

Sophomore Exhibition.

THURSDAY evening, Dec. 21, saw the Baptist Church, Wolfville, crowded with the friends and students of "Acadia." The storm which for several days had swept through the village now slept. The intense cold had moderated. At seven o'clock the students and the members of the faculty assembled in the vestry, and thence walked in procession up into the audience-room. The programme for the evening embraced choice selections of instrumental music by a quartette, and orations by seven representative members of the Sophomore class.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

VOLUNTARY.

Prayer.

Music.

ORATIONS.

The Relation between Education and National Prosperity. A. W. Armstrong, Wolfville.
Unrenowned Heroes. Chas. D. Rand, Canning.
The Revelations of the Microscope. Willard P. Shafner, Williamston.

Music.

Roman Imperialism. Granville B. Healy, Round Hill, Annapolis.

John Milton, George B. Titus, Yarmouth.

Music.

The Teutonic Conquest of Britain. A. J. Denton, Waterford, Digby.

Imagination in Literature. Charles K. Harrington, Sydney, C. B.

Music.

National Anthem.

The speakers acquitted themselves admirably. The different subjects embraced a wide range, and were treated in an interesting and thoughtful manner. There was rugged energy amid gentle fancy, like the gray old crag overlooking the beauty-tinged water. The music by Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. VanBuskirk, and Mr. Marchison, was very fine, and richly merited the applause it received. Seldom have we heard the capacities of a violin and English concertina drawn out in sweeter harmony. The exhibition was in every way creditable to the second year class of '76.

We have inserted one of the essays for the perusal of our readers.

What's in our Exchanges.

THIS is an age when man draws near to man. People who dwell by different seas are neighbors as much as inhabitants of adjacent villages were a hundred years ago. By means of the rail,

and the keel and the wire we can join mental hands with our most distant friends. Perched up here behind our noble grove we can hold converse with our collegiate brothers of Dominion and Republic. At will we can speed away over a path paved with paragraphs and enter the circle of student life in the busy colleges without the Province. And although in age and stature we may be, compared with some of the great institutions beyond, only a little one, yet we like to march onward with our big brothers, and mingle our words with theirs. And though sometimes from the heights of big brotherhood they may look down on us, we meet them with a glance where sturdy self-respect mingles with youthful modesty. Our voice, the *ATHENÆUM*, shall go out with theirs, our exchanges, in the interests of sound learning and culture.

THE *Tufts Collegian* is a pleasant journal. It has a frank, how-do-you-do look which takes us in. It is well gotten up, both as to mental and mechanical execution. We noticed an article on "Latin Pronunciation," which we dare say is very good, but as we are among the festive holidays we had to pass it by for something more suitable to the occasion. An essay on Shakespere's "Tempest" is quite readable, and "Commerce as a Civilizer" gives evidence of expended thought. The *Tufts Collegian* is just our own age.

THE "Class Poem, 1876," in the November number of the "*College Journal*" is quiet interesting and sometimes witty. We almost felt to "Let a tear" ourselves, when we thought we should never more meet with "The spotless class of '76" through the medium of the *Journal*. Our sweetest benediction rests upon it, and with its members we trust

"That hope her fairest flowers may mix
To crown the class of '76."

With these few words we must take leave of our Exchanges for the present. We wish a pleasant and profitable holiday season to the whole rest-needing college fraternity. It makes us feel good to think of the thousands of hands that are laying aside the well thumbed text-books, of the thousands of young heads, calculus-wearied and classic-worn that have sweet respite from toil. Merry vacation to you all, brothers.

Argosy, College Journal, Dalhousie Gazette, Harvard Advocate, Lawrence Collegian, McGill Gazette, Oberlin Review, Packer Quarterly, Tufts Collegian, University Review, University Monthly, Wittenberger, Yale Courant, etc., are upon our list of college exchanges.