

*Cecil Rhodes.

The Dead Line of Labour.

The Multimillionaire.

Alexander MacKay.

*The Synthesis of Truth.

*The speakers.

Barry Wentworth Roscoe, Kentville, N. S.

Robert Percival Schurman, Freetown, P. E. I.

Leonard Leopold Slipp, Sussex, N. B.

Wylie Herbert Smith, Elgin, N. B.

Warren Merrill Steele, Amherst, N. S.

Mr. Steele is nothing if not profound. We venture to say that we have seldom heard from an anniversary a more compact essay than his though its merits as a written platform composition might be considered its defect as a piece of declamation. Mr. Steele's effort regarded as evidence of scholarship and power of thought may well take first place. The elocution too was good.

Mr. Barry Roscoe found in Cecil Rhodes a subject distinctly popular and on the whole the essay was good in spite of its slightly amateur flavour. One small digression might have been avoided with constructive profit to the essay, to wit, that on the subject of a classical education. Mr. Roscoe's manner is good, if slightly rigid, and with practise may be rendered excellent.

Of Miss McMillan as an elocutionist nothing need be said. She has already made her mark in that capacity, and while praise would be superfluous, the present critic is too incompetent and courteous to find fault. Miss M. is an excellent essayist with much more individuality in her work than is common to young ladies. At the same time she has retained their excessive neatness and smoothness of diction.

Evidently Mr. McFadden has nearly as much in his head as on it. Men do not expound Browning successfully without brains and as Mr. McF. was fairly successful we may safely set him down as brainy. It would not be modest however to eulogize too strongly the Editor of this Journal, and as this manuscript must pass thro' his hands for proof-reading, it would not be safe to censure too harshly. Therefore, as we cannot honestly treat as commonplace what was far from common we are simultaneously cornered by propriety, prudence and honesty and must jump over the wall into the next garden to escape.

Mr. Baird had a practical subject and he dealt with it in a practical way. There was a slightly raised note in Mr. Baird voice which seems to indicate that he was in a chronic state of surprise because the audience required to be told the simple truths of economics. It is safe we think to place this essay as one of the two best papers delivered; and merely just, to commend language and elocution as excellent as they were restrained and unpretentious. Mr. Baird is a speaker of much promise.

At the close of the exercises proper, degrees were conferred upon twenty-four graduates and honorary certificates awarded to: