

- \*\*\* "The Moral Benefit of Science Studies."—Charles H. Miller, Clarence, N. S.  
 \*\*\* "Conservatism and Radicalism in Ancient Greece."—George A. Whitman, New Albany, N. S.  
 "Conscience, as seen in the Plays of Shakespeare"—John B. Morgan, Fredericton, N. B.  
 \*\*\* "The Popular Element in the English Constitution."—Ernest M. Freeman, Newport, N. S.  
 "The Reign of Victoria."—Robie W. Ford, Milton, Queens, N. S.  
 Music.  
 Presentation of Honor Certificates.  
 Conferring of Degrees.  
 National Anthem. Benediction.

\*Excluded.

At the close of the exercises the following students received first class honor certificates:

*Senior Class.*—J. B. Morgan, in Metaphysics; I. W. Porter, in Moral Philosophy and History; G. E. A. Whitman, in History; E. R. Morse, in Moral Philosophy.

*Junior Class.*—L. D. Morse, in Logic.

*Sophomore Class.*—C. H. McIntyre, in Physical Science.

*Freshman Class.*—J. E. Eaton, in Classics; C. B. Freeman, in Classics.

The President also announced that the following degrees had been awarded in course by the Senate to the persons whose names are connected.

M. A.—Joseph H. Robbins, '73.

M. A.—Frank M. Kelly, '84.

B. A.—Stephen N. Cornwall.

On the platform sat Revds. S. T. Rand, D. D., I. E. Bill, D. D., Dr. Hopper, G. E. Day, D. D., E. M. Saunders, D. D., C. Goodspeed, Hon. J. W. Johnstone, D. C. L., and a large representation of the Alumni. From these the President called upon two, Dr. Rand and Dr. Bill, to make short addresses. Dr. Rand read a Latin poem addressed to the graduating class. Dr. Bill's remarks were very appropriate to the occasion, showing as they did the relation existing between Acadia and the Seminary at St. Martins. Attorney-General Longley also in answer to the President's call came to the platform and gave a short address. The music which added so materially to the enjoyment of the occasion was furnished by Misses Hitchens and Buttrick, teachers in the Seminary. The exercises closed with the National Anthem and the Benediction.

#### CONCERT.

The concert of Thursday evening was under the auspices of the graduating class. Mr. Sichel of Halifax, who was engaged to provide the entertainment, gave entire satisfaction in the performance of his duties, the concert being up to the standard represented. Although the evening was anything but favorable to a full house, the Hall was comfortably filled; and when it was cleared Acadia had completed her 49th year.

#### ALUMNI AND GOVERNORS.

As the editors were unable to obtain official reports of the proceedings of the Alumni and Board of Governors, we copy the following from the *Messenger and Visitor*.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Alumni of Acadia gives a very cheering account of the progress of the society and of a deepening interest in the work of the College.

It was decided to have a manuscript of an Alumni Companion prepared during the year, containing a concise biography of each Alumnus, to be laid before the society next June, with estimates of costs of publication, &c.

It was also determined that the Alumni assume \$500 of the salary of the professor of Modern Languages and History for next year.

The following are the officers for the coming year:

Dr. Hall, Truro, President; A. J. Denton, Vice-President; S. W. Cummings, Sec. Treas. Directors:—Prof. Eaton, Prof. Coldwell, E. W. Sawyer, Dr. Hopper, W. F. Parker, H. T. Ross, C. Goodspeed.

This Society seems to be gradually growing. There is in it the very life blood of the college, and it should be one of the greatest powers to advance its interests. With more thorough organization and with vigor thrown into its management, it is to be expected that a better showing will be made than in the past. A promise of this is seen in the fact that the Alumni dinner this year was made the occasion for serious business rather than for amusement.

The Board of Governors held four sessions, and considerable important business was transacted. It was determined to put up a building to be used by the young ladies for purposes of exercise. The old gymnasium is to be moved to another site and enlarged so as to provide accommodation for the reading room, for a class to be formed in free hand drawing, and for the prayer meeting.

The friends of the college generally, and the undergraduates especially, will be pleased to learn that an appointment has been made to the chair of modern languages and history. Prof. L. E. Wortman, the gentleman appointed, is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and is at present principal of our Seminary in St. John. He has had a long experience as a teacher, and is highly recommended for the position by gentlemen best fitted to judge of his qualifications. He is a gentle Christian gentleman, and will win the respect and esteem of those who are associated with him. We have not yet learned whether he has accepted the appointment; but should he do so, we understand he proposes to spend a time in Europe in the further study of French and German, and begin his duties in January next.

It will be remembered that it was determined at our last convention to raise not less than \$50,000 as a thank offering to commemorate the jubilee year of Acadia. The jubilee celebration will be held next year in connection with our convention, which will be held, it is suggested, at Wolfville. The governors of the college have secured the services of Rev. A. Cohoon for the summer, and he will enter upon his work at once.

With Bro. Cohoon's well known energy, there is great hope that success will be achieved. Why should not our wealthy people say it shall be a larger sum, and give noble conditional subscriptions, to encourage the people generally to do their best? Never has Acadia been in more need; never has she proved her worth as now; and never will there be a time when to do a grand thing for her would be more fitting and more helpful.

The governors also sent a message to the authorities of McMaster University, Ontario, congratulating them on securing their charter, and intimating that the way our relation to the theological school was affected by recent changes would be reserved for consideration in August.