

These degrees were then conferred with the usual ceremony.

H. H. Bligh, Esq., on behalf of the Alumni Association, presented the following prizes:—

Freshman Class prize, \$20; W. Cox, Stewiacke.

Sophomore Class prize, \$20; A. I. Denton, Digby, C. K. Harrington, Sydney.

Junior Class prize, \$20; M. R. Tuttle, Wolfville.

Monthly Essay Prize, \$25; B. W. Lockhart, Lockhartville.

In addition to these Dr. Sawyer announced that the Lord Dufferin Silver medal had been awarded to Walter Barss, of Wolfville, for extra work in classics.

Dr. Sawyer said that it afforded him much pleasure to announce that Pr. Jones, although desirous of remaining longer at Oxford, would meet his classes in September, and that Prof. Tufts had consented to resume his position as Professor in the College and Principal of the Academy. He explained that the graduating class, now so small, had numbered fifteen on entering College, but had become reduced, through various causes, to its present size. This diminution of college classes was partly through financial inability, but often through intellectual inability. Although there was no formal *plucking* at the yearly examinations, the same results were accomplished in a quieter way. The students who were unable, whether through insufficient preparation or through inattention to their duties to maintain the prescribed standing, were either turned back or advised to remain at home. These measures effectually secured the "survival of the fittest."

Prof. Foster, upon invitation of the President, made an excellent speech. He mentioned the pleasure he had experienced in witnessing these anniversary exercises and the evidences of advanced culture exhibited in the orations to which he had just listened. He felt sure that Acadia College was doing a great work for higher education in Nova Scotia. He hoped that its influence might be extended and multiplied till all classes should be benefitted by the thorough and liberal training imparted here.

The orations by Messrs. Shafner and Goodwin were of no ordinary merit. Both bore evidences of vigorous, independent thought expressed in elegant, often eloquent, language, and both were delivered with a distinctness of enunciation and grace of action that were very pleasing to the audience. The music, by amateurs from St. John, was beyond praise. The very favorable impression made by these singers when they were in Wolfville before was deepened by further acquaintance with them.

ALUMNI DINNER.

At 2 p. m., the Alumni and friends, to the number of 150, sat down to a very excellent dinner, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Keddy, the steward and matron of the Academy. The spacious dining hall

was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and when all the ladies and gentlemen had taken their seats, and the waiters were industriously administering to the gastronomic demands of the company, the scene was very animated. The dinner was an excellent one in all respects, well selected, well cooked, well served, and well appreciated.

After the dinner, speeches were made by the Rev. Mr. Everett, of St. John; J. W. Longley, of the *Recorder*, of Halifax; Mr. Hay, of the *Morning News*, of St. John; Mr. Hathway, of the *St. John Globe*; Rev. Mr. Cary, of St. John; Rev. I. E. Bill, of St. Martin's; Prof. Foster, of the N. B. University; Rev. A. S. Hunt, Sup. of Education; Rev. E. W. Saunders, of Halifax; the Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Pres. of the College.

Mr. Everett made a very happy speech. It gave him great pleasure to join the annual pilgrimage to this Educational-Mecca of the Baptists of the Lower Provinces. He was glad to find things generally in such a satisfactory condition and to learn that the past year had been such a prosperous one in every respect. New Brunswick, he was happy to state, was well represented at Wolfville. He was glad to see Prof. Foster, of the Fredericton University, here, was delighted with the honorable position taken by the students from his Province, both male and female, and was further gratified at what was being done across the Bay for the Endowment fund.

Acknowledgments.

H. C. Rand \$1.00; John L. Brown, \$1.00; R. P. Greenwood, E. A. Freeman, Rev. J. R. Stubbert, 93; Rev. S. March, \$1.00; Miss Annie Gilmour, Rev. E. Howe, Robert Howe, Hiram Smith, \$1.50; Robert Hannah, \$1.00; J. P. McDonald, Arthur N. Whitman, \$1.00; C. H. Whitman, H. N. Paint, \$1.00; E. Brymer, T. P. Calkins, \$1.00; J. S. Witter, C. E. Griffin, John Johnson, \$1.00; J. F. Covey, A. B., J. R. Bradford, Rev. T. W. Crawley, Wm. Lewis, John Burditt, E. P. Bowles, M. D., W. P. Shafner, J. L. Morse, H. W. Rand, G. L. Partriquin, \$1.75; L. P. Godfrey, 70; Albert Gates, \$1.00; Jos. Barss, \$1.00; Theophilus McDonald, \$1.00; J. A. Blair, M. D., J. H. Vaughn, Lachlan P. Farris, \$1.00; J. W. Jefferson, Prof. J. T. Mellish, A. Dykeman, R. A. Courtney, \$1.00; R. L. Telfer, S. D. Minard, David Stewart, 93; L. G. Hunt, R. E. Chambers, E. D. Fraser, \$1.00; Miss Helen A. Vidito, John R. Calhoun, M. P. P., Albert Clarke, Hon. John Lefargy, Chas. Baker, S. Simpson, Stephen Baker, J. B. Clarke, R. Rodgers, C. Schurman, W. G. Strong, J. W. Hamilton, Rev. J. N. Fillmore; L. S. Wallace, W. C. Archibald, Rev. W. A. Covey, \$1.00; M. B. Palmer, J. W. Spurgeon, J. F. Currie, J. F. Forbes, \$1.00; F. F. Forbes, C. H. Morse, M. D., Rev. Malcolm Ross, F. M. Grant, \$1.00; Rev. D. H. Simpson, \$1.00; O. C. S. Wallace, 60; Mr. John Locke, Amos A. Wilson, C. T. Carbonell, Freeman Fitch, W. Neil Simpson, Jonathan Locke, Miss Cassie L. Harris, Joshua Thompson, \$1.00; E. C. Spinney, Rev. J. M. Parker, Judson Hughes, \$1.00; Wallace Phinney, Rev. J. F. Kempton, E. H. Robinson, 25; Rev. W. P. Everett, Myra Lockwood, Otis Redden, Amanda Hamilton, Carmon Marshall, John Shafner, T. G. Dunlop, 70; Alonzo Daniels, \$1.00; Mortimer Smith, \$1.00; Prof. Foster, W. Chase, David Phinney, Rev. D. W. C. Dimmoc, Geo. H. Durland; F. L. Shafner, Miss V. Wile, Silas Peak.