

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The annual closing exercises of the Acadia College and Seminary, and Horton Academy, were held on the first Wednesday and Thursday in June. There was a graduating class numbering fifteen, all of whom prepared graduating essays. Seven of them, prepared by Miss Bishop, and Messrs. Day, DeBlois, Higgins, Beals, Lovett and Shaw, delivered their addresses, time not admitting of hearing the others.

Honor certificates were awarded as follows:
 Senior Class—W. B. Hutchinson, philosophy and history, and H. A. Lovett, history and classics.
 Junior Class—G. E. Whitman and J. W. Porter, political economy.
 Sophomore Class—W. H. Jenkins, (Thorntown, N. B.), classics.
 Freshman Class—Charles H. McIntyre, (Springfield, N. B.), mathematics.

The following scholarships were awarded and degrees conferred by the senate of the college:

E. P. Fletcher, of the freshman class, \$40; F. H. Beals, junior class, \$10; Miss Blanche Bishop, of the senior class, \$40; W. B. Hutchinson, \$30; T. H. Porter, \$30; J. B. Morgan, of Fredericton, N. B., \$25; W. H. Jenkins, of Johnston, N. B., \$25; Fred C. Hartley, of Carleton, N. B., \$25.

Degrees were conferred as follows:
 Ph. D.—(in course), Prof. R. V. Jones, M. A. Acad.
 D. C. L.—(Hon.), Hon. Judge Johnston, of Halifax, N. S.
 D. D.—Rev. Silas T. Rand, and Rev. Jos. McLeod, of Fredericton, N. B.

Resolutions were passed looking to the making of arrangements with the Halifax Law School whereby graduates of Acadia College will be saved one year in the course of study there; also, that the President preach an annual baccalaureate sermon from this time forward.

The Alumni Society held their annual meeting and elected the following officers:

President, Atwood Cohoon; Vice-president, Wm. L. Bars, Secretary-treasurer, S. W. Cummings; Directors, B. H. Eaton, L. C., Rev. J. W. Manning, S. Selden, Herbert W. Moore, Professor Jones, Judge Johnston and W. F. Parker.

The attendance at Acadia Seminary during the year has been 79. Of these 47 have taken the regular classical course, and 32 have taken selected studies. The attendance at Horton Academy has been 76. Of these 60 are from Nova Scotia; 10 from New Brunswick, 4 from P. E. I., 1 from Quebec, and 1 from Newfoundland. There were 57 boarders; 39 boarding at the Academy boarding house and 18 outside. The attendance at the College has been 81, all but a few taking the regular undergraduate course.

The matriculation class of 1886 is 25 in number. Of these 23 take the regular undergraduate course, and two the special course. Nova Scotia sends 20 of the class, New Brunswick 4, and P. E. Island 1. One of the class is a woman.

MOUNT ALLISON INSTITUTIONS.

The annual closing exercises at Mount Allison Wesleyan Colleges commenced Friday, May 28th, and continued until Wednesday, June 2nd. Fine weather prevailed during that time, and there was a large attendance of visitors from the Maritime Provinces. On Friday and Saturday the oral examinations took place in the female and male academics. The elocution competition among the theological students for the McDonald prize of \$25 came off on Saturday, Mr. George F. Dawson being the successful competitor. Prizes of \$15 and \$10 were awarded to Herbert Percival and P. C. L. Harris, as the winners in a like competition among the art students. Miss Mabel Smith won the elocution prize in the Ladies' Academy, Miss M. C. Black the prize of \$25 presented by the Alumnae Society, and Miss Lily Mounce the prize for the

highest average, Miss Sayle won the prize for proficiency in Canadian subjects. The prizes presented by H. A. Powell of Sackville, \$20 and a set of Dickens' works, were won by Miss Schuurman and Thomas Moore respectively. Essays on Coleridge, Shakespeare, and Glimpses of Art were read by Misses M. Patterson, A. A. Whitman and Agnes Dunn. Miss Dunn was presented with the degree of M. L. A., and Misses Mabel White and Lottie Croskill graduated in music.

The Convocation exercises of the college took place Wednesday morning. Essays were read by Messrs. George Dawson and W. T. D. Dunn, and orations were delivered by the graduates in Art, Messrs. C. W. Robertson and H. D. Ruggles. The President, Dr. Inch, announced that H. W. Sangster won the matriculation prize of \$30 last year, and that E. Chapman and F. Harrison had been equal in competing for the matriculation prize of \$25 for the class entering next term. The class will be made up, so far as known, of twelve students from the Male Academy. Before the close of the exercises the degree of M. A. was conferred on Rev. B. C. Borden, B. A., Principal of the Ladies' Academy. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. Fred. Woods, M. A., of Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

The total number of students attending the college is seventy-five, thirty-two of whom are undergraduates, and forty-three special students, twenty-six of the latter being ladies. There are one hundred and ten lady students in the Female Academy, eighty of whom board in the building.

At a meeting of the Alumni, Inspector George Smith was elected President; S. D. Scott, J. L. Dawson, W. T. George, Vice-Presidents; Professors Smith and Burwash, and W. C. Milner and F. Dixon, Members of the Council. A. S. White, M. P. P., and Rev. Mr. Borden were elected to represent the Alumni at the Board of Governors. A number of addresses were delivered during the exercises by Rev. Mr. Woods, Rev. Job Shenton, A. S. White, M. P. P., and Dr. Maria Angwin, M. L. A.

UNION BAPTIST SEMINARY.

The directors of the Union Baptist Seminary hold their annual meeting on the 17th inst., when the all-important question will be discussed whether the institution shall be closed or continued. Liberal offers have been made from the residents of Sussex and St. Martins to locate the Seminary in one of these places, and it is very probable one of these offers will be accepted.

ENCENIA AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The University of New Brunswick will hold its encennial exercises this year on Thursday afternoon, June 24th. It is expected that all of the senior class, sixteen in number, will take the degree of B. A., and that nearly as many graduates will return for the degree of M. A. The Alumni oration will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Macrae, of St. John, the oration on behalf of the faculty by Prof. H. S. Bridges, M. A., and the valedictory for the class of '85 by A. B. Boyer, A. B.

PROGRAMME OF ST. JOHN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

- 1ST SESSION, Thursday, June 24th, 10-12 A. M.—Enrolment of Members; Election of Officers.
- 2ND SESSION, 2-4 P. M.—Paper, "Primary Work, Grades I., II., III., IV.," H. Town; Voluntary Subjects.
- 3RD SESSION, Friday, June 25th, 7-12 A. M.—Paper, "How to deal with Indolent Pupils," M. J. McKenna; Paper, "Primary Geography," Miss Grace Murphy.
- 4TH SESSION, 2-4 P. M.—Paper, "Drawing," —; Paper, "Canadian History," J. E. Dean.

A meeting of the teachers of this County will be held in the Superior School room at Hampton on Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th insts., for the purpose of organizing a Teachers' Institute:

PROGRAMME.

- 1ST SESSION, 10 A. M. on 23rd.—Organization, Election of Officers, &c.
- 2ND SESSION, Afternoon.—Paper on "School Discipline," by C. E. Black; Discussion. Evening.—Public Meeting; Address by the Chief Superintendent.
- 3RD SESSION, 24th, 9 A. M.—Paper on "Cultivating a Taste in Pupils for Sound English Literature," by F. S. Chapman; Discussion; Question Box opened and questions on professional subjects answered by the Superintendent.
- 4TH SESSION, Afternoon.—Paper on "Plant Life," for Common Schools, by J. E. Wetmore; Discussion; fixing time and place of next meeting, and general business.

Other subjects for discussion may, perhaps, be introduced at any of the sessions. It is expected that arrangements will be made so that teachers who travel by rail or steambot to attend the meeting will be able to return free. You are earnestly invited to be present. Give your Boards of Trustees the notices required by Reg. 23. Called on a requisition of teachers under Reg. 23.

D. P. WETMORE,
 Inspector of Schools for
 Inspectoral District No. 4.

THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE OF N.B.

As announced in another column, the Educational Institute is to meet in this city on the 28th June and two following days. We hope to see an unusually large gathering of men and women interested in education on that occasion. Last year there were nearly two hundred members enrolled, of whom nearly three-fifths were residents of the County of St. John. All things considered, there ought to be this year a much larger representation from other parts of the Province. The programme given below promises a mental repast both nutritious and palatable. The dessert provided for the closing session should be a particularly attractive feature to very many of the teachers, especially the more youthful. And, then, apart from the Institute itself, we doubt not that the attractions of St. John and the expected festivities of Dominion Day will induce many to pay a visit to the city at that time.

The following is the

PROGRAMME.

- MONDAY AFTERNOON.—Enrolment and Routine Business.
 - MONDAY EVENING.—Opening Address, Eldon Mullin, A. M.; to be followed by short speeches by several gentlemen.
 - TUESDAY MORNING.—Paper "Secondary Education in this Province,—its Importance, its Present Condition and its Needs."—Ingram B. Oakes, A. M.
 - TUESDAY AFTERNOON.—Paper, "The Value of Inspection in a School System, and the True Limits of its Work."—G. W. Mersereau, A. B. Paper, "The Tonic Solfa Method of Teaching to Sing."—John Lawson, Esq. Grammar School and Superior School Sections to Discuss the Revision of the Courses of Instruction for such Schools.
 - TUESDAY EVENING.—Discussion, "The Teaching of Temperance in the Public Schools."—To be opened by W. G. Gaunce, A. B.
 - WEDNESDAY MORNING.—Discussion, "How can Greater Permanence in the Teaching Profession be Secured?"—To be opened by S. C. Wilbur, A. B.
 - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.—Paper, "How may our System of School Registration be Improved?"—Frank H. Hayes, Esq. Reports of Grammar and Superior School Sections. Election of Executive Committee.
 - WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Free Discussion on Educational Subjects. The meeting to conclude with a Teachers' "Social."
- Good music will be provided as usual. Morning sessions open at 9.30. afternoon sessions at 2.30, evening at 8.