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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1887.

BILLS.—Bills have been sent to many of the subscribers in arrears, during the last week, and more will be sent this week. It can scarcely be otherwise than that errors will occur. Should anyone receive a wrong statement of the balance due, or should a bill be sent to one who has paid to Jan. '88, we shall take it as a kindness if we are notified of the error, and will make it right at once. Will not the subscribers in arrears please remit at once? The amount due from each one is but a trifle, and could be sent almost as well as not. Whether they are remitted or not means a great deal to the company publishing the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Kindly send on the money at the first opportunity, before it is forgotten.

THE ANNIVERSARIES AT WOLFVILLE.

Dripping skies and drenching fogs gave place to bright, warm sunshine on Tuesday last, and Wolfville and its beautiful surrounding country were clothed in the greenest green of grass and foliage. The apple blossoms were beginning to tuck the landscape with their snowy whiteness, and it seemed to be a bright promise for a pleasant anniversary occasion. The friends of Acadia came dropping in by train and private conveyance until Wednesday afternoon, when they came in crowds, taking the accommodations of hotels and private residences to the utmost.

NORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

An audience that comfortably filled the hall assembled to show their interest in the lads of greater or lesser age and stature, who were to show what they could do as thinkers and orators. The following is the programme of exercises:—

- Prayer.....Dr Rand
1. Music.....Chorus
2. Essay.....The Newspaper J. E. Barnes, Wolfville.
3. Essay.....The Golden Fleece W. B. Burnett, Sussex, N. B.
4. Essay.....Beneath the Surface Edgar Chipman, Wolfville.
5. Music—Solo.....Ring, Blue Bell, Ring Miss Nelson.
6. Essay.....Chinese Gordon H. P. Whidden, Antigonish.
7. Essay.....The Nile J. E. Tiner, Marquis, N. B.
8. Essay.....Civilizing Effect of Commerce D. B. Hemmion, Wolfville.
9. Essay.....Rise of Patriotism in Modern Greece Geo. E. Day, Yarmouth.
10. Music—Quartette.....Bitter Sweet Misses Pride, Loader, Sims and Rutherford.
11. Essay.....Sir William Wallace I. H. Morse, Paradise.
12. Essay.....The Jesuit Missionaries W. M. Smallman, O'Leary Road, P. E. I.
13. Essay.....Look Well to the Foundation Z. L. Fash, Bridgetown.
14. Music—Solo.....The Flower Girl Miss Day.

Not having been at an exhibition of the Academy before, we are unable to judge of the way it compared with previous entertainments of the kind. There were various degrees of excellence; but all acquitted themselves well. It is evident they had had thorough training. They have fine possibilities within their reach. If they but improve their opportunities, and make the most of themselves for the sake of others than themselves, they will throw considerable weight into the scale of the right and true against the wrong and the false. The friends of the academy will be glad to learn that the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the institution. There have been 96 students on the roll—65 from Nova Scotia, 17 from New Brunswick, five from P. E. Island, and one each from Quebec, Newfoundland and the United States. One from the academy entered college the first of the winter term, and 37 propose to begin their course in the fresh air class this autumn. It is pleasing to know that the department of the pupils has been very commendable, and that the prospects of a large class next autumn are excellent. No doubt the superior accommodation afforded by the new academy boarding house, which is being pushed rapidly forward, will encourage more to attend.

The graduation exercises of THE LADIES' SEMINARY were held on Wednesday evening. In order

to prevent the overcrowding of the hall, which has interfered with the comfort of the people on similar occasions, admission was by ticket. The evening was beautiful and all the conditions favorable for a large attendance. Before the doors were open a very large crowd was gathered at the door. Very many who came from a distance, not knowing the new regulation, were there with the rest. When the doors were opened all swept in and the hall was soon packed full, while very many had to pocket their disappointment and go home again; not even standing room being found. It was nobody's fault; only too many came for the capacity of the hall, and some had to remain outside. It becomes more and more patent every year that our people are awakening more fully to the importance of a thorough education for their daughters.

The graduation exercises of the seminary attract almost as much attention as those of the college itself, and the attendance of students is making heavy demands upon the capacity of the institution, and is steadily growing. This progress is in line with the most advanced sentiment of the age, and must continue. Miss Wadsworth has thrown much enthusiasm into her work. She has a high ideal of what a ladies' seminary ought to be, and, with her ability and experience, may be expected to raise the status of our institution year by year. She has one of the most delicate and difficult positions to fill: She needs the sympathetic co-operation of all connected with her work.

The number enrolled during the year is 83. Of these, 11 are from New Brunswick, three from Cape Breton, one from P. E. Island, three from the United States and 65 from Nova Scotia. The larger proportion of them have taken lessons in music, elocution and drawing, and 34 have been in the French classes.

The graduation exercises were as follows:—

- Processional Marche des Troubadours.....Roubier
Misses Clerke, Wood, Henderson, Rice.
Prayer.....by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D.
1. Essay, Queen Elizabeth. May J. Bishop
2. Vocal duet, On the Moonlight Stream.....Geibel Misses Lovett and Simms.
3. Essay, Music.....Harriet M. Eaton
4. Piano Solo, Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 2.....Liszt Laura F. Sawyer.
5. Essay, Holland House, its Inmates and Guests.....Ella A. Pridley
6. Vocal solo, La Stella.....Arditti May H. Vaughan.
7. Essay, The Vanity and Inanity of Genius.....Lila P. Williams
8. Piano solo, Polonaise in A. b. Chopin Harriet M. Eaton.
9. Essay, A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine.....Minnie W. Long
10. Concerto, Don Juan.....Mozart-Lyburg Lila P. Williams.
Second Piano, Miss Buttrick.
11. Essay with Valedictory, Social Life in the 18th Century. Annie F. N. Smith Presentation of Diplomas.

Owing to the fact that we were near the door where there was a good deal of disturbance, we were unable to follow any of the essays except that of Miss Smith. This was a very graphically drawn picture of literary scenes and personages of the time her essay undertook to discuss, and was very well done. The valedictory words were especially touching and effective. No one could have listened to the vocal solo by Miss Vaughan, and the performances on the piano, and not be convinced that Acadia Seminary provides the most careful instruction in voice culture and in the refining and elevating accomplishment of music, generally. We heard the exercises highly spoken of by those who were in a position to judge. There were evidences that much attention had been given to classic English literature. While the subjects selected did not generally give scope for so much independent thought, they were well fitted to reveal the special training given in special departments of study. There was the same good taste displayed in modesty of attire, and the usual quiet self-possession of deportment which help make these occasions so interesting and which disarm adverse criticism.

A glance into the studio next day showed that care is here taken to impart instruction in first principles. There was quite a display of drawings from casts, and some very creditable paintings in oils. A cabinet of painted china was much admired. It is to be hoped that the efforts of Miss Harding to increase still further the efficiency of this department may meet with great success.

Thursday is always regarded as the great day of the week, as, upon it, the crown of our institutions,

THE COLLEGE.

has its anniversary. On Wednesday night the stars were twinkling in the expanse of blue, and there was a general prophecy of a propitious day on the morrow. The ladies—the young ones at least—no doubt went to sleep with visions of toilet displays to set off the sunshine of the next day, and make them rivals of the bloom and beauty of the splendid landscape around. Alas for human expectations. The first sound that saluted the ears on awakening Thursday morning was the pour of rain upon the roof. This subsided into a drizzle which continued with a pelted shower, now and then, until Saturday forenoon. Nevertheless, when eleven o'clock came the hall was crowded by the friends of the College from near and far. Some thought the rain not an unmitigated evil, as otherwise, there would probably have been people enough present to fill a hall of double the size, although this will

hold six or seven hundred comfortably. The following is the

PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES.

- PRAYER.....Dr. Hopper.
ORATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.
*The Student as a Patriot Colman W. Corey, Havelock, N. B.
The Rational and the Empirical in Medicine; Jesse T. Prescott, Sussex, N. B.
*Government by the Majority; Oliver S. Miller, Bridgetown, N. S.
The Future of Japan; William E. Boggs, Wolfville, N. S.
Music, Vocal Solo.....Miss Hitchens.
*The Commercial Route of Hudson Bay; J. Allan Sharp, St. John, N. B.
What is Literature? Samuel K. Smith, Milton, Queens Co., N. S.
William Prince of Orange; Henry Vaughan, St. Martins, N. B.
*The Relation of the Professions to Labor; George H. White, St. Martins, N. B.

- MUSIC, PIANO SOLO.....Miss Buttrick.
Civilization as Affected by International Relations; Edwin L. Gates, Melvern Square, N. S.
*The Influence of one Thinker on his own and Succeeding Ages, illustrated by Plato; Ernest R. Morse, Paradise, N. S.
The Uses of Mythology in Art; Thaddeus S. K. Freeman, Milton, Queens, N. S.
*The Gradual Advancement of Learning; Israel W. Porter, Deerfield, N. S.
Music.....Miss Hitchens.
The Moral Benefit of Science Studies; Charles H. Miller, Clarence, N. S.
Conservation and Radicalism in Ancient Greece; George A. Whitman, New Albany, N. S.
*Conscience as seen in the Plays of Shakespeare; John B. Morgan, Fredericton, N. B.
The Popular Element in the English Constitution; Ernest M. Freeman, Newport, N. S.
*The Reign of Victoria; Robie W. Ford, Milton, Queens, N. S.
Music, Piano Solo.....Miss Buttrick. (Those not marked with an * did not deliver their addresses.)

Honor Certificates were next awarded as follows: In the Senior Class to J. B. Morgan, in Metaphysics; E. R. Morse, in moral philosophy; I. W. Porter, in moral philosophy and history; G. A. Whitman, in history; L. D. Morse, of the Junior Class, in logic; C. H. McIntyre, Sophomore, in physical science; J. E. Eaton and C. B. Freeman, of the Freshman Class, in classics.

The class was so large that only a part of the graduates could give their addresses. The eight gentlemen who represented their fellow students acquitted themselves nobly. Each address showed either good power of independent thought or a good deal of research in the subjects chosen. Mr. Corey showed that education made a man a better patriot by enabling him to appreciate the natural features of his country and giving him a deeper, because a more intelligent interest in all that pertains to her institutions and government. It was well thought out and delivered.

Mr. Miller showed that nations could only have true liberty when the government was in the hands of a majority of the people sufficiently intelligent to know what was for the general good, and having the moral principle to allow no selfish consideration to make them untrue to this object. He entered a vigorous protest against the corruption and selfishness which he believes rules in the politics of the present time. We hope he may help to bring in a better state of things, some day. The force of his address was a little weakened, at one or two points, by a statement so straggling as to arouse a question as to its truth; but it was vigorous and creditable.

Mr. Sharp gave us much interesting information about Hudson Bay and the prospects of a route being practicable by way of it to Europe for the products of the great North-west. Mr. White had one phase of one of the liveliest questions of the age. He evidently has been sympathetic with the laboring classes, meaning by this, those who labor with their hands. He showed conclusively, however the question might be between capital and labor, that the professions here with them the hope and help of the workers, and should be regarded as friends. He gives promise of making an effective speaker.

Mr. Morse is the philosopher of his class. He has gained quite a view of the general outlines of philosophic thought, in its heyday in Greece. His statements were clear and accurate, and the whole address showed a mind of a good deal of compass and grip.

It was decided to have a manuscript of an Alumni Companion prepared during the year, containing a concise biography of each Alumnus, to be laid before the society next June, with estimates of cost of publication, &c. It was also determined that the Alumni assume \$500 of the salary of the professor of Modern Languages and History for next year.

The following are the officers for the coming year: Dr. Hall, Truro, President; A. J. Denton, Vice-Pres.; S. W. Cummings, Sec. Treas.

Directors—Prof. Eaton, Prof. Colwell, E. W. Sawyer, Dr. Hopper, W. F. Parker, H. T. Ross, C. Goodspeed. This Society seems to be gradually growing. There is in it the very life blood of the college, and it should be one of the greatest powers to advance its interests. With more thorough organization and with vigor thrown into its management, it is to be expected that a better showing will be made than in the past. A promise of this is seen in the fact that the Alumni

dinner this year was made the occasion for serious business rather than for amusement. The Board of Governors held four sessions, and considerable important business was transacted. It was determined to put up a building to be used by the young ladies for purposes of exercise. The old gymnasium is to be moved to another site and enlarged so as to provide accommodation for the reading room, for a class to be formed in free hand drawing, and for the prayer meeting. The friends of the college generally, and the undergraduates especially, will be pleased to learn that an appointment has been made to the chair of modern languages and history. Prof. L. E. Wortman, the gentleman appointed, is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and is at present principal of our seminary in St. John. He has had a long experience as a teacher, and is highly recommended for the position by gentlemen best fitted to judge of his qualifications. He is a genial Christian gentleman, and will win the respect and esteem of those who are associated with him. We have not yet learned whether he has accepted the appointment; but should he do so, we understand he proposes to spend a time in Europe in the further study of French and German, and begin his duties in January next.

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THE WEEK.

During recess the Liberal Unionists have been holding conventions. The feeling between them and the Gladstonians is growing more pronounced. Chamberlain considers all thought of an adjustment between the sections of the Liberal party a delusion. His idea seems to be to keep the Unionists distinct, hoping they may win gradually and become the dominant party along the way. There is an improbable rumor afloat that Salisbury, wearied with the small progress made in public business and with political cares as well, will test the feelings of the country by another election and then retire from public life.

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An Appeal.

TO THE PASTORS, DEACONS AND MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Association an invitation was accepted by the friends in attendance to the laying of the corner-stone of a new Baptist Meeting House at Beaver Harbor.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone was performed by the Moderator of the Association, Bro. C. F. Clinch, and the religious services in connection therewith were participated in by several ministerial brethren.

At that meeting a resolution was passed recommending the Churches of that Association to take up a collection in aid of the Building Fund. The outside of the building is nearly finished, and we have nearly sufficient material to complete the inside, except pewing. The sum of \$500 has been raised and expended by the friends on the field, and \$700 will finish, furnish, and pay the outstanding bills. Many of the people of this community have no other religious privileges but such as we supply them with, and it is hoped that when this building is completed many who are now without a hope in Jesus still, by divine grace, become useful members of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Services have been held in the unfinished building during the winter, as often as the weather would permit, and there are some tokens that the word has not been preached in vain. And now, brethren, we appeal to you for aid. Will you kindly take up a collection for us in the month of June? The welfare of our cause at Beaver Harbor depends largely on the response given to this appeal. The Home Mission Board approves of our appealing to you. Contributions to this object will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the undersigned.

On behalf of those interested, A. E. INGRAM, PASTOR, Penfield, Char. Co., N. B., May 31st, 1887.

Our Annual Gatherings.

Your remarks on the above subject are timely and to the purpose. When work is well "mapped-out" beforehand things move on so much more satisfactorily than to leave everything to shape itself as it comes before the "Body."

DEVOTIONAL SPIRIT IMPORTANT.

Many of our brethren and sisters gather in the early morning prayer meetings, and so are greatly refreshed and fitted for the Master's work before them.

The plan adopted at the Maritime Y. M. C. Association, held some time ago in Truro, will not soon be forgotten (its excellent influence reached our convention held shortly after in St. John, N. B.), viz., at about half way between each business session a brother, not in the chair, took charge of a devotional service of just 20 minutes. The effect produced was what might be expected—an evident outpouring of the Holy Spirit. There is excuse for our brethren who have important denominational business in hand to carry through, and all for the glory of the Master. Still, the people less interested would do well to be refreshed by such religious exercises, and so return to their "respected fields" more fully consecrated to the Lord's service and encouraged to work in the great vineyard. W. J. G.

P. S.—Our good brother, Rev. Mr. Dykeman, is engaged in a most laudable work, viz., spending part of his time between Sundays in delivering his admirably arranged Scripture lectures on "Luther falling from heaven through the power of strong drink," and this he clearly believes. Object: to raise means to enlarge the Baptist Mission Chapel at New Glasgow, which has become a necessity. He desires this plan preferable to soliciting donations through our denominational papers. He gave the lecture a few evenings ago in Truro to an appreciative audience, in the church; also at Antigonish, St. Ring Hill, Parrsboro and Acadia Mines. Success to him. G.

N. B. Western Association Committee.

The Association at Newcastle, Grand Lake, last year passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be a part of the duty of the Moderator of the Association to communicate with the chairmen of the various committees at least one month previous to the meeting of the body every year, for the purpose of reminding them of the duties entrusted to them.

Being chairman of one of the committees appointed to report this year, and having received no reminder from the moderator, though only three weeks remain before the Association meets,—I take the liberty of addressing the other chairmen through your columns. It is to be hoped that all the reports will be in readiness before the meeting, so that it will only be necessary then to submit them to the full committee, when filled up by the body. In that way a great saving of time will be effected, and reports will be prepared with greater care and deliberation.

Should any chairman find himself unable to attend the Association at Centreville, he should entrust it to the brother who was named with him, or send it to the clerk beforehand. Yours.