

the struggle of the Puritan in those dark days.

Mr. Roberts is a man of no superficial standard. The foundation of his merit is substantial. His diction is massive and powerful, and sometimes he comes out with a force and eloquence that reveals a hidden power, a sort of reserved strength, which is the grand secret of the power of an orator. We heartily welcome Mr. Roberts to Nova Scotia as a man of sterling qualities, and hope soon to see him in a position where his talents may more effectively be employed in the interests of the Baptist denomination in the Provinces.

### EXAMINATION IN HORTON ACADEMY.

THE Christmas examinations in this school took place on Wednesday and Thursday, the sixteenth and seventeenth inst., and came off in a very satisfactory manner. We might say, in the outset, for the benefit of our readers who may not already be acquainted with the facts of the case, that the ladies of the female Seminary attend a number of classes in the Academy, in addition to their own classes under Misses Woodworth, Dodge and Macgee, which recite in the Seminary building. The number of visitors on the occasion was unusually large, filling to excess the very commodious Academy Hall.

Our limited space forbids our giving an account of each class that came up for examination; we shall therefore have to content ourselves with some of the most important. The first class called up for examination was Mr. Eaton's advanced Greek class; numbering about forty pupils. Two of this number were young ladies, who showed themselves quite equal to the somewhat difficult task of translating and constructing Xenophon, and no wise inferior to the gentlemen in this respect. The young men in this class are looking forward to matriculation in June next, and their success on that day augurs well for their future success in literary pursuits.

The next on the programme of examination, was a class of young ladies examined by Miss Woodworth, in English Grammar. We were much pleased with the manner in which this examination was conducted. The class evinced a thorough knowledge of the principles of English Grammar, so far as they had gone, and acquitted themselves very well.

Prin. Tuft now called up his class in Grecian History, and commencing with the accounts of the early tribes from which the different states of Greece

afterwards sprang, by a well selected line of questions, he took his class over the history of those states and kingdoms in their struggles both internal and external. The answers were prompt and to the point. One feature in connection with this, as indeed with all or almost all the other examinations, was peculiarly pleasing to us, viz., the evidence that text-books are not slavishly followed, and that mere storing the mind with facts is not entirely the object sought, but that the causes which underlie those facts are discovered, and impressed upon the mind. This happy state of things was especially evident, where it is especially needed, in the history class.

Classes in Algebra and in French were then alternately examined by Mr. Coldwell, in his thorough style, each acquitting themselves well and reflecting much credit on their teacher.

Then followed a number of classes in the different departments, until the hour of closing came, all of which displayed a good knowledge of the subjects on which they were examined. On Thursday, a still larger number of visitors were in attendance.

The work of the previous day was returned by the Principal calling up his class in Caesar, and after that his class in Logic. The former of these classes is made up chiefly of those who look forward to entering college next year. The latter is composed of young ladies. The knowledge displayed, by those classes, of their studies together with the Principal's excellent mode of examining, rendered them exceedingly interesting to all present.

The Preceptress of the Seminary followed with a class in Geometry, which was quite up to par, clearly showing that the members of the "fair sex" are in no wise inferior to those of the opposite sex, even in those more abstract studies.

After the examination of some other classes, those very interesting proceedings came to a close to give place for the spelling match which is noticed in another column. We could not but feel, as we left the hall, that the Academy was doing a great work. Its teachers are, we believe, men admirably calculated to fill their positions. The institution is indeed fortunate in securing their services; and we would say, in conclusion, to any young persons in our provinces who desire an education that we know not where they would do better than at Horton Collegiate Academy.

### EXCHANGES.

THE general appearance of the *Eurhetorian Argosy* this year is very fine. We think, however, that it aims too much at popularity at the expense of real merit.

It is gratifying to us, to learn through its columns of the continued growth and prosperity of Mount Allison College. Denominational Colleges are likely to make their mark yet.

WE welcome with pleasure, the *Packer Quarterly* back to our list of Exchanges. The number received well sustains the already good reputation of that Magazine. We must congratulate the young ladies of Packer Collegiate Institute on the mechanical appearance, as well as the contents of the Quarterly.

### Locals.

Wiggle—gaily—"Say! Phips, glorious moonlight night, isn't it? Know anybody a fellow could have a lark with on skates?"

Phips—doubtfully—"Well, there's that little Sue B—in at the Sem.—Nice little thing, but 'fraid she can't skate much."

Wig.—sadly—"Not skate? Then I guess I'll have to let her slide."

Moral—Learn to skate.

### Personals.

PROFESSOR WM. ELDER, A. M., '69, formerly of this College, now of Colby University, Waterville, Maine, is spending his winter vacation at his home in Hantsport. His presence on the scene of his former labors was hailed with pleasure, and his address to the students of the Academy and Seminary on the occasion of the opening of the examinations listened to with marked attention, as was also his speech at the opening of the New Academy Building.

It is a great pity that so thorough an educator as the Professor has proved himself to be, should be lost to the denomination and the Province. Our American cousins seem to have the faculty for snatching away not only our best preachers, but those also whose fine abilities amply fit them to help on the great work of education in that country, very much, however, to our loss.

J. W. JOHNSTON, Esq., A. B., '43, a representative of the first graduating class of Acadia College, was present at the closing exercises of the past term.

REV. A. S. HUNT, A. M., '44, Superintendent of Education in N. S., was also with us on that occasion.

W. L. BARSS, A. B., '72, is now spending his Christmas vacation at his home in Wolfville. Mr. Barss is studying law at Harvard University.