

bay walls of the ground and gallery floors are about one hundred thousand volumes, which for variety of subject and general merit are scarcely anywhere equalled and nowhere excelled. Whether judged from its architectural beauty, its unique design, its perfect interior and exterior finish, its superior comfort and general excellence of management and detail, its many thousands of handsomely bound and judiciously selected works on every conceivable subject, on the splendid facilities it offers to the student it stands unrivalled on the continent of America, and is one of the finest public libraries in the world.

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ACADIA ANNIVERSARY TIME.

The annual commencement exercises of the Acadian institutions always summons a great gathering to Wolfville. It is the gala time of the year, the time when this typical varsity town puts on its finest holiday appearance and throws open its hospitable doors to the flocking visitors. The trains brought in many from the eastern and western portions of the province, from the neighboring province, and from the New England States, while from the surrounding districts of Kings County a large number drove in to see again that which they had been seeing yearly for the last half century. For it was in 1843 that the first class graduated, and Acadia has just started on her second quinquennial period of commencement exercises.

Once the anniversary was associated with wet weather, but during the last few years Nature could not be more auspicious. From baccalaureate to conversazione has been an unbroken period of brightness, and this year proved no exception. The orchards did not have that wealth of white blossoms that they are accustomed to have, but beyond that Nature could not have been more smiling.

The exercises commenced on Sunday morning, May 28th, with the baccalaureate sermon, which was preached this year by Rev. A. C. Chute ('81), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Halifax. The service was held as usual in the morning, the graduating class attending in a body, attired in cap and gown. The preacher took as his text Gen. 12:4, "So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken to him," and suggested as his theme "Every man's life a plan of God." He declared first that every man's life is a plan of God—not the lives of leaders only, but of the rank and file as well. He next emphasized the necessity of finding out this plan and heartily trying to carry it out in action.