

MR. BURDETTE'S LECTURE.

THE first lecture of our course for the present year was delivered in the Academy Hall on the evening of the 15th Sept., by R. J. Burdette, Editor of the *Burlington Hawkeye*. Mr. Burdette is not a stranger to many of our readers, as he has spent a good part of the summer in the Provinces. The subject of the lecture, a somewhat curious one, was the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache," which, more fully developed was the history of the developing of youth into manhood and then on to the decline and end of life. In describing this the lecturer chose a hero whom he familiarly named Tom. Tom was neither wonderfully good nor inexpressibly bad, general characteristics of youthful biography; but a plain common-sense boy. In all his feelings, actions and environments affected as other boys naturally are. The points in which boyhood seems to have the advantage and be in advance of any other time in life, were brought out in the boyish intuitions and actions of Tom. The longing peculiar to budding genius, to do something very noble or daring, was illustrated by Tom's intense desire at this particular period, of becoming either a missionary or a pirate. The anxious solicitude with which he watched the first appearance of his mustache, his fostering and encouraging it in every possible way, even to sit up with at night; all this was (we suppose) quite natural. Then the inevitable falling in love a weakness common to mortals in the nascent period of their understanding, was delineated in beautiful imagery and at considerable length. The decline of life and breaking up of the household gave room for some beautiful outbursts of pathos.

As a humorist, Mr. Burdette possesses the somewhat rare qualities of being fresh and original; but to consider him as merely a humorist would be to do him a great injustice. The pathos of some passages we have seldom heard equalled; and while containing no cumbersome moral appendages, the lecture was throughout replete in moral teaching, and useful, practical hints. It also contained many well-put thrusts at popular fashions and follies of the times.

On the whole we were very much pleased with the lecture, and quite as much with the man, and while we shall look back with much satisfaction to our first acquaintance, we will

look forward with equal pleasure in hope of a renewal of the same at no distant date.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

The following resolution was passed at the first meeting of our Society held this year:

Whereas, Death has taken our much esteemed fellow-student, JOHN E. ARMSTRONG, who was a genial companion, firm friend, and a consistent Christian, whose absence leaves a blank in our gatherings, and whose early demise we mourn, therefore

Resolved, That we convey to the sorrowing parent and friends of the deceased an expression of our heartfelt sympathy for them in their affliction, trusting that He whom the departed sought, to serve in his life, will sustain and comfort them in this night of sorrow.

Therefore Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the bereaved family, and that it be published in the ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

Signed on behalf of the students of Acadia College,

A. C. CHUTE,	} Committee.
WALTER BARSS,	
M. P. KING.	

At our first regular meeting last year we were called upon to pass a similar resolution in view of the death of our beloved friend Bernard P. Shafner. The death of Mr. Armstrong was heard as a report by many of us before reaching Wolfville, and a hope lingered that it might prove false, but soon the rumor was corroborated.

On the 14th of June the teacher of the school in Hillsburg, Digby Co. was drowned and the situation thus offered was accepted by Mr. Armstrong for the remainder of the term. He returned home to spend the summer vacation and while there was prostrated by typhoid fever which, after seventeen days brought him to the grave.

When we parted from him in June he was in good health and gave promise of living many years, but his cheerful countenance and friendly greeting are no more to be seen and enjoyed by us. Near the time of returning to his last years' work at Acadia he was called to exercise his powers in nobler employment, and while we miss him from our numbers we bow submissively to the Divine will, with a desire that the voice which speaks may incite us to live henceforth for God and truth. What we know not now we shall know hereafter.