

In conclusion the hon. gentleman said:—In view of the grand objects of this University, in view of the success accomplished so far, in view of its future progress and consolidation, let me hope, ladies and gentlemen, that the enlightened generosity of governments will provide the means necessary to render the existence of the University of Manitoba free from precarious assistance and worthy of its noble object.

Mr. J. R. Bird, of St. John's College, was called forward and presented by the Chancellor with the Governor-General's silver medal, and Mr. F. A. Brown, of Manitoba College, similarly received the University bronze medal, these distinctions being awarded for pre-eminence in classical honors of the third year, including the second year's marks. The Governor-General's bronze medal, won by competition in the previous examination, was presented to Mr. J. W. Matheson. Rev. Canon O'Meara then presented to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. J. R. Bird, as qualified to receive the degree of B.A., and Rev. Prof. Bryce similarly presented Messrs. F. A. Brown, D. Anderson, and J. B. D. Code, of Manitoba College, and Mr. Archibald McLaren, a non-collegiate student, and the Vice-Chancellor accordingly conferred upon these gentlemen the title to which they were entitled. The degree of M.A. was conferred upon Mr. W. R. Gunn, B.A., of the University of Manitoba. Ad eundem degress were conferred upon Rev. A. L. Parker, M.A., and Rev. R. Machray, B.A., who were presented by the Registrar. There were no candidates for the degree of A.B. from the St. Boniface College, for the reason that the institution had to be closed during a part of the session, owing to illness amongst the students.

The Hon. John Norquay, Premier of Manitoba, and U. S. Consul Taylor made excellent speeches.

The foundation stone of the new St. John's College was laid on Thursday, June 7th, by His Lordship the Bishop of Rupert's Land, in presence of most of the members of the College council, the professors, masters, and members of the college, and the college school. The ceremony was of a religious character. The Bishop opened the proceedings with an address, which was followed by an appropriate ceremony.

The following articles have been deposited in the casket in the stone: The University Act of Parliament and Statutes and Calendar for 1882. Acts and documents relating to the Ecclesiastical Province and Diocese of Rupert's Land, including the Statutes of Cathedral and College. Report of 2nd Provincial Synod. Report of Diocesan Synod, 1881. Special service at induction of Dean and Canons. Syllabus of St. John's College Ladies' School. *Winnipeg Weekly Free Press*, June 1st, 1883; *Winnipeg Daily Free Press*, June 7th, 1883; *Winnipeg Daily Sun*, June 6th, 1883. The account of St. John's College and College School corrected to the present date. The names of the architects and builder of the College and statement of the stone being laid by the Chancellor and the Bishop of Rupert's Land. The work of construction was begun on the present wing a few weeks ago, and will cost on completion about \$75,000. The entire edifice when finished according to the intended plan, will cost \$250,000. The foundation is stone and the superstructure brick. Upon return to the old college building, vacation was announced until the first Wednesday of September.

An interesting incident during the St. John's College term was the presentation to Rev. A. L. Parker, M.A., of an elegantly framed and illuminated address by the students of the previous year. The presentation was made at his residence, after which they were hospitably entertained at supper.

A large number of the young ladies attending the St. John's College Ladies' School, received prizes for the several branches taught therein, and a gold medal was presented by the lady principal for lady-like deportment and observance of rules.

The following gentlemen have recently been appointed members of the Board of Education, viz: Rev. G. Cloutier, of St. Boniface, vice Rev. J. B. Beaudin; J. B. Somerset, of Winnipeg, vice J. H. Stewart, deceased; James Prendergast, of St. Boniface, vice Alexandro Kittson, deceased.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The anniversary exercises connected with the close of the college year at Acadia, extended from the 5th to the 7th of June. The Associated Alumni held their annual session on the 6th, and an adjourned meeting on the 7th. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President—H. C. Creed, A.M.; Vice President—Judge Johnston; Secretary Treasurer—W. L. Barrs; Directors—J. F. Parsons, A.B., B. H. Eaton, M.A., Prof. R. V. Jones, M.A., E. A. King, M.A., J. W. Longley, M.A., Rev. E. J. Grant,

Frank Anderson, B.A. The society chose for election as governors of Acadia College, Silas Alward, Esq., M.A., D.C.L., of St. John, and H. C. Creed, Esq., M.A., of Fredericton.

The anniversary exercises of Acadia College were held on the 7th in Assembly Hall. A large audience was present and much enthusiasm was manifested. After an interesting musical programme was gone through the national anthem was sung and the benediction pronounced.

The orations exhibited independent and vigorous thinking and were well delivered. At the close, the eleven young men whose names appeared on the programme received their degree of Bachelor in Arts.

The following graduates received the degree of M.A. in course:—Prof. Kierstead, E. M. Chesley, J. B. Oakes, J. C. Archibald, B. W. Lockhart, Dr. Lewis Hunt.

The following honor certificates were awarded to C. S. Wallace, senior in history, philosophy, and classics; C. W. Bradshaw, senior in history; H. Welton, senior in history; D. S. Whitman, senior in history and philosophy; Hutchinson Sophomore, in classics; Ross Sophomore, in English.

After conferring the degrees, Dr. Sawyer announced that the Senate had conferred the honorary degree of D.C.L. upon Silas Alward, Esq., M.A., of St. John, and Judge Wetherbee, M.A., of Halifax. At the close of the graduating exercises the Alumni dinner took place in the large dining-room of Chipman Hall. There was a large attendance. The following toasts were drunk at the close of the dinner: 1st, The Queen, proposed by E. D. King; 2nd, Alma Mater, proposed by E. D. King, responded to by Dr. T. H. Rand and A. J. Denton; 3rd, The Dominion and Local Legislatures, proposed by H. C. Creed, responded to by D. B. Woodworth, M.P. and J. W. Longley, M.P.P.; 4th, The Board of Governors, proposed by J. W. Longley, responded to by D. R. Eaton; 5th, The Senate of the University, proposed by J. B. Mills, responded to by Judge Johnson; 6th, The Faculty of the College, proposed by Dr. Saunders, responded to by Dr. Higgins; 7th, Our Fathers and Founders, proposed by E. D. King, responded to by Rev. Dr. Pryor and Rev. Dr. Bell; 8th, The Graduating Class, proposed by Prof. Kierstead, responded to by O. C. S. Wallace, B.A.; 9th, Our Sister Colleges, proposed by Prof. Jones, responded to by W. Graham, Esq., and Prof. Kierstead; 10th, Our Guests, proposed by H. C. Creed, responded to by Mayor Fraser; 11th, The Press, proposed by Dr. Rand, responded to by Mr. Seldon; 12th, The Fair Daughters of Acadia, proposed by Prof. Caldwell.

The annual meeting of the Teachers Association for District No. 10., county of Cumberland and North Colchester, was held at the thriving village of Acadia Iron Mines, on the 14th and 15th of June. Inspector W. D. Mackenzie was *ex officio* President, though at several sessions the chair was efficiently filled by the Vice-President, W. R. Slade, Esq. The duties of Secretary-Treasurer were well performed by Mr. Gordon Hill. The programme of exercises were as follows: 1. "Class Lesson in Industrial Drawing," Miss Parker; 2. "Outlined Methods of Teaching Drawing," Miss Smith, Instructor in Provincial Normal School; 3. "The Proper Mode of Teaching Grammar and Analysis," Mr. Hutchinson, Principal of Public Schools, Parr-boro'; 4. "The Teacher's Duty as to Cleanliness and Politeness of Pupils," Miss Jenks, of Public Schools, Amherst; 5. "Class Lesson in Mineralogy," Mr. Francis, Principal of Public Schools, Acadia Iron Mines; 6. "Reading," Miss Wood, of Oxford Public Schools; 7. "Music," Mr. Baillie, Principal of Public Schools, Wallace; 8. "School Ventilation," Dr. J. W. McDonald, of Acadia Iron Mines; 9. "Recitation," (essay), Miss Travers, of Public Schools, Amherst, followed by a recitation, by Miss Wood; 10. "The School Master," by Mr. Lay, Principal of County Acadamy. The several papers and exercises were thoroughly discussed. Mr. Fraser's interesting class exercise in Mineralogy elicited strong expressions of opinion as to the importance of such studies, rightly pursued, to the industrial development of Nova Scotia. Dr. McDonald was warmly thanked for the excellent paper (with admirable illustrative experiments) in which he called attention to a matter whose neglect undoubtedly lies at the root of much of the physical debility and mental irritability found in our schools. Professor Eaton, of the Provincial Normal School, was present during a part of the exercises, and favored the Association with an eloquent and instructive address on "The practical aspects of Modern Education." The public meeting of the 14th was attended by a large and influential audience. St. Bridget's Hall, which is a most spacious auditorium was thronged to the door. The address of the Superintendent of Education was upwards of an hour in length and was mainly an exposé.