

On Sept. 22nd, Miss Frances E. Cox, from the School of Christian Workers, Boston, delivered an enthusiastic lecture before the Y. W. C. A., her subject being "College Settlements and Y. W. C. A. Work." Miss Cox was a graduate of the Seminary in '84.

Academy Notes.

The attendance at the Academy from Wolfville is small this year, in consequence of the addition of a grade to the public school of the town. The number from a distance, is however, about as good as usual, the Senior Class numbering over twenty. G. W. Elliott and Fred. Seely are warmly welcomed back after their serious illness of last year. The boys have entered into the year's work with earnestness, and their progress thus far has called forth the favorable comment of the Teachers.

The first "Excelsior List" of the year has been posted. Only those who make a standing of 70 and upwards can hold Excelsior rank. Cann and Bezanon, bracketed at the top of the roll, are evidently competitors for the leadership of the Matriculants, Freize leads the middle year boys, with Stubbert and McCain hard after him.

Mr. C. A. McDonald is succeeded in Manual Training by Instructor Walton B. Fuller, graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Fuller has made an excellent impression, and is working up a good class in wood work and drawing. He is prepared to give the initial training in wood work, iron work, pattern making, and drawing, required at McGill University, of those studying engineering, and thus to save them expenditure of time and money at that and similar Universities. Why are not more of Acadia's students alive to this excellent opportunity?

The recent Manual Training Exhibit of our school at the Provincial Exhibition attracted much attention, and was the subject of much praise. The judges recommended the exhibit for a special award. Supervisor McKay, who had charge of the N. S. Educational Exhibit at the World's Fair, said our Academy exhibit at Halifax was as good, of its class, as any at Chicago. This was certainly complimentary both to the Exhibit and to Instructor C. A. McDonald.

The Lyceum has held some interesting meetings under the wise and firm presidency of G. W. Elliott. This society has a lengthened and interesting history. Many, now holding high positions at the Bar, in Parliament, in the Pulpit and on the Bench, began their careers as public speakers in Horton Academy Lyceum. It is the aim to make the meetings of this year increasingly profitable.

The Castalian Society is also giving signs of vigorous life.

Exchanges.

The exchange column, by the nature of its usefulness, appeals strongly for a place in every college paper. It generally occupies a secluded nook, yet the work it should be devised to accomplish is by no means unimportant. By bestowing well merited praise, it can promote a healthy emulation, and draw forth the best efforts of all who contribute. By judicious criticism it can abolish slangy and irrelevant matter, which is much too common in college publications.

The number of exchanges on our table is limited, comprising the McGill Fortnightly, the Dalhousie Gazette and the Varsity.

The McGill Fortnightly has an article entitled "The Philosophy of Fun and the Uses of Laughter," in which the writer makes a plea for the kind of wit that is both delicate and trenchant. Though the vices and follies of this *fin de siècle* are not so glaring and obtrusive as those that called forth the merciless lash of