

ever community, in whatever circumstances of life, their influence as educated women must be felt. This influence would be noticed in the development of characteristics, which would not exist, were their presence not felt. As years come and go these sentiments will arise to strengthen them in all their undertakings. The Doctor closed his address hoping that their class motto—“*ad altiora*”—would be fulfilled, and that nothing but honorable reports of their future life would be heard.

Miss Graves then called upon several of the gentlemen who sat on the platform.

Dr. Rand, Chief Supt. of Education in N. B., spoke of the responsibility resting upon women, and the consequent importance of female education. It is difficult to estimate the influence which women of intelligence exert upon the world, and the degree of degradation which is so often the result of ignorant mothers. He heartily congratulated the ladies upon their evening's entertainment and the graduates' successful completion of their course.

Hon. Dr. Parker said he was greatly pleased with both essays and music. There was a time in his life when he held the opinion that woman would not be educated to nearly so great an extent as man, but experience has taught him a different lesson. Everyone must feel that these antiquated ideas are fast being banished from the world. Science can detect no difference between the brains of man and woman, except that denoted by the formula—quality vs. quantity. The mind of woman is as capable of receiving instruction and imparting it as that of man. In his capacity as a professional man for a large number of years, Dr. Parker had become of the opinion that there were other needs besides that of mental culture. He meant acquaintances with domestic duties,—familiarity with the use of “the darning needle and the ball of yarn,” as well as with the “ins and outs” of kitchen work. He sincerely hoped that the ladies now leaving school would not devote their time so exclusively to mental training as wholly to neglect these apparently minor but really most important duties. In closing he trusted that each of the ladies would ever have on her table a Bible—always open. He wished them all every success, admonished them that “the marble waiteth,” and hoped that at the end of their earthly life they would pass to the happy world beyond.

Rev. Dr. Bill also spoke a few words. One's first object, he said, is to get good, his second to impart it. The ladies have now obtained the good,

which will ever be ready to sustain them as they pass to the other side, and he trusted they would now consider it their next duty to impart some of it to others. In conclusion he invoked the blessing of God upon them all.

A vocal duet, and after it the National Anthem closed a most successful entertainment.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

The public examinations in connection with the Male Academy and Ladies' Seminary were held on the 6th. Quite a number of the students had dropped out toward the close of the term making the number in attendance at the public examinations smaller than usual.

In the Senior Class, examined by Prof. Tufts in Latin, 18 were present, 6 of whom were ladies.

Prof. Tufts classes are always thoroughly drilled and the present one is no exception. After the classics Mr. Armstrong, the Principal, conducted a mixed class through an examination in Composition and Analysis. The work was elementary in its character and the class displayed a fair efficiency in training.

Following an exercise in Geometry, conducted by Mr. Schofield, Miss Gourley examined a class in Physiology. The wide range of questions, the prompt intelligent answers of the students, the enthusiasm the class manifested for the subject alike attest to Miss Gourley's popularity, carefulness and efficiency as a teacher. It is hoped that the Seminary may long retain her services. An exercise in Ancient History, by Mr. Armstrong, brought the examinations to a close.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE ACADEMY.

A slight shower laid the dust, but despite the shower and threatening clouds the spacious Assembly Hall was fairly filled in the afternoon.

The exercises by the matriculating class, assisted by the Ladies of the Seminary, fully satisfied the expectations of friends.

The follow programme was carried out:—

| | MUSIC. |
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| Prayer. | |
| Piano Solo | - - - - - Gavotte. |
| | Miss Eaton. |
| Essay: | - Study—an Occupation and a Pleasure. |
| | Walter Evans, Wolfville. |
| Recitation: | - - - Driving Home the Cows. |
| | Miss Holley. |
| Essay: | - - - - - Charlemagne. |
| | Harry Wickwire, Canning. |
| Vocal Duet: | - Oh Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast. |
| | Misses Wallace and E. Bridges. |