

the gallery; the work was really fine as a whole, although it is not to be expected that amateurs and students should produce altogether faultless painting. The whole exhibition reflects great credit upon both teachers and pupils.

#### CONVOCATION.

Thursday morning opened with dashes of rain, varied by fitful gleams of sunshine. The "sea fogs pitched their tent" on the distant mountains, and "mists from the mighty Atlantic" crept darkly along the valleys. The sun strove for a time to smile upon the scene, but he soon retired behind the gathering clouds, leaving the day dull and showery. By eleven o'clock the Hall was again crowded with the *élite* of the village and surrounding country, while distinguished representatives from all parts of the Provinces sat on the platform: The music for the occasion was furnished by the choir of the Wolfville Baptist Church. After a solemn prayer of thanksgiving and invocation by Rev. C. Goodspeed, the members of the Graduating Class stepped up on the platform and delivered their orations in the following order:

The English Cabinet System.....S. L. Walker, Truro  
Tennyson's In Memoriam.....Alice M. D. Fitch, Wolfville  
Inductive Science Illustrated by Geology—

J. W. Tingley, Margaree, C. B.  
The Public Life of Milton....H. S. Freeman, Milton, Queens  
Imperial Federation.....S. W. Cummings, Truro  
The Ancient Classics: their Educational Value—

J. A. Ford, Bothwell, P. E. I.  
A Completely Fashioned Will, the end of Education—  
H. T. Ross, Margaree, C. B.

At the close of these exercises, first class Honor Certificates were awarded as follows:

*Senior Class*—J. A. Ford and S. L. Walker in History; H. T. Ross and H. S. Freeman in Education. Messrs. Ross and Freeman also received diplomas for the completion of the special course in education.

*Junior*—W. R. Hutchinson, in Political Economy and Classics.

*Sophomore*—J. V. Morgan in Mathematics; E. R. Morse in Ancient Classics; T. H. Porter and I. W. Porter in English; R. W. Ford in Classics.

*Freshman Class*—W. H. Jenkins in Greek, Latin and English; J. H. Jenner, in History.

In addition to the degree of Bachelor in Arts bestowed upon the Graduating Class, the following Honorary Degrees were conferred:

D. C. L. Professor Foster, M. P.  
D. D. Rev. G. E. Day and Rev. T. A. Higgins.  
M. A. John March, St. John.

The degree of M. A. in course was conferred upon Revs. G. F. Currie, W. B. Broadshaw, S. M. Black, and C. R. B. Dodge.

#### ALUMNI DINNER.

At the close of the anniversary exercises, the Alumni Dinner was announced, and forthwith about 150 of the graduates and visitors repaired to Chipman Hall. The dining hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens, while groups of potted plants upon the tables gave the whole a pleasing appearance. The dinner itself reflected credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Keddy as caterers, as the quiet ardour with which it was consumed abundantly testified. Judge Johnston, President of the Alumni Society, presided. On his right sat Mr. Fraser, President of Dalhousie Alumni Society; Hon. Prov. Secretary Fielding, Hon. J. W. Longley and others. Professor Forrest of Dalhousie, and Dr. Allison were on the left. Judge Johnston in a humorous address, announced the time for speech making, when the following toasts were honoured:

1. "The Queen."—God save the Queen.
2. "Acadia College."—Responded to by Wallace Graham, B. A., Q. C., and Wm. Cummings, Esq., Truro.
3. "The Ladies' Seminary."—Responded to by Hon. J. W. Longley and Mr. J. F. L. Parsons.
4. "Our Sister Colleges."—Responded to by Rev. Prof. Forrest.
5. "Our Guests."—Responded to by Hon. Provincial Secretary Fielding.
6. "MacMaster Hall."—Responded to by Rev. W. H. Cline, B. A.
7. "Sister Associations."—Responded to by Mr. Fraser.
7. "The Graduating Class."—Responded to by H. T. Ross, B. A.

The speeches were in harmony with the occasion, being generally light and humorous; those of Messrs. Graham and Longley being particularly so. President Forrest expressed the hope that Acadia and Dalhousie would long continue their sisterly relations, rivals only in similarity of work and aim they would not be far apart. This common object would be to them a bond or union. Hon. Prov. Sec'y Fielding responded to "Our Guests" in a speech replete with good sense. He referred to the pleasure with which he had listened to the graduating orations, particularly those upon political subjects. He also referred to the need of elevating the ideas of political life in this country. This end he conceived might be in part attained through the instilling of high political aims into the minds of young men of culture and education, who would in time influence in a right direction the mass of the people. Mr. Ross of the Graduating Class spoke of the problem of Co-education, and affirmed that from a four years' experience of its working, the members of '85 were a unit in its favour. He was of the opinion that if a College course were about to be re-entered upon by them, they would make it a condition of matriculation that there be at least one lady member in the class, so healthful a stimulus had they found such presence to be. He also referred to the cordial relations that had existed between the Class and the Faculty of the College, the remembrance of which would alone insure their permanent loyalty to Acadia.