

tinue to pray for us, and if they pray we know that they will work. May the coming year be as successful as the one just closed.

As this is the last issue of the BEMA for this year, the Editor-in-chief wishes to express his thanks to the associate Editors for their assistance in editing our school journal. While there have been times when the work seemed to rest very heavily on him, yet he has found his associates faithful and anxious as to the welfare of the paper. He also desires to thank the students for their contribution of articles, which added greatly to the quality of the paper. And in behalf of the Editors and students he extends heartfelt thanks to the public for their kind patronage and assistance. Now as he leaves the paper in your charge, his best wishes and deepest sympathies are for you. To the student who may have the honor of being Editor-in-chief for the coming year he would say: do not get discouraged; strive to make the paper a greater success than ever before. You may oft times find the work hard, but you will find that labor spent on the BEMA will by no means be labor spent in vain. And as you partake of your EDITORIAL PYE be sure that the doors of your sanctum are open for guests.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

[St. John Daily Sun.]

THE Union Baptist Seminary at St. Martins closed on Tuesday, June 13, for the Summer months, after the most successful year it has ever seen. As Principal deBlois put it, "last year people hoped that the Seminary would succeed, and many believed firmly that it would." Others were critical; it was a critical year, but the result has banished all doubts. The school has gone beyond the expectations of the most sanguine of its friends, and has had marvellous success in every direction. During the year strenuous efforts were put forth to cut down the indebtedness against the institution, with the result that \$10,000 of the debt has been wiped out. But the seminary's friends are not yet content. It is still in debt, and they will not rest till they have pulled it entirely out of debt. For the first time in its history the seminary has been self-sustaining, a substantial sum remaining on hand after paying all the current expenses. A marked improvement is noticeable in the buildings and grounds. The latter look remarkably well, every care being taken to make them present an attractive appearance. As for the building, those

who have seen it since last closing, were very agreeably surprised at the change. The walls of the lower hall have been handsomely decorated, and nearly all the sleeping rooms, both on the boys and on the girls side, have been papered and fitted up, giving them a more cheerful and home-like appearance. The staff of teachers has been stronger than ever before. The elocution department has been so enlarged under Prof. Robinson's direction that an assistant to him will be at once appointed, and a permanent school of expression established in connexion with the institution. The Principal is corresponding with a lady of experience, a graduate of a New England school, and it is altogether likely her services will be secured for next term, as such assistant. The short-hand and type-writing department has had twenty students this year. It is a new departure, and the students achieved great things under Miss Maud Pye. The Sun has already given its readers a pretty fair report of the commencement exercises up till last Monday, showing the very creditable work of the 104 students who were enrolled last year. The 104 students were divided as follows: 9 in the preparatory department, 24 freshmen, 35 juniors, 9 seniors, and 23 special.

The graduating class was small as compared with some other years. This was due to the fact that the attendance last year fell off very materially. The graduates were: William Everett Jonah of Eastport, Me.; Frank Patterson, of St. Martins; Harry Hall Reid, of Harvey; Frederick Warren Titus, of Bloomfield, and Ralph Edwin White, of St. Martins.

Monday night's rhetorical contest was a very interesting event. Precisely at eight o'clock Rev Dr. De Blois called the audience to attention and announced the work of the evening, i. e., the rhetorical contest for the silver medal offered by H. A. McKeown. Rev. Messrs. Lockwood and McKiel and E. J. Sheldon were the judges. The following was the programme:

- Chorus.....
- Piano Duett,..... Coursiers,.....Gobbaerts.
Misses J. and E. West.
- Reading, The Uncle,..... H. G. Bill.
Perry J. Stackhouse.
- Reading, A Mountain Tragedy, Warner.
Miss Bessie J. O'Brien.
- Vocal Solo, True Love is Sweet,..... Hutchinson.
H. M. Leonard.
- Reading, The Rhyme of the Duchess
May Mrs. Browning.
Miss Maud Davis.
- Reading, The Story of Black Ledge, Grace McLeod.
Miss Edna West.
- Vocal Solo, My Lady's Bower, Temple.
Miss Bessie O'Brien.