

cases have occurred within the experiences of some of the present undergraduates and several recent graduates where just the opposite was the case. Two marked instances recur where the greatest injustice was done the whole proceedings in connection with the closing exercises of the Collegiate Academy and several of those who appeared as representatives of the college graduating class were placed in a most unfavourable light. It has not always been clearly known *why* the thing happened, but the *who* or *what* is very generally known. It is quite natural that a beardless youth of some twenty summers, blown with conceit and self-assurance, should seek to air his own cleverness by depreciating the work of mother, and to know that what might otherwise seem an unfair criticism came from such an one, would give very little weight to that effusion and call for very little consideration, but when such a report is sent forth through the columns of an influential newspaper with no signature attached and purporting to be the result of honest judgment, the subject of such a criticism is called to self-defence, especially when the report in question bears the most contemptible insinuations. To those who knew the gentleman as a student at Acadia, no stronger neutralizing force would be demanded in such a case, than the signature of *Mr. Austin K. DeBlois*. He is well known to possess just the characteristics for such business but not even with an attachment from another university and the cheek to question the wisdom of the President of the College and associate professors, may he expect to exercise his talents (?) in this direction in uninterrupted serenity. The man who will thus vent spite for himself or for some other one in this public yet underhanded way, is *meaner than the sneak who deals a blow in the midnight darkness*.

EXERPTS.

To command ourself is to exercise the greatest command.—*Seneca*.

He who praises himself will soon find some one to laugh at him.—*Syracuse*.

He that despairs measures Providence by his own little contracted model.—*South*.

There are more shining qualities in the mind of man, but there is none so useful as discretion.—*Addison*.

THE PROSPECT

Methinks we do as fretful children do,
Leaning their faces on the window-pane
To sigh the glass dim with their own breath's stain,
And shut the sky and landscape from their view;
And thus alas! since God the maker drew
A mystic separation 'twixt those twain,—
The life beyond us and our souls in pain,—
We miss the prospect which we are called unto
By grief we are fools to use. Be still and strong,
O man, my brother! hold thy sobbing breath,
And keep thy soul's large window pure from wrong,
That so, as life's appointments issueth,
Thy vision may be clear to watch along
The sunset consummation-lights of death.

MRS BROWNING.

COMMENCEMENT OF ACADIA COLLEGE AND AFFILIATED SCHOOLS.

ANOTHER year has passed over Acadia's head, and in this time she has been brought more directly before the gaze of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces than ever before. This is self-evident in the greater numbers than usual who this year thronged to the closing exercises. The charms of nature may have lured some hither, but there were far more who came for the learned and dear associations of the place.

The first of the closing exercises was the Baccalaureate sermon, preached in the village church by the President, Rev. Dr. Sawyer, on Sunday, June 2nd, from Mark VI, 2, 3. The preacher reviewed the conduct of the Nazareens, and their attitude to Christ, and pointed out the dilemma in which they were placed at this time, as just what would come to every doubting, skeptical mind under such circumstances. He endeavoured to impress upon his audience, and especially upon the members of the graduating class, the fact that "truth waits for a willing mind." The whole discourse was characteristic of the learned President, and deeply impressed those to whom it was directly addressed.

On Wednesday afternoon, June the 5th, the matriculating essays of the Academy were delivered. The programme 'in toto' was as follows:—

March from Taunhauser *Spindler*.
Misses Seabourne and Newcombe.