to give even a sketch of this delightful tour, which was continued through northern Italy, and finally terminated at Rome. We have neither the space, nor the ability to recount the wonders visited at this latter city; suffice it to say that many a spot of interesting and hallowed associations was alluded to, and enough said to make every one long to traverse the same ground.

In the course of his Oration the President referred to the numerous traces of "*Alma Mater*" to be met with in various parts of the world. Go where he would, in England, Scotland, or Ireland, in Oxford or in Cambridge, in Edinburgh or in Glasgow; far to the north in Aberdeen, or far to the south in Torquay; in all places and in all professions he met with faces and names familiar to him at King's College, Windsor. He alluded to several who, having recently completed their courses here, are now engaged in further studies at the Universities or elsewhere, and winning for themselves high distinctions.

Among those friends and members of the University whose deaths we have recently had occasion to lament, the President alluded particularly to his predecessor in office, Rev. Charles Porter, D. D., President of this University from 1806 to 1836. Dr. Porter was educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, and was for some time Vice-Principal of St. Alban's Hall, an office held at a much later date by the celebrated John Henry Newman. Dr. Porter entered upon the regular discharge of his duties as President of King's College and Professor of Mathematics in the autumn of 1807, and retired on a pension from the British Government at the time of the discontinuance of the parliamentary grant in 1836. From that time until his death he continued to reside in the neighbourhood of Exeter, retaining to the last a warm recollection of many of his friends in Nova Scotia, with several of whom he kept up a correspondence. During a number of years he also took charge of the parish of Newport. He has long been held out by his pupils and others as a finished scholar and a master of elocution.

Hon. A. Stewart, C. B., Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty, and one of the Governors of the College, was feelingly alluded to and characterized as "progressively conservative, and conservatively progressive." It was his aim to encourage the more modern branches of learning.

The Ven. Archdeacon Willis was spoken of with feeling and respect, and the suggestion was thrown out that no more suitable motto could be devised for any memorial erected to him, than Rom. xii. 13: "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

Nor was the Rev. John T. Moody, M. A., forgotten. In kindly words was his College career, his subsequent brief labours in the Gospel, and his early death spoken of, and several of his College-mates then present could testify to the truth of the description of his character given by his former instructor.

The oration was followed by the conferring of the Degrees. The supplication of Sir R. G. Macdonell, C. B., Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia &c. &c., and L. L. D. of Trinity College, Dublin, to be admitted "*ad eundem gradum opud nos vrsoricenses*" having been presented, put to the venerable House of Convocation, and passed unanimously, his Excellency was conducted up the hall by A. M. Uniacke, Esq. D. C. L., and duly admitted to