

THE ACADIAN.

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Acadia's Anniversary.

Another of Acadia's anniversary seasons has passed, and the friends of the grand old institution are congratulating themselves on the success which attended all the exercises of this week. The weather in the main was favorable, although the storm of Sunday was a disappointment to visitors and townspeople in common. Probably the number of visitors this year exceeded that of any anniversary for many years. They began to arrive on Friday and by Saturday night about all the available accommodation was taken up. The hotels were filled to overflowing, and private houses were thrown open for the entertainment of those who came to attend the closing of the college and affiliated schools.

Notwithstanding that Sunday was one of the most unpleasant days of the season College Hall was crowded to the doors on the occasion of the preaching of the annual Baccalaureate sermon.

That Dr. Trotter continues to hold a large place in the hearts of Wolfville people and the friends of Acadia generally was apparent. President Hutchison, in a few well chosen words, introduced the speaker, who, after expressing himself as well pleased to be back again in Wolfville and to meet so many old friends, announced the subject of his sermon, "The world without Christ." The text was in John 15-22: "If I had not come, the sermon was most scholarly and impressive showing the results of much study and breadth of scholarship. The doctor's ability as an orator is well known at Acadia and on this occasion he was at his best. His flowery, logical succession of thought and the deepest earnest characterized the address.

The sermon closed with a personal inquiry as to how the young people stood related to the fact that Christ had come; as to whether they had given it its true place in their scheme of thought and their outlook in life. Christ and His coming is the supreme fact of human life and history. To ignore, to minimize it would be unscientific to the last degree. He has come into your hearts and lives, let Him abide there, let Him reign there as Lord supreme and all the supposed blessing of His coming shall become a personal inheritance in life and death forevermore.

The music was furnished by a choir of sixty voices and was appropriate, pleasing and helpful to the success of the service.

Assembly Hall was again filled on Sunday evening to listen to an address before the College, by Rev. A. F. Shaw, of Winnipeg. Mr. Gordon C. Warren, president of the society was in charge and the Y. M. C. A. choir rendered excellent music. Mr. Shaw was a very pleasing personality, and since graduating in 1892 has held several important positions. He is a very effective platform speaker and held the close attention of his audience.

His subject was "The Life That Counts." He said in part: "Every young man desires that his life shall count for the most in the world. A life may be strenuous, but yet not dominated by any high purpose. A life may be simple, and yet wholly unworthy of its opportunity. A life may be efficient, but in doing things that are of comparative unimportance. A life that truly counts must first be concerned with its quality. It is not more men we want so much as more man. Then the life that counts will have due proportion. Nothing is so difficult or so important in an age when the material bulks so largely as to maintain a proper balance between the interests of the material and the spiritual. A third word that will help to describe the life that counts is atmosphere. Vapor must appear for but a little time, but as in the form of steam, it is tremendously powerful while it lasts. Air is apparently unreal, yet it presses with tremendous weight upon us. So real and important is the atmosphere a man carries with him. The last word in this direction. The most important question about a man is not what he can do, or what does he know? but rather, in what direction does his life tend? That settles all the rest. In the last analysis we must all come back to Him who said, 'I am come that they might have life.' For quality 'Exercise thyself unto godliness.' For atmosphere, 'Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.' For direction, 'He that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'"

The public exercises of Horton College Academy took place on Monday evening, before a large audience, and were of the usual interest. During the year, under the efficient management of Principal Robinson and his competent staff, the attendance has been unusually large, the enrollment being 105, with 30 in the senior year, 26 taking a diploma. The prize list is as follows:

J. Hinson West, highest standing in school—\$10.
Wilfred Cowell, highest standing in senior year—\$10.
Percy Murray, highest standing in middle year—\$10.
Ernest Sartin—First prize for spelling—\$5.
Laurie Reid, highest standing in book-keeping—\$10.
Minnie Reid, best penmanship—\$12.

Kingsley Carter, highest standing in business course—\$10.

The program at the closing exercises on Monday evening was:

Prayer.
Vocal Solo—R. L. Henshaw, H. C. A. '10.

Address—Principal Robinson.
Class History—C. S. Young.
Vocal Solo—Miss Annie Hay Murray, Wolfville.
Class Prophecy—S. B. Allen.
Conferring Diplomas.

Essay—The Resources and Needs of Nova Scotia, B. A. Palmer.
Vocal Solo—Clyde E. Balcom, Margareville.
Essay—Benefits Derived from the French Revolution, F. L. Christie.
Awarding prizes.

Valedictory—J. H. West.
Address to Graduates—Rev. E. D. Webber, Wolfville.
God Save the King.

Rev. Mr. Webber took for his theme "The Objective of Education" and emphasized thereby the necessity of a clearly defined end toward which all educative processes should tend.

He developed his subject under two heads, which he urged as the salient elements of a true educational objective.

First—Progress. This marks the student's school days as he goes from grade to grade and from school to school, but he is in danger of forgetting that in reality he can never graduate from the learning process, for all life must be his school and every step gained must be the point of departure for a new advance. We must steadily remember that there is no point at which it is not perilous to halt. The nature of truth and the nature of the mind make this constant onward movement imperative.

Second—Personality. In our present practical temper of mind we greatly insist upon doing. In order to do deftly we divide and subdivide work till all things are tinged with specialism. We are in danger of forgetting that being must take precedence of doing, and that man is more than any highly developed aptitude or specialized function. Education fails unless it produces worthy character.

Third—Service. All life is the field of reciprocity. Not only does the lower serve the higher, but the glory of the highest is to serve. The greater the endowment of ability or opportunity, the more binding becomes the obligation to enlist in the relief of others' needs. Every age has its questions to be answered, its burdens to be borne, its hopes to be rekindled, and to aid in doing this for your own time will be a worthy investment of your education.

One of the most enjoyable features of anniversary week is the class day exercise of the College graduating class and this year was no exception to the rule. Assembly Hall was crowded to the doors on Tuesday morning as the seniors of the University took their places, the President, Miles F. McCutcheon, being in the chair, supported by the Vice-President, Eva L. Peck, and the Secretary, Annie W. Eaton.

All the numbers were extremely good with many bright sayings and witty allusions. The class history recalled the various vicissitudes they experienced in their four years progress towards the goal of a B. A. degree and some of their humorous experiences were skilfully sketched. The class prophecy gave an occasion to develop idiosyncrasies and in lifting the veil of the future to show the result of certain tendencies during the college course. The fine points of this paper were received with marked enthusiasm.

The music was excellent and added much to the pleasure of the occasion. The Valedictory was a very touching address.

The class of '09 has presented to College Hall a splendid set of globes and electric fittings which is an improvement highly appreciated.

The Acadia Seminary has had another successful year under the direction of Principal H. T. DeWolf.

The total registration has been 265 of which those in the regular course leading to graduation number 119. The number in residence is 113, non-resident pupils 152.

In the school of music 103 take piano, 55 in voice, 7 take pipe organ and 9 violin. There are also 41 pupils in harmony, 19 in theory and 22 in history of music.

In the art department are 112 pupils, 35 in free hand, 17 in leather tooling, 45 in oils and the others in cast drawing, design china painting, water colors and clay modelling.

In the department of elocution are 94 pupils, in French 66, in German 30, in stenography 17.

Miss Wells has proved herself to be a very efficient vice principal and the work of her associates has highly commended itself. There will be some changes however, as Miss Merson and Miss Ring of the vocal department, Miss Bool in charge of domestic science and Miss True of the piano staff have resigned. Of the 35 mem-

bers of the senior class, 13 took the collegiate course, 9 the sophomore matriculated course, 6 piano, 1 vocal, 2 in art and 1 in elocution.

The following prizes were awarded by the Principal from the G. P. Payment Prize Fund.

(a) For Efficiency in English—to Miss Mina Hubbley.
(b) For Efficiency in French—to Miss Josephine Clark.
(c) For Efficiency in Instrumental Music—Miss Charlotte Layton.

The St. Clair Paint Scholarship of \$60 to Miss Ermine Baker.
The Governor-General Medal, to Miss Viola Weaver.

Special prizes—A book prize was given to Miss Charlotte Lawrence for efficiency in instrumental music. An art prize of \$10.00 to Miss Flora Denton and a special book prize to Miss Ella Vance for efficiency in French.

The public exercises in the evening attracted the usual large number of visitors, and the whole affair from the march in of the dainty maidens in white to the national anthem was a decided success.

The essays were excellent and exceptionally well read and the music was of the usual high order. The following is the program. Principal DeWolf presiding.

Processional—Marche des Mousquetaires
Misses Knowles and Barditt.
Prayer.
Vocal Solo—Serenade.....Gonard
Miss Helena Harriet Hamilton.
Essay—John Milton, Poet and Patriot
Ermine Mae Baker.

Pianoforte Solo—Spinning Song
.....Miss Wagner Lutz
(From "Flyin' Dutchman")
Charlotte Hyland Layton.
Essay—Woman's Opportunity in
.....the Twentieth Century
Josephine Marshall Clark.
Vocal Solo—There is a Green Hill
Far Away.....Gonard
Helen Knowles.

Essay—The Preservation of Canada
.....Miss E. A. Farnsworth
Elsie Blanchard Estabrooks.
Pianoforte Solo—Rigoletto Fantasia
.....Verdi Lutz
Charlotte Phyllis Lawrence.
Address—Rev. W. W. MacMaster, B. A., St. John.
God Save the King.

The exercises were concluded with an excellent address to the graduating class by Rev. W. W. MacMaster, of St. John, who took as his subject: "The perfecting of self, the crowning service. Self conquest, self culture through thought and imagination, and self sacrifice were suggested as practical lines along which the development of self may be successfully pursued."

Wednesday was exceptionally fine and crowds assembled at an early hour. Flags were waving in the breeze from the college flagstays, and great interest was taken in these closing exercises. The long procession of governors, members of the senate alumni, and graduating class in cap and gown, was an impressive sight as they filed into the hall to the music of the processional march. Prayer was offered up.

President Hutchinson presided and after a few introductory remarks, introduced the speakers chosen to represent the class. Although essays were prepared by all the class, time allowed for only the delivery of five. The program was as follows:

Processional—Prayer.
Addresses by members of the graduating class.
Canada's Trans-Continental Transportation, Edward G. Daniels, Lawrencetown, N. S.

Omar Khayyam as an exponent of Epicurean Philosophy—Josephine H. McLatchy, Moncton, N. B.
The Vision in Life—George H. Magner, Schenectady, N. Y.

Solo—The Peace of God.....Gonard
Mrs. Howard S. Ross.
Tollers in Darkness—Dorothy D. Manning, Wolfville, N. S.

Western Civilization: Its Tendencies and Motive Force—Miles F. McCutcheon, St. John, N. B.
Saw Drops—Two Little Ducks.
.....Lehman
Mr. Roy and Miss Knowles.

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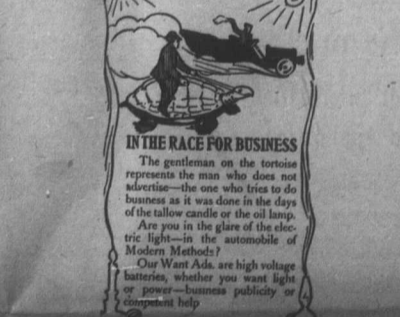
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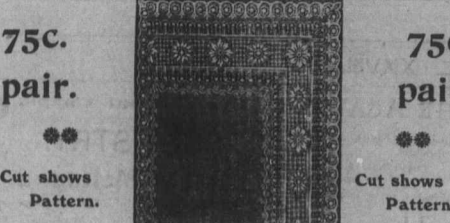
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