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ACROSTIC.

Tho' many a paper comes from press,
It osts both of bad and good,
Each seems to fill a vacant place,
And suit the varied mood.
Civil to all we trust will be,
And hope to send a name
Down to our friends who next may walk
Each on the path to fame.
May every copy do its best
Your varied taste to please;
O'omp and puns and quiet chat,
Or fun or jokes or "tease."
So now we leave it to your hands—
Should you dislike the style,
I'll merrily name, we ask you this—
In verse sneer not: try to smile.

THE ACADEMY GOSSIP.

Mount Allison Male Academy,
Sackville, N. B., February, 1871.

HAVING long felt the necessity of a paper through the columns of which our friends could be informed of what has been and is now being done by members of the well known Mount Allison Institutions, we have concluded to issue a periodical called the "Academy Gossip." This paper, as may be seen in our Prospectus, will be devoted to the Literature, Small-talk, Jokes and Gossip of Sackville; and will be kept up by the literary efforts of the boys of Sackville Academy alone, whose ability is, in our opinion, fully equal to the task.

The idea was first suggested *only two weeks ago*, and consequently we have had as much work as we could possibly do to get out this issue at all. Indeed, at one time we very much feared that we would have to let the matter drop and retire to our "Sanctum" in disgust, but remembering that "Faint heart never won fair lady," and that "Nothing but perseverance can win the way to fame," and that we resolved that we would not be penned up by any force of circumstances, but would rather pen ourselves up and rise to notice in the columns of the "Gossip."

We at once set to work to organize, and, as may be seen, have succeeded in getting up a staff of which modesty will not permit us to say much, except that they are fellows who will always try to do their best and give to their friends and the public generally as much amusement and satisfaction as they can.

We may honestly, however, that in addition to our Committee, whose names appear in our Prospectus, we have secured the services of a first class "Devil" who was recommended to us as a youth who possessed a large share of the Satanic element, and who on that account would be very useful in an office like ours.

We do not aim to give to our friends a paper containing the "Controversial and Political news of the day," nor the "Latest telegrams from the Seat of War," as in that case we might miss the mark; but rather to inform them what Sackville Academy is, where it is situated, and what it is doing. We will endeavor to enlarge the next issue of this paper so that more of the "Academy Gossip" may be seen by our friends, who, we have no doubt, will appreciate our efforts.

We only ask our readers to remember that the "Gossip" is edited, and its contents written, by boys who hope that their productions may not be sneered at, but rather looked upon in a favorable light by all.

Obituary.

We are sorry to record the sad death of our young friend, Miss Mary Allison, who was taken from our midst at the commencement of the New Year. She was the daughter of Charles Allison, Esquire, late founder of these Institutions, and the cousin of our own respected Principal. She was much beloved, and her death at such an early age leaves an aching void in the hearts of all.

During her long and painful illness, our young friend was sustained by a firm faith in her Redeemer, and she departed in the full assurance of a glorious hereafter.

We sympathize deeply with the friends and relatives of the deceased, but above all with that only remaining parent who is now left childless and alone.

A Sketch of Mount Allison.

CONTRIBUTED BY HENRY.

The Male Academy, the nucleus of the Sackville Educational Establishment, was founded by the late Chas. Allison, Esq., in the year 1843.

The first Principal was the Rev. Dr. Pickard, D. D. The School was opened with only seven students, but the number rapidly increased during the year.

Dr. Pickard ably discharged the duties of his high position as Principal for twenty-six years, when he left for another sphere of labour and usefulness.

He was succeeded by David Allison, Esq., A. M., whose efforts to maintain a high standard of education have been, and we hope always will be, eminently successful.

The Rev. U. Jost, A. M., was elected the first Vice-Principal in 1847. He resigned last year, and the present popular Vice-Principal, Rev. J. Burwash, A. M., was chosen in his place.

After the Male Academy had been in successful operation for some years, a similar institution was proposed for young ladies, and in August 1854, the Ladies Academy was opened.

The Rev. Dr. Evans presided over it as Governor and Chaplain (with Miss M. E. Adams, as Preceptress), for three years.

He was succeeded in 1857 by the Rev. John Allison, A. M., as Principal; his lady, Mrs. Louisa Allison, A. M., being Preceptress.

In 1864, Dr. Pickard assumed management, with Prof. J. R. Inch, A. M., as Vice-Principal.

Since 1869, the latter gentleman has been independent Principal. He has had since 1864 the following ladies associated with him as Preceptresses: Mrs. S. O. Spencer, Misses Barr, Proctor, Pickard, Harriman and Jewell, the present talented Preceptress. Near the Ladies' Academy stands a fine building, erected in 1855, called "Lingley Hall," containing one of the finest organs in the Maritime Provinces.

Mount Allison College was opened in 1862. The Faculty have power to confer degrees, &c., &c., and the

curriculum is not inferior to that of any College in these Provinces.

Dr. Pickard was President until 1869, when the present President, Mr. Allison, for some years previous and still Professor of Ancient Languages, was elected to that distinguished office.

Connected with the College is a Theological Professorship, for training those students, who are candidates for the Wesleyan ministry. The Professor, as may be seen by reference to the catalogue, is appointed and maintained by the Wesleyan Conference.

From the time of its founding, until the close of last year, the incumbent of this office was the Rev. C. DeWolf, D. D.

Dr. Stewart, who has been chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. DeWolf, also occupies the chair of Mental and Moral Science in the College.

The condition and prosperity of all the branches of the Mount Allison Institutions, were never better than at present.

Our Museum.

Although so short a time has elapsed since the Museum, together with the Academy, was destroyed by fire, the list of living and other specimens that we append below will show that our present collection bids fair to rival all previous ones.

Among the feathered tribe we can mention a *Crane*, that never has a pick at any one; and a *Hen*, that never comes out except in fair weather; and a *Snail*, which, true to the old proverb, did not bring a Summer.

First in the list of quadrupeds, stands a *Canal*, that still retains, lingering fondness for deserts; next comes a *Wolf*, whose nature has undergone so remarkable a transformation that he not only lies with the lamb, but always accompanies the *Herd*.

We have a model (?) *Church* and *Chapel*, the former accompanied by a *Bell*.

From the relics of a by-gone age of chivalry, we have secured a *Pulver*, whose wonderful tales of travel in the Holy Land could hardly be credited were it not that he is followed by a *Harper*, who sings his praise, and a sturdy *Knight*, who is prepared with lance and shield to defend his two more peaceful companions.

To lovers of antiquities, a highly polished *Urn*, bearing the date B. C. 18, and containing notes of the period to which it belongs, will prove attractive.

Among the *luxus nature*, we have a good sized *Stone-bull*, from the Golden State, as well as a sample of *Wood*, which the directors, not having seen mentioned in any work on Botany, have at last decided to be the genuine "chip off the old block." Our specimens of other woods are limited, being confined to a capital piece of *Thorn*.

We have received from Newfoundland a very ancient *Penny*, which is in a remarkable state of preservation. From the same island, we have a case of good things in *Bond*, that will be on exhibition as soon as possible.

Several useful trades are well represented by carefully selected pattern *Smiths* and *Wrights*, besides a first-class *Baker*, who is as well bred as any in the trade.

The reader will easily see by the above that the present collection of rarities is very great; and as we have very many not mentioned in the above list, and expect large additions to be made to the collection by the exertions of the students in the Holidays, the lover of curiosities can spend an hour very agreeably in examining the cases of our Museum.

All information about the Museum, as well as a trusty and intelligent guide, who will show strangers every attention, will be cheerfully supplied on application to

JOREY.

On Saturday night, February 5th, we learned that one of our students had his hand frozen while going to the spring after water.

We would advise that youth to "let well alone" in future, especially in cold weather.

Our "Devil" says that it was an ice freeze.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.—Sticking your finger in a pail of water, and expecting to see the hole when you pull it out.—George.