

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 29, 1893.

The Old Year.

The old year is drawing to a close. With its joys and sorrows, gains and losses, opportunities improved and neglected, it is hurrying to meet its predecessors. What has 1893 brought for good or ill? Rather should we say, what from the closing year have we gained? A year older in days, are we a year wiser? Another twelve months cut off from our life-time, do they mark a corresponding advance in work accomplished, in purposes realized? These questions come to us with the passing of the year. To some they bring regrets, discouraging and despondent, deeply conscious of the fact that little has been done of what might have been done. To others they lead newness of purpose, failure but intensifying the endeavor after greater things in the years to come. Whatever we have gained or lost from the past, it is beyond our reach. May the failures of the past yield triumphs in the future; its losses, gains, its prosperity, greater prosperity. The year that is so soon to leave us has been, so far as Canada is concerned, a prosperous and fruitful one. Individually we have had our share of sorrow and hardships, but as a nation the year has brought nothing but good. While other lands have suffered from commercial panic, pestilence and storm, our land has been exceptionally favored. As a nation, we have much to be thankful for at the closing of the year. Before us a new year opens, wrapped in the mysterious veil of futurity which no human eye can penetrate. May it be characterized by the same prosperity which has marked the year now closing. To all our readers we extend the best wishes for a happy, useful and prosperous new year.

College of Horticulture.

The College of Horticulture under the supervision and control of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, will re-open at Wolfville, on Tuesday, Jan. 9th. Students will have an opportunity of studying horticulture, from a practical and theoretical standpoint. The aim in the instruction in the various branches will be to present this science, in such a clear, concise and practical way in detail, so as to equip the student with knowledge sufficient to take control of nursery work, commercial orcharding and instruction in the science. A fine selected library of principle works on horticulture for reference in class work and list of leading magazines has been secured. A course of lectures will be given on methods of propagation, budding, grafting, pollination, with illustrations. Investigation of diseases of fruits and their economic treatment will be taken up in the laboratory work. The proposed course of study with full explanation will be given at the first lecture. Certificates of work done will be granted by the institution at the close of the term's work.

Tuition is free to all students. Candidates for admission must have a general knowledge of English, Canadian History, Geography and Arithmetic. Communications addressed to Pres. J. W. Bigelow or myself, will receive careful attention. Write for information.

Most truly,
E. E. FAVILLE,
Professor of Horticulture.
Acadia Museum.

Acadia College,
Dec. 23rd, 1893.

I wish to acknowledge with thanks the following recent donations to the Museum of Acadia College:
June 20th.—Chinaman's queue; 1 pair, Chinese scales; Chinese book, "History of Great Men." 2000. B. C.; argillaceous concretions; Buffalo nuts; bone implement from an Oregon kitchen midden; large book, "Oregon Illustrated," by Reid Bros., architects, E. L. Coldwell, Portland, Oregon.

June 20th.—Valuable collection of 85 stone arrow-heads, J. E. Coldwell, Portland, Oregon.

June 20th.—Three specimens of Niagara shale and limestone, Robert Starr, Wolfville.

July 15th.—Hermit crab in shell of Tunstia Heros, A. E. C. B.

Oct. 4th.—Fossils in quartz; 2 specimens of feldspar, from Annapolis Co., Fred Young, Acadia College.

Aug.—Brick and four nails from the old French fort at Fort Point, La Have River, B. F. Porter, Truro, N. S.

Canon ball found on the site of the old French fort, Beauséjour about three miles from Sackville, Dr. J. W. Sangster, Sackville.

Oct.—Hindu "Sacred thread" worn by T. Thakaram a Vishaya caste man when he came to join the Christians at Yviansgram, India, April 2, 1893, Rev. M. E. Shaw, India.

Nov. 22nd.—Two Bulgarian newspapers, Yortcheff.

Dec. 13th.—Horse-Shoe crab, (Limulus polyphemus), Miss Hannah Smith.

Dec. 15th.—The following from Yviansgram Park: Bottled colored sands; specimen from Obidian Cliff; specimens of sulphur—horse shoe with calcite incrustation; calcareous deposits from Mammoth Hot Springs; specimens of the rock near the Selkirk Glacier, B. C., Rev. G. J. C. White, Wolfville.

Dec. 23rd.—Chinese book, E. L. Coldwell, Oregon.

A. K. COLDWELL, Curator.

The Teachers' Convention.

The Teachers' Association for Inspectorial District No. 5 met in convention at Wolfville on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. A highly successful Convention it was. The papers and addresses were interesting and helpful; the discussions which they evoked, full of excellent suggestions. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday the teachers all gathered in Principal Seaman's department of the Public School building and Inspector Roscoe took the chair. With a few well-chosen words he welcomed the assembled educators to our town. Mr. Seaman was appointed Secretary, and the programme of the day began.

The first paper was given by Mr. Stephen Rogers. His subject was, "Relation of Parents to the School," and was handled in an interesting manner. In early times before there were any persons trained and chosen for the teaching profession, the education of the child was entirely in the hands of the parent; hence each youth might well be called a child of the old block. Even now in an age when persons are especially trained for imparting knowledge to the young, the parent often persists in interfering with the teacher in his duties and trying to enforce his own views in relation to the education of his children. The teacher however must do his duty as directed by the Council of Public Instruction and common sense. He must teach the child those branches which most tend to develop all his latent power of mind. After this foundation is laid he may be guided by the parent in teaching those special branches which directly bear upon his life-work. Above all, the teacher must be free to follow his duty as regards all the elementary branches.

After this paper, the members of the Association repaired to Miss Scott's department to listen to this very successful teacher's lesson to a class on the subject of Scientific Temperance. This lesson displayed much skill and originality. She first described a drunken man and told the class that he had been poisoned. And with what? Class answers: "Alcohol." In a graphic and picturesque manner she showed how the alcohol was formed from the grape and showed the nature of its poisonous qualities. She declared it a thief and proved the truth of Shakespeare's lines—

"Men put
An enemy in their mouth to steal away
Their brains."

Miss Scott showed that the same precautions should be taken for protection against this thief as any other. He must be shut out of the temple. The door must be locked. The key by which the door may be locked was seen to be the temperance pledge.

Mr. I. Crombie, Principal of the Hanford High School, read a paper entitled, "The Prescribed Speller." In an interesting, practical and concise manner, Mr. Crombie described his experience with the so-called and commonly so-called Superseded Spelling Book. He said that, having learned that the memorizing of long lists of words (minus sense and context) was a failure, he read the preface of that book and "thereby hung a tale." The author advised therein the dictation method of learning to spell, and this was best performed by assigning a certain number of words which the scholars were to use in making sentences that would clearly bring out their meaning. This plan he found worked to perfection in a number of grades. In closing Mr. Crombie strongly alleged the importance of the use of the Superseded Spelling Book in our schools.

A very pleasant hour was spent at Inspector Roscoe's in the evening.

Thursday morning's session was begun by a paper on "The Schoolmaster and his Work," by John N. Sturk. He showed the important mission of the teacher, how he moulded the minds of the rising generation when the youth in impression is

"Wax to receive, but marble to retain." The mission of the pedagogue was less only, if less at all, to that of the minister. The fact that the teacher is ill paid was pointed out.

After this paper the members repaired to the College where Prof. Coldwell gave a lesson on "Chemical Apparatus." This was highly helpful and greatly enjoyed. The teachers also had the pleasure of visiting the different lecture rooms of the College, the Museum, Library etc.

Thursday afternoon's session began at 1.30. Mr. J. F. Godfrey read an interesting and instructive paper on "Dr. Arnold as a Teacher." Education has ever been the most difficult field in which to display originality, because in this field there is the greatest temptation to conservatism; and innovation meets the strongest opposition among educationists themselves. The ignorance of trustees and members of school boards is another source of preventing advance in educational methods. Among those teachers who have triumphed over ignorance and prejudice, the foremost stands Dr. Arnold of Rugby. This great man had as his motto, good order, willing obedience, active work. He said that success depended not on tact but solely upon industry and attention. Study the minds of and seek to understand the children and their wants; expect from boys, the work of boys only, not of men. Ever seek to improve; be not ever satisfied with what has been done. Satisfaction with ourselves destroys activity and thus all improvement.

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the 'backboard. By skillfully-directed questions, Dr. Hall got the children to tell of the author, and the subject of the lines, and also the beauty of the scenes described. The children after their analyzed generally and in detail, and also compared the stanzas. The audience enjoyed the lesson very much.

An exposition of the Tonic Sol-Fa system of music was then presented by Miss Burgoyne. After giving a history of the system, and testimonies upon its value by eminent musicians, she then by a remarkably well-organized lesson proved conclusively to the audience that the Tonic Sol-Fa system is both simple and perfect and that "to know it is to love it."

On Thursday evening a public educational meeting was held in College Hall in connection with the formal opening of the new School-house. In the absence of Mayor Bowles, Inspector Roscoe filled the chair. The following gentlemen occupied seats on the platform: Dr. Mackay, Supt. of Public Instruction; Dr. Hall, of the Provincial Normal School; President Sawyer and Prof. Keirstead, of Acadia University; Mr. E. W. Sawyer, Chairman of School Board; Principal Oakes, of Horton Academy; Mr. F. H. Eaton and Prof. Paville, of the new Horticultural School.

The meeting was addressed by all these gentlemen in edifying and interesting remarks. Mr. Sawyer pointed out the great improvements that have been made in educational facilities in connection with public school instruction in Wolfville during the last decade. He showed the difficulties with which the present school board had to contend and defended the course which they have pursued. Supt. Mackay followed with an able speech in which he compared the educational advantages of the present with those of the past and showed the immense superiority of the former. Dr. Hall described briefly his visits to the schools of the various European countries as well as those of Canada and the United States and noted the points of contrast. While in many respects our own schools are superior to those of the Germans there are some superiorities that they possess which ours would do well to imitate. He referred to physical training, school etiquette and the study of horticulture. If these received the attention in our schools which they receive in the German schools great benefit would follow. Dr. Sawyer gave an impromptu address on the subject of education in general. While his time is engaged in University education he showed that he was deeply in sympathy with the public school work. The address was full of fine suggestions. Principal Oakes advocated the teaching of Civics in the public school. He thought that every schoolboy should be taught his duty and responsibility as a citizen. Mr. F. H. Eaton urged the importance of optional study in the public schools. Prof. Keirstead, as the hour was late, spoke briefly, but, as is characteristic of him, to the point. His remarks were excellent. Prof. Paville was the last speaker, and presented the claims of the new school of horticulture, of which he is the professor. The audience was favored by music, instrumental and vocal, by Miss Fitch, Mrs. Candall and Mrs. Witter which was highly appreciated. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

In the Friday morning session the officers for the ensuing year were elected. They are as follows: Vice-president—J. A. Smith, B. A. Secy.—Treas.—C. E. Seaman, B. A. Executive Committee—C. H. Nichols, B. A. I. Crombie, B. A., Miss N. A. Burgoyne, Miss Annie McIntosh. Mr. Nichols subject, "Normal Schools," was well handled. The paper was well received. He advocated the necessity of teachers having professional training to place them on an equality with the other professions.

Mr. J. A. Smith gave a strong plea for the Metric system. Having given for a brief history of the system, he taught an

excellent lesson illustrating its merit. He thinks that the day is not far distant when it shall come into general use. A vote of thanks to the people for entertainment and short addresses by Supt. Mackay and Inspector Roscoe brought the convention to a close. The next meeting of the association will be held in Windsor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the ACADIAN. MR. EDITOR,—I wish, through your paper, to convey the hearty thanks of the teachers of the Association of Hants and Kings counties, to the people of Wolfville, who so kindly and courteously entertained them while attending the meetings held here last week. A vote of thanks was passed by the Association, but as a number said to me, this was a small recompense for such royal treatment as they received. To this I wish to add my appreciation of the honor done the teachers in thus recognizing them and the importance of their work. COLIN W. ROSCOE.

To the Editor of the ACADIAN. MR. EDITOR.—Sometimes since the liberal organ in this county asserted that Sir C. H. Tupper abused Dr. Borden at the Picoté demonstration, I said at the time that I believed the assertion lacked the essential element, and politely asked the Editor to produce the words. He has failed to do so and it is safe to say he could not find them in Tupper's speech or he would have done as I requested. Is it any wonder that fair minded liberals in this county are rapidly withdrawing their support from such a paper, and that it has to make deals and amalgamations to get help from other counties in order to keep from going under? A man who could discover anything about Dr. Borden in the speech in question, is wasting his time in writing editorials. If he would start for the "dark continent" he could make discoveries in ten minutes that would make Mr. Stanley blush and Dr. Livingstone sink into insignificance. X. Y. Z.

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Municipality of Kings.

The Council will meet at the Court House in Kentville on Tuesday, 9th January, 1894, at 10 o'clock. All accounts against the Municipality must be filed in the office not later than 31st December, 1893, or they cannot be considered at the January term, 1894. By order, I. D. V. CHIPMAN, County Clerk. Kentville, Dec. 3rd, 1893.

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