

THE ACADIAN.

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Acadia's Anniversary.

With ideal weather conditions, hosts of interested visitors and successful and interesting exercises Acadia University and affiliated schools celebrated their seventy seventh anniversary this week.

The anniversary exercises began last Saturday evening when the annual concert under the auspices of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Association was held in College Hall. This concert is always one of the principal features of closing week and the entertainment given on Saturday night was of unusual merit. The concert was given by the Acadia Orchestral Club with Miss Beatrice Langley, of the Seminary staff, as conductor.

The orchestra was assisted by Miss Zaida Gaitone, of Acadia Seminary staff, Mr. H. D. Newcombe, baritone, of Halifax, and the Acadia Seminary quartette, consisting of the Misses Ethel McLean, Eunice Curry, Sue Prescott, and Sue Maclean.

The work of the orchestra was exceptionally fine and every number was enthusiastically received.

Mr. Newcombe had sung in Wolfville on a previous occasion and his work was no disappointment to those who expected much of him. He responded to hearty cheers after each of his appearances.

Miss Gaitone was easily the favorite of the evening. Roused after round of applause greeted her at the conclusion of each of her selections. She responded twice to hearty cheers. Her reading of Kipling's 'Gunga Din' and the 'English Duke's Philosophy' were especially good.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the work of the Seminary quartette. Among their selections 'The Little Popover' was the most popular with the audience. During the concert a magnificent bouquet of carnations was presented to Miss Langley.

At the conclusion Rev. Dr. De Wolfe, principal of the Seminary, on behalf of the Orchestral Club, presented to Miss Langley, a suitably engraved gold watch as a token of their appreciation of the services which she rendered the Club in bringing it to its present state of efficiency. It is a matter of deep regret that Miss Langley has resigned her position on the Conservatory staff.

Sunday was a most delightful day and the first event was the hosting the senior class flag at 7 o'clock amidst great enthusiasm.

The event of greatest interest in the day's program was the baccalaureate sermon at 11 o'clock. About a quarter of an hour before that time the student body of the College, Academy and Seminary filed into College Hall and took the seats reserved for them. This was followed by the dignified and stately entrance march of the senior class of the College.

After the introductory prayer by Rev. C. W. Rose, pastor of the Baptist church, at Amherst, the scriptures were read by Rev. W. H. Jenkins, of the class of 1889, pastor of the Baptist church at Havelock, N. B. H. D. Newcombe, of Halifax, baritone, then sang 'Glory, Oh God,' which was highly appreciated. Prayer was then offered by Dr. R. V. Jones, of the class of 1890, who was for fifty-three years professor of the classics at Acadia.

The sermon was preached by Rev. George Barton Cutten, President of the University. He took his text from Hebrews 11:8, 'And he went out not knowing whither he went.' The sermon was directed to the members of the graduating class. Dr. Cutten said that the members of the class in thinking of the life upon which they are to enter, would naturally ask the questions, 'Shall I Go? Where Shall I Go?' and 'How Shall I Go?'

The important question, said the speaker, was the third. He emphasized the need of strong Christian faith if their life journey were to be successful.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Chipman, of the class of 1855, Acadia's oldest living graduate. During the service splendid music was rendered by a choir composed of students from the three institutions, under the leadership of Mrs. Cora Pierce Richmond, of the voice department of Acadia Conservatory of Music.

The annual service under the auspices of the college Y. M. C. A. was held in College Hall at 7 o'clock. The chair was taken by A. H. G. Mitchell, '16, president of the association. Sermons were read by Rev. A. Shaw, 27, of Emmanuel Baptist church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Sasse, of the Conservatory staff, delightfully rendered 'The Lord Remembers His Children.' Prayer was offered by Rev. S. R. MacCurdy, '05, P. C. Manning, '16, was heard appreciatively in a solo. Rev. Mr. Shaw then delivered the address of the evening, his text being in Isaiah 63:1—'And I heard the voice of Jehovah saying: Whom shall I send and who will go for me? Then said I, Here am I, send me.' Mr. Shaw delivered an address of unusual power and eloquence which delighted the vast audience that was present. His many Wolfville friends were very glad to welcome him back again to Wolfville.

The closing exercises of Acadia College and Business Academy were held in College Hall on Monday evening at 7 o'clock and were attended by a vast crowd of students. The procession march was played by the Misses Margaret Woodworth and Sidney Shaw. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Manning, chairman of the board of governors, the Seminary Glee Club of thirty voices sang very pleasingly 'The Prayer of the Virgin' (Wagner) and 'In our Boat' (Cowen). Miss Jean Goucher, of St. Stephen, and Miss Mildred Harvey, of Wolfville, read essays on 'Juvenile Courts' and 'The Navy of England' respectively. Both these essays were highly creditable.

Charles E. White, of St. Martin's, N. B., a member of the graduating class, gave a carefully prepared and well delivered essay on 'Canada's Relation to Foreign Countries.' Miss Eunice Curry gave a most delightful vocal solo, 'Roses.' She was enthusiastically encored, and responded by singing 'Life's Garden.'

Donald C. Stewart, of Summerside, P. E. I., gave the class prophecy. It was exceptionally humorous, and his introduction was particularly good. Miss Helen DeWolfe rendered a violin solo, 'Allegro Brillante,' and sustained her high reputation as an accomplished violinist. The vaudeville was delivered by Herbert J. Blossie, of London. His address was eloquent and impressive. A male chorus from the Acadia Glee Club sang 'Tis Mora.' This chorus was exceedingly good and heartily received.

The address to the graduating class was given by Rev. A. S. Lewis, B. D., pastor of the Baptist church at Windsor. His subject was 'Enemies to Manhood.' He dealt particularly with aimlessness, laziness, greed and idleness. Mr. Lewis' address was eloquent and powerful.

The Principal then announced that diplomas or certificates from the Collegiate Department had been awarded the following: M. L. Anderson (Hammonds Plains, N. S.); M. J. Armstrong, Falmouth, N. S.; H. J. Blossie (Greetland, England); A. F. Corey (Vizianagram, India); L. H. Croft (Chester Basin, N. S.); A. H. Dimock (Windsor); Fred L. Emerson, Moncton; L. K. Grady, Summerside; W. W. Holmes, Port Morien; M. M. Hay (Woodstock); P. W. Hudson, New Glasgow; Morton Locke, Lockport; C. M. Lumsden, Canso; Geo. T. Mitten, St. John; J. L. Morton, New Germany; D. R. McClure, Arlington, Mass.; Kex E. Page, Tracy Mills, N. B.; A. K. Potter, Clementsvale; C. W. L. Robinson, Moncton; J. Lea Rogers, Summerside; Wm. S. Rust, Nashville, Tenn.; R. H. Sharpe, Summerside; C. P. Thomson, Montague; P. E. J. W. A. Tringley, Hopewell Cape, N. B.; L. J. Underwood (New Glasgow); A. D. Williams, St. John; H. W. Walker, Port Hawkesbury; C. E. White, St. Martin's, N. B.; C. O. Whitman, New Albany, N. S.; W. S. Webb, Centerville, N. S.; Collie M. B. Wright, Montague; P. E. I. E. E. Bent, Young's Cove, N. S.

In the business department commercial diplomas were awarded to Victor L. Ayleward, Falmouth; Eli M. Chappel, Amherst; Merrill R. Lank, Wilson's Beach, N. B.; Walter MacDonald, Little Branch, N. B.; J. H. Morse, Greetland; B. G. Norman, Wolfville; James Smeers, Halcoube, N. B.; Samuel C. Treholm, Grand Pre.

Diplomas in shorthand were awarded to Alfred Bishop, Clarence, N. S.; Grace E. Brown, Sussex, N. B.; Helen B. Cox, Loggville, N. B.; Clara B. Creed, Albion, P. E. I.; Elvin R. Eden, Gaspe, Que.; Elsie Palmer, Yarmouche, B. C.; Jeanne Kussel, New Easton, N. B.; Mable Steeves, Hopewell Cape, N. B.; Leona Stephens, Canso; and Ruby M. Walls, Wolfville, N. S.

Prizes were awarded as follows: 1. To the leader of the Senior Class, \$10, won by Albert F. Corey, Vizianagram, India. 2. To the leader of the Middle Class, \$10, won by Charles Corsy, Vizianagram, India. 3. For highest standing in English (open to competition of the whole school), \$10, won by Herbert J. Blossie, Greetland, England. 4. For the highest standing in manual training, \$5, won by Clyde O. Whitman, New Albany, N. S. 5. To the student making greatest improvement in scholarship during the year, \$10. Prize divided between C. L. Robinson, of Moncton, and Jas. Somers, of Halcoube, N. B. (\$5 each). 6. To the leader of the business class, \$10, won by Ella N. Chappel, Amherst, N. S. 7. Spelling prize, \$5, won by H. A. Forsyth, Greenwich, N. S. 8. Bookkeeping prize, \$5, won by J. H. Morse, Greenwich, N. S. 9. Rapid calculation prize, \$5, won by Ruby Walls, Wolfville. Essay competition on 'Canada's relations to Foreign Countries.' First prize of \$20, won by W. W. Holmes, Homesville, C. B.; second prize, \$10, won by P. W. Hudson, New Glasgow, N. S.

Booster Medal for declamation, won by Cary K. Ganong, of North Springfield, N. B. The Strathcona Shield, awarded for the next half year to Willard Taylor. Following this a mixed chorus from the Acadia Glee Club rendered 'Oh Acadia.' The exercises were concluded by the singing of 'God Save the King.'

The closing exercises of Acadia Ladies' Seminary were held in College Hall at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. The hall was packed to the doors as the Seminary closing is always regarded as one of the principal events of commencement. The members of the Seminary Alumnae were the first to enter the hall. They were followed by members of the board of governors, the Seminary faculty, members of the Seminary student body and the graduating class. The procession march was played by the Misses Margaret Woodworth and Sidney Shaw. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Manning, chairman of the board of governors, the Seminary Glee Club of thirty voices sang very pleasingly 'The Prayer of the Virgin' (Wagner) and 'In our Boat' (Cowen). Miss Jean Goucher, of St. Stephen, and Miss Mildred Harvey, of Wolfville, read essays on 'Juvenile Courts' and 'The Navy of England' respectively. Both these essays were highly creditable.

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A much enjoyed violin solo, 'Concerto D. Major' (De Beval), Miss Helen Starr, of Wolfville, read an excellent essay on 'Quebec.' The large audience was delighted with the vocal solo by Miss Evelyn I. Neely, of Aylesford; her selection was Macfadyen's 'The Seasons' (waltz song). Miss Jennie Tozer read a well thought out and carefully delivered essay on 'The Art of the Musician.' Miss Jessie Prescott, of Albert, N. B., gave a delightful piano-forte solo, 'The Blue Danube,' from Strauss. The address to the graduating class was delivered by Rev. Charles A. Easton, B. A., 1890, pastor of the First Baptist church, New York city. Mr. Easton's address was eloquent and compelling. Diplomas were then presented by Dr. DeWolfe to the following young ladies:

Collegiate Course: Audrey Francis Cross, St. John; Helen Grace Downie, Margareville, N. S.; Mildred Sherwood Harvey, Wolfville; Clara East Hill, Wolfville; Sophie McKay Freeman, Halifax; Vivienne Jeanne Macenzie, Moncton; Myrtle Vera Morse, Melvern Square; Helen Pizon Starr, Wolfville; Jennie Edith Tozer, New-castle, N. B. Sophomore Matriculation Course: Jean Riddle Goucher, St. Stephen, N. B.; Mary Evangeline Longley, Paradise; Emma Elizabeth Sumner, Truro. Piano-forte Course: Georgie Evangeline Balcom (2), Margareville, N. S.; Eva Evelyn Goldwell (2), Gaspe; Mabel Gene Kaye (1), 2, Centerville, N. B.; Lucy Semantha Crowe (1), Port Williams; Jennie Catherine Prescott (1), Albert, N. B. (1), Artists Diploma. (2) Normal Diploma.

Vocal Course: Evelyn Irene Neely, Aylesford. Violin Course: Myrtle Vivian Miller, Canning. Course in Expression: Mary Jenkins, Ohio, N. S.; Blanche Thomas, Sheffield Mills. Course in Art: Alice Beta Cook, South Ohio, N. S. Normal Course in Household Science—Alice Adelaide Atkins, Brooklyn, Education Department, Halifax, N. S.

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