

our return to College, we were in communication with our new printers, Messrs. Armstrong & Hopper of St John, on the subject. Then it was necessary for these gentlemen to order the particular kind of paper from the manufacturers. The matter for THE ATHENÆUM was sent to our printers some three weeks before publication. We trust that our subscribers are pleased with the improved appearance. Additional expense has been incurred, and still THE ATHENÆUM is published at the *exceedingly* low price of 50 cents. Our subscribers can reimburse us by striving to increase our subscription list. Will not every friend of the paper do what he or *she* can?

BETWEEN THE CENTURIES.

• IF THE ACADIA ATHENÆUM were a weekly newspaper, it would be in order for us to publish here a highly interesting account of a highly interesting event which attracted the attention of the good people in these parts on the 29th of last month. As our appearance before the public is, however, but a monthly one, we leave the duty of news-dissemination for the most part to the daily and weekly press. After one reads an account of a mysterious appearance, or a railroad accident, or a boat race, or an agricultural show, in the *Visitor*, or *Messenger*, or *Morning Chronicle*, it is not with feelings of the deepest interest that a later edition of the same story is perused three weeks after, in the columns of the ATHENÆUM.

The affair which is weighing upon our minds at the present time, and which our peculiar position renders it expedient to pass by with a mere glance, is the Centennial of the Baptist Church of Wolfville.

Be it known, then, to all to whom these presents may come, that the First Horton Church is, as far as can be found by investigation, the oldest Baptist Church in the Maritime Provinces, yea, in Her Majesty's Dominions this side the great water.

A hundred years ago, when your great-grandfather, gentle reader, was yet downy as to his upper lip, when the good old times

that our grandmothers heard their grandmothers tell about, reigned over the land, a few godly ones, who loom up to us through the past as very patriarchs, and around whom gathers well nigh as much venerability as clothes the Apostolic Fathers, met together and formed themselves into a Baptist Church. That Church, beginning with but two members, has become the mother, or grandmother of some twenty Churches, with a total membership at present of about five thousand. When, the other day, it stepped from its first century into its second, the whole Baptist interest of the country stepped across the line with it. The step was taken with due solemnity and ceremony.

In the forenoon, the history of the Church was read by the Pastor, Rev. S. W. DeBlois. One could not help following, with much interest, the story of success and failure, of progression and retrogression, of man's fickleness and God's faithfulness, which the facts told. The paper is to be printed in pamphlet form, we believe.

In the afternoon, a number of clergymen from various points made addresses, and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. Rev. S. B. Kempton preached the Centennial sermon in the evening.

And now we wonder who'll write the account of the next centennial of the First Horton Church, for the 105th volume of THE ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

Our Exchanges.

In our former issue we did not notice any of our Exchanges, for the simple reason that we had but one or two of this year's publication to notice before we sent away the matter to our printers. The reason for the delay in printing will be seen elsewhere. We extend to all our fellow editors a shake of congratulation upon the *pleasant* position they occupy. We extend the hands of brothers; and although we have often heard the stanzas in which are the following lines (we have forgotten the whole of it):

"Little birds in their nests agree,
And 'tis a shameful sight
For brothers of one family," etc.,

yet we anticipate a pleasant and educating ac-