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The Sanctum.

ANOTHER year has come, bringing with it its usual changes. The ACADIA ATHENÆUM finds itself in new hands and we find ourselves in new quarters, with new duties and responsibilities. Regarding our feelings as we undertake this work, it is needless to remark. The work is before us, and we will do our best.

As the organ of the literary society composed of the students of Acadia University, the ATHENÆUM will endeavour to express the opinion of the students on questions of interest to them.

We earnestly desire that those who have studied at Acadia, and all true friends of the Institution, in sympathy with student life and thought, will make use of these columns for the discussion of subjects of common interest.

ACADIA still continues to advance in usefulness. The facilities for mental training and for physical culture, the advantages arising from social and religious influences, possessed by the institutions here, have never been so broad and powerful as at present. The general outlook is good. The year opens with bright prospects.

During the last month, the foundation for the new Seminary building has been completed. And we hope soon to see a pleasing addition made to the number of buildings on the "Hill."

Considerable change and some increase have taken place in the Seminary Faculty. We are glad to find Miss Graves back again as Principal, after a year's vacation—another year added to her experience in European travel. On the other hand, we are sorry to learn that Madame Bauer has been compelled, by ill health, to lay aside her work for the present and seek medical treatment in Halifax. Meanwhile, Miss Lizzie B. Higgins is conducting her classes in French and German. Miss Higgins, who was one of the Seminary staff a few years ago, has lately spent some time in study and travel in Europe, and the authorities were fortunate in securing her to take charge of this department during Madame's absence.

The department of music, which was so ably conducted last year, has undergone a complete change in its staff. Miss Laura M. Sawyer, after two years absence, part of which was spent in England, and Miss Augusta J. Dodge, after a still longer absence, return to again take charge of the department of instrumental music. This department has an addition this year in the violin, taught by Miss Mary H. Fitch, whose ability as a musician is too well known by audiences on the "Hill" to need further mention here. In the vocal department Miss May G. Brown takes the place of Mrs. Thompson. Miss Brown, who has studied for some time in Boston, comes well recommended both as a vocalist and a teacher.

The instructors in the other departments remain the same as last year. They are, as is well known, all thorough teachers in their respective subjects.

Realizing the importance of the Academy and its work in relation to the College, we look with interest on its present condition. The boarding hall has been somewhat improved this year by the fitting up of a neat and convenient bath-room. And at present we understand that the enrollment of students shows an attendance of about fifty. Owing to the standard of matriculation being raised two years ago, a number of students have been held back, and consequently the present matriculating class is an advance in numbers on the one of last year.

With the same staff of instructors as last year, who are aiming at solid preparation rather than the number of students that they send into College, we are confident that continued success will fall to the lot of the Academy.

Few changes take place in the College Faculty this year. In the curriculum, some change has taken place in the arrangement of studies, and some additions have been made.

In the department of Elocution, an advance has been made. The experiment last year of introducing this decidedly practical factor of an education among the Freshman studies, has proved beneficial; and this year elocution is a regular subject in the first year of the Arts course, provision also being made for continuing the subject throughout the entire course. H. N. Shaw, B. A., under whose fostering care elocution has grown at Acadia, has fortunately accepted the appointment as instructor in this department.

Dr. Young has been retained as instructor in English. A. De W. Barss, M. D., is now on the staff of Acadia as lecturer in Physiology and Hygiene.

With the present body of instructors in our institutions, and with the goodly number of students attending their classes, we look forward to a successful year, and trust that the results will not be disappointing.

WE have had one year's experience in the new Gymnasium, and looking back on that year we feel that a long felt need has been supplied. Last year, under the instruction of Mr. Ccey, good work was accomplished. This year promises equally good results. Mr. Shaw, who has completed the summer course at Chautauqua School of Physical Culture, takes charge of the exercises. Some new apparatus has been placed in the building, and improvements

made in the system of exercises. Mr. Shaw's instruction so far is well appreciated, and promises a solid course of training for the winter.

DURING the past few years, there has been a growing sentiment among the students that the Library did not afford as much practical assistance in their course of study, as it might. This was owing principally to the fact that its doors were open so seldom and for so short a time. A change to remedy this defect has been made. The student can now obtain access to the Library for two hours every afternoon, in addition to the hours of which it was formerly open. No doubt this arrangement will prove valuable in many ways.

THE appointment of C. M. Woodworth, B. A., '91, as one of the governors of the University, should have the very desirable effect of bringing the students and governing body still more into sympathy with each other, and to ensure that co-operation which is essential to the successful issue of any plans for advancement.

MR. Edward Rhodes, of the Academy, has very kindly presented a bundle of wands to the gymnasium. Both students and instructor return thanks, and hope that his good example may be followed by others. We are in need of apparatus, and the friends of the institution will find here a good field for their benevolence.

THE first meeting of the year of the Inter-Collegiate Lecture Bureau of the Maritime Provinces, was held at Sackville, N. B., on the 16th of last month, a fair number of representatives being present. They were:—A. R. Hill '92, of Dalhousie; B. G. Baxter '92, and F. P. Yarston '92, of the University of N. B., H. S. Ross '92 and J. E. Wood '93, of Acadia.

Mr. Schurman, '91, Dalhousie, who was unable to attend, was appointed President. The other officers appointed were: B. G. Baxter, Vice President, H. S. Ross, Corresponding Secretary and J. E. Wood, Secretary and Treasurer.

Some changes in the constitution of the Bureau were discussed and will be brought before the colleges before the next meeting, which will be held in April.

All were in favour of having some of our Canadian statesmen lecture to us, and no doubt we will have some instructive and pleasing lectures from this source.

Messrs Huestis and Bonnell of Mt. Allison attended the meeting, and will lay the matter before the students. It is hoped that they will see their way clear to become part of the Bureau this year.

All should try and make the Bureau an important factor of the Maritime Provinces' Colleges, and there is no reason why it should not, in a few years, be able to command the presence of the best lecturers on the continent.

THE Second Annual Conference of the College Young Men's Christian Associations of the Maritime Provinces, met with their Association at Mount Allison, Oct. 16-18. Delegates were present from Acadia, Dalhousie and Prince of Wales colleges and also from the University of New Brunswick. All received a hearty welcome upon their arrival at Sackville, and were royally entertained throughout their stay.

The first meeting was held Friday evening, when President Darby of the Mount Allison Association, extended a hearty welcome to all the delegates. Mr. C. T. Hsley, of Acadia, responded, after which Prof. Andrews gave an eloquent address on "Faith necessary to the Intellect."

Saturday morning at 9 a. m., after a brief devotional meeting the routine business of the conference was taken up with Mr. F. A. Keller, of Yale University, as chairman. The reports from the several associations showed a marked increase in the number of conversions, and other results of Christian work over those of the preceding year. The new college association constitution was read and discussed freely. In the main it is like the old; the time for the election of officers is changed to the beginning of the Spring term thereby giving the new officers the benefits to be derived from the experience of the old officers and thus fitting them for the Fall campaign.

A change in the make-up of the missionary committee gives that work largely into the hands of the volunteer band, they having a representation on the executive board.

Mr. McKay, of Dalhousie, read a paper on the subject of increasing influence and power in our regular

meetings. It was an excellent paper rich in thought and full of suggestions towards the success of the prayer meeting work.

In the afternoon the subject of Intercollegiate relations was taken up and discussed. The attractions of and benefits to be derived from Northfield, were spoken of by Mr. H. H. Saunders. He urged that more students should attend that conference as the inspiration of five hundred Christian students, with Mr. Moody at the head, awakens no little enthusiasm for the work of Christ.

The *Intercollegiate Deputation* brought a new phase of the work before us. Mr. Keller strongly advised the conference to send a man to Dartmouth next April with the view of visiting the colleges during the coming year and aiding them in their work. This deputation man would keep in correspondence with the International committee and be ready at any time to give advice to the several associations according as they needed help. A motion was passed asking the Executive Committee of the Maritime Provinces to consider the advisability of sending a man next year.

The important subject of *Bible Study* in the colleges was opened by a paper from Mr. A. D. McLeod of Mount Allison, and a general discussion followed: Many practical suggestions were advanced as to how students could be made interested in Bible Study, and it was shown that where there had been growth in this department of work, the benefits and results were quite apparent.

According to the programme, everybody was expected to present themselves, in the evening, at the Ladies College, to enjoy a reception in their spacious parlours and listen to a musical and literary treat in their fine new "Conservatory Hall." Needless to say that all availed themselves of this thoughtful and kind invitation. At the close of the entertainment Mr. T. W. Gorton, travelling Secretary for the Y. M. C. A.'s, of the Maritime Provinces addressed the conference on the relation of students to the general Y. M. C. A. work. The relation of students to missionary work was forcibly and feelingly spoken of by Mr. Keller.

On Sunday, meetings of different characters were held until in the evening we are at the last one when Mr. Keller, before a thousand people, told the story of the Great Student Uprising. The farewell meeting was of its usual interesting character. Votes of thanks

were extended, short addresses made, after which the conference closed by singing the association hymn.

We believe the conference was, in many respects, a success, and that a blessing will follow it even as last year's conference was blessed. It was decided to hold the next meeting with the association at Dalhousie college.

PROF. CONNERY'S recital on Friday evening, October 23rd, was not as largely attended as might have been desired, owing to the inclemency of the weather. His auditors, however, enjoyed themselves extremely in listening to the varied selections, read in his strongly individual style. His forte is humor, but he is powerful also in pathos, and smiles and tears chased one another over the faces of his hearers. In replying to the words of thanks of the Athenæum Society, expressed by Mr. M. H. MacLean, he spoke of his high regard for college students; and the fact of his being a college man, the professor of elocution at Queen's College, Kingston, Ont., will cause a reciprocation of that esteem. He was assisted by Mr. Shaw and the new double quartette with some pleasing vocal selections. The quartette came up to the expectations of the audience and under skilful training, with its tendency to inspire confidence and to add to the volume of the voices, it will be a prominent feature in this winter's entertainments. The proceeds of the evening will be devoted in part to the purchase of apparatus for the gymnasium.

WITH deep sorrow we record the death of another of Acadia's graduates, O. O. Lyons.

The pages of the Athenæum have always been fortunate in recording the deaths of but few of Acadia's sons, especially of her younger sons. But death has lately come among us claiming as its victim, one, the promise of whose life was just beginning to unfold.

Mr. Lyons was the son of Robert Lyons, Waterville, N. S. At an early age the deceased was characterized as an eager seeker after knowledge. He entered the profession of teaching which he followed successfully in the west. Becoming anxious for a college training, he entered the Sophomore

class of Acadia College, Oct., 1886, and so graduated with the class of '89 in one year less than the usual time. He was able to accomplish this because of previous acquirements. His life at Acadia was that of a faithful and successful student, and that of a thorough gentleman.

After graduating, Mr. Lyons entered upon the M. A. Course at Ann Arbor. The next year he was successful in obtaining a lucrative position as Superintendent of the school at Ontonagon, Michigan, which position he filled in addition to carrying on his last year in the M. A. Course, at Ann Arbor University. Mr. Lyons was successful in both his undertakings, and had won the esteem and confidence of those with whom he came into contact, when, in the early part of September last, he was stricken down, killed suddenly at a railroad crossing.

So one of our fellows, known and esteemed by many of us, has departed to the beyond, taken away, when he had just girded himself for life's battles, and had tasted the sweets of life's first successes. Our sympathy is extended to an aged mother, brothers and sisters who mourn their great and sudden loss.

THE CLASS OF '91.

'91 has gone. Not without a touch of sadness did we say good-bye to the class that has so lately gone forth from the portals of Acadia. Although they enjoy the distinction of being the largest class graduated, they were not borne aloft by this honor; on the contrary between them and their fellow students, the most cordial feelings existed. They were always ready to uphold the dignity of their *Alma Mater* and continued to advocate whatever would promote unity among the students, and lay the foundation of a successful education. We who are left remember them, not by any single event, but by the influence of pleasant associations. Four steps did we advance together 'neath classic shades. In how many directions the next!

Class of '91, we now say to thee a passing farewell. Continue ye in the good way that you may have followed. Be men. Remember whom you have left behind and whose good wishes follow you. When other days come, and old scenes are wasted back, keep in mind Acadia and for her blessings render suitable thanks.

First of the forty-two alphabetically is

J. EDMUND BARSS,

one of the fifty-four Freshmen who donned the "cap and gown" in October, '87. As a matriculant from H. C. A. he had made a good record. And during the Freshman year he enjoyed the distinction of leading the class. Barss wielded a ready pen, which sometimes caught the dictates of the inspiring muse. His articles of prose and verse may be seen in former issues of this paper, of which he was in turn a Junior and a Senior editor. Graduating with honors, he now pursues professional studies at Harvard.

GEORGE D. BLACKADAR,

matriculated from Hebron High School. Was popularly known as "Habe." All remember his mild disposition in the early part of his course. Has developed wonderfully. As a student, was especially fond of mathematics, but in all departments it was in him to shine. Had good ability but was not always working at it. He usually wore a peculiar smile, which not even his best friends could interpret. "Habe" was somewhat of an athlete and with the gloves was no mean antagonist. What his future may be, is uncertain. There is a popular idea that he is to study law.

WILLIAM B. BURNETT,

graduated well up in his class, notwithstanding the fact that he lost considerable time on account of a severe attack of illness during his Sophomore year, thus showing good ability for work. He was "the little man with the deep bass voice" in the college quartette. Billy's quotations from Hibernian authors were frequent and well rendered. On the football team, he played a lively game as centre half-back. He has chosen medicine as his profession.

H. Y. COREY,

was a representative from N. B. He showed himself to be an all round man. On the campus his favorite sport was base-ball, but he will be remembered especially because of his practical instruction and assistance to the boys in the gymnasium. As a student, his name appears in several honor lists. In the social and religious life of the Hill he took an active part. "Cor.," in short, was a good athlete, a thorough student, and a consistent Christian. He now studies theology at Newton.

LUMAN B. CROSBY,

is another man from Yarmouth Co. He took part in athletics at times. Was captain of a lacrosse club that had a flowery existence of two days. Often would he be found in a contemplative mood when he invariably stroked his mustache. Lu, was a good student, notwithstanding a contrary opinion held by

himself. Favorite study, all the college curriculum together with elocution at the Seminary. He may well be known as the father of the "Lecture Bureau." In his Senior year, did good and efficient work as chairman of the lecture committee. The past summer he has spent in a law office in Yarmouth.

E. ERNEST DALEY

was one of the workers of the class. It was the marvel of all who knew him how he could preach nearly every Sunday, get up his college work in good shape, hold first base whenever a match was on, win every foot race, and yet have time to make arrangements for the furnishing of the parsonage with household goods and mistress. He is now pastor of the Baptist Church at Berwick, where his ability and faithfulness have won for him the respect of the people. May his shadow never grow less!

HORACE G. ESTABROOK

is numbered with those of the class who began life at Acadia in H. C. A. Matriculating in '87, he completed the four year's course without a break. Horace had a genial way with him and was well liked among his fellows. He gave attention to sports and also devoted some of his leisure hours to a cornet. During the later years of his course, he gathered much rich experience at receptions. He now fills a pastorate at Andover, N. B.

ZENAS L. FASH.

Quite early in the autumn of '87, Zenas came from "down home" and cast in his fortune with '91. The eagle nose and sharp features denote shrewdness and law would at once be suggested. His notions were in that direction, but he has passed that stage and is now at the gospel. In his Junior year, took honors in History, and later served as one of the senior editors of the *Athenæum*. Was a rabid conservative in politics before he lost the greater part of his interest. During the past summer, he edified a New Brunswick congregation. Will attend at "Rochester" the coming winter.

EDSON P. FLETCHER

came to '91 from '89. The genial and hearty disposition that characterized him in his early student life still clings to him. For a time, he was President of *Timjinsonian*. "Fletch" took special pleasure in Political Economy and class suppers. To his scholastic attainments was added musical talent of a high order. In the near future, he intends going to Harvard, there to study further in the department of History and Political Economy. At present he holds a position in the "School for the Blind," Halifax, where he welcomes all with "Glad to see you old man."

CHARLES B. FREEMAN

having put in the first two years of college life with the class of '90, joined '91 at the opening of their

Junior year. He was—and is yet—an all-round man. As a student he stood among the first in his class. On the Campus he took especial delight in football, and as Capt. of the team acquitted himself with credit. He is now among the number of Acadia's men at McMaster Hall.

ELBERT E. GATES

was a Truro boy, who entered the ranks of '91 from the H. C. A. As a quarter-back on the first fifteen, he was always sure to give his opponent's plenty to do. Gates was ever eager for a joke, and when occasion required, showed a ready wit. He was a warbling whistler and held the office of Chorister in the Tim-jinsonian. Receptions were his constant attraction, and he kept himself well informed in the life of our sister institution. He now studies at Rochester.

KATIE P HALL

will be remembered by the boys of '91 as their much esteemed lady class-mate. At the end of her Sophomore year Miss Hall, not intending to complete the course just then, remained for a time at her home in St. John. But her love for study was strong. She hastened back to rejoin '91 in the second term of the Junior year. And in due time, as an A. B., she stood with her class to say good-bye to Acadia. Miss Hall's standing in scholarship was good. In honor work, French and German seem to have been her favorites. It is rumored that she contemplates further university study.

DOUGLAS B. HEMMEON

was one of the five members of the class who were residents of Wolfville. Taking a course in H. C. A., he matriculated in the spring of '87. During his college life, Doug. was a hard student, especially just before exams. Having secured a government office at Ottawa, he was absent the last month of the course. But his A. B. was conferred in June. He is now home on a visit, and judging from appearance, the growth on the upper lip, etc., Ottawa life agrees with him.

FRED. C. HEMMEON

entered the ranks of '91 in the Freshman year. He came, possessing a good preparation, a license to teach, and a practical knowledge of Queens County provincialisms. Fred. was of a retiring disposition, and did not extend far his circle of friendship; but rather followed the advice of *Polonius*, namely:

"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

He was a "plugger," and stood well up in his class. Foot-ball was his only game, and he held his position on the team with honor during the entire course. He is now residing at his home in Liverpool, but looks forward to the great extractive profession—Dentistry.

CHARLES R. HIGGINS

matriculated from H. C. A. in the spring of '85. For two years he was engaged in business "Out West." The fall of '87 saw him in Wolfville ready to enter the race with '91. "Crig" was a merry, good-natured fellow, sociable, and well liked. His favorite sports were base-ball, tennis, and twirling his black moustache. The present finds him in the banking business at Lunenburg.

FRANK R. HIGGINS,

the son of our worthy Professor of Mathematics, is a Wolfville boy. Here was he born, here educated, and here are centered some of the strongest ties of his life. Frank was with the class from the Academy. Of necessity circumstances hindered him from being often found on the Campus, but he occasionally played football. The duties of a household detained him from mixing with the throng. The past summer he has been travelling on Prince Edward Island. It is his intention to study engineering.

WILLIAM HOLLOWAY

came from a Halifax High School. He brought with him a stock of city ways and Anglo-American views, also an ability with which he was well acquainted. In addition, he knew the status of every man in the class. Holloway was a well informed man and a good student, especially in classics. Latin had no terrors for him—nor had Political Economy. In a short time he is to enter Harvard, after which we look to see him fill a worthy place. During the present winter, he will probably teach. His singing will long be remembered.

W. NORMAN HUTCHINS

having received his preparatory training in the Halifax Academy, entered College in the year '87. During his course of four successive years, "Huc" showed that he possessed the qualities of a first-rate student. "He was diligent in business," faithful in study, and regular in attendance upon class and recreation hours. As an athlete he never aimed at being first, but "he got there just the same." As a Christian, from the interest which he manifested in the religious work on the "Hill," we predict for him a successful future.

WILLIAM J. ILLSLEY

hailed from Weston, N. S. To the end of his Sophomore year he was a member of the class of '89. Dropping out for two years, he returned to complete the course with '91.

As an athlete he did not excel, and was seldom absent from his room. Some knowing ones affirm that Bill kept a diary throughout his entire course. He was inclined to be poetical, and some of his productions have been referred to in the local column of this paper. His future work will be along pastoral lines.

LEE J. INGRAHAM

comes from the spot that has furnished us with a number of good men—Cape Breton. He spent some time in the Academy preparatory to entering college. Was a powerful man at foot-ball—a mighty forward. During the first three years of course, seldom looked at the Seminary. Saw the error of his ways before leaving. "Bob" is to be a teacher. He looks forward to a Harvard course, after which, no doubt, he will be heard from. The coming year, he is to fill a position as Principal of a school in Colchester Co.

JOHN H. JENNER

joined the class of '91 at the commencement of the Junior year, having spent two years with the class of '89. He brought with him two or three years experience of married life, and a "Rev." prefixed to his name.

Believing in standing up for the right, and yet in full sympathy with student life, he won the respect of all and made his influence count for good. He has charge of the Baptist Church at Cambridge, Kings Co., where his ability as a preacher is fully appreciated.

ARTHUR C. KEMPTON,

started with the boys of '90, but remained out one year, in which time he studied medicine, sold memberships in the H. L. A. and made money. Kempton was an excellent student. Answered to all the questions of the day, he needed not to be advised to take time by the forelock. Was a zealous worker in the cause of missions. At the conference of the Student Volunteer Movement held in Cleveland, Ohio, he figured as the representative of Acadia. At present he is studying at Rochester. A few years hence will probably find him taking a very practical part in his chosen work—missions.

AUSTEN T. KEMPTON,

took the full course of studies in H. C. A. and matriculated in '87. He decided early to enter the ministry and consequently had this end continually in view. After graduating, he took charge of a church at Milton, Queens Co., for the summer, with the intention of entering a theological school this fall. But he has since been ordained and will remain the year in his present pastorate. Later, he will study at some Theological Seminary.

HENRY T. KNAPP,

came from the shores of Tantrammar and after spending one year in the Academy, entered college with the intention of preparing himself for the study of medicine. Henry was one of the finest athletes in college, winning more than one man's share of prizes on "field day." He held the position of half-back on the football team during his entire college course. He is now studying medicine at McGill.

J. WILLARD LITCH,

came from Bridgetown, N. S., to cast in his lot with the Freshmen of '87. Litch attended receptions, rode a "high wheel," and took honors in Philosophy. He presided for a term over the Athenæum Society and also held a respected office in the Timjinsonian. As a writer Litch possessed a spirited style and had a strong appreciation of humor. He now continues his studies at Harvard.

THOMAS J. LOCKE,

prepared himself for college in his native town Lockport, and joined his class with a good amount of Mathematics and Greek. As a student his favorite studies were social science and history. On the political questions of the day, he was considered an authority by all the liberals. His favorite sport was tennis until by force of circumstances he was compelled to take up his position and catch for the once famous "Radiates." He is now studying Civil Engineering in Halifax.

JOHN L. MASTERS

is the strong man of '91. He entered with '90, but dropped out at the end of the Freshman year, and later joined '91. It is said he has a good ear and talent for music. Was somewhat partial to St. John rather than St. Paul. John detested classics with all the intensity with which he was capable, but was especially fond of science, in which he took a special course. At present he is studying at Cornell where we bespeak for him all the success that his efforts require.

LEANDER D. McCART

was with the class of '90 during three years of his college life, but took his senior studies with '91. Social affairs did not concern him much, but on the Campus "Carty" held a place in football ranks. He had a literary turn of mind, especially during the last year of his course. Having the law in view, his acute thinking and shrewd judgments were in great demand at time. He intends soon to study in his chosen profession.

JOHN H. McDONALD

entered college with the Freshmen of October '87. His genial disposition and true worth made him popular with all the classes. In the social and religious life of the Hill he took a prominent part. During last year he discharged the duties of Editor of the college paper with exceptional ability. We understand that the "old clo man" has taken unto himself a partner. It was always predicted that "Mac" would be on time, and he has fulfilled the prediction, though he had to charter a freight train to do it.

ARTHUR C. McLATCHY

came from the Acadian village whose scenery is so accurately described in the well known poem—

Evangeline. He spent three years of student life with the class of '90. After a year spent at home, he returned to complete the course with '91. Arthur is known to have had special difficulties in connection with his college course. But he was a persevering student. Favorite study—Palmistry. Fortunate in its nearness, he was enabled, during his course, to make frequent visits to his home; where he at present resides.

EDWARD B. McLATCHY

was one of the benedicts of '91. He hails from Hillsborough. Studied at St. John and landed in Wolfville late in the fall. Has a nervous temperament, but is not nerveless. The cares of a household did not prevent him being one of the boys. For amusement, he wheeled a small carriage around town in fine weather, and split kindlings when the storms came. Mac. was a good man, genial, and liked by all. Did good work while at college. He has now charge of a church in Morden, Manitoba.

D. HECTOR McQUARRIE

spent three years of his college life with the class of '90; but when, after preaching a year, he again donned the cap and gown, he became a true and loyal member of the class of '91. Having all through the college course the one definite aim, of becoming a preacher of the gospel, he left nothing undone that would fit him for this, his chosen work. With his honesty of purpose and ability for work we predict for him a successful career.

CHURCH E. MORSE

comes from Middleton and was with class from start. Church was somewhat lengthy. Possibly on this account, combined with his deep interest in the Gymnasium, he was chosen pitcher in the famous Radiate-Invertebrate match, on which occasion he gave eighteen bases on balls. His ability was excellent, but he was never known to hurt himself by hard study. For amusement he played the violin. If the prophecy for the future be fulfilled, he will one day be proprietor of a patent medicine factory. He is to attend Medical College the coming winter.

LOUIS H. MORSE

boarded the W. & A. R. train at Paradise, Nova Scotia, and in course of time found himself in Wolfville, prepared for anything, even exams. Louis was never known to miss an election nor a reception during his stay on the "Hill." He played football one afternoon, after that contented himself with tennis. During the Junior year he served as secretary, for *Athenaeum*. Of one thing we are sure that wherever his lot may be cast he will never forget that he was "a student at 'Cadia."

L. RUPERT MORSE,

a light-hearted, reckless sort of a boy, arrived at Wolfville in September, '87. He took up his abode

in H. C. A. and until college opened, occupied the time in completing his preparation as a candidate for "cap and gown." L. R.'s melodious voice, so oft heard in the Hall and on Campus, will linger long in the memory of each fellow-student. At base-ball he was a heavy striker, and also took some interest in gymnastics. He is now a disciple of Aesculapius at Harvard.

R. OSGOOD MORSE,

prepared to teach, came to the Academy for a short time and entered with the class. Os. was a good student. He reveled in Metaphysics. Mathematics was but play to him, yet he would leave either at any time for a walk. It is said he did more "mashing" than any man in the institution. In his Junior year he served with ability as editor of this paper. During the past summer, he contributed a series of articles to the *Messenger and Visitor* on "Our Institutions." Tangible proof of his schoolship is to be seen in a number of honor certificates which he possesses. He is now at Rochester.

E. ALLISON READ,

was another Jubilee student. His training preparatory to taking a B license, and his experience as a teacher, combined with his natural qualifications, placed him in the very commencement, on the list of first class students; which position he maintained to the end of his college course. Allison always showed himself equal to the task before him, whether it was in the class-room, on the campus, or in society. Yet he was by no means infallible. He is now studying at Morgan Park, but intends to enter the new University in Chicago when it opens next autumn.

MELBOURNE S. READ,

studied one year with the class of '90. Spending the next year in wielding the ferule he joined '91. He made a good record as a student and took several honors. Mel. never allowed the press of studies to interfere with social duties, in which department he made a special record. During the summer of '90, he enjoyed the principalship of Wolfville public school, and since graduating has resumed this position. But we would not be surprised if he left his present occupation to take an A. B. from some other *Alma Mater*, before long.

HARRY N. SHAW

came from a Boston school. Studied one year in Horton Academy preparatory to donning the cap and gown. Harry was a good student, especially in English and classics. Did good work for class—in fact was almost indispensable. During his college course, he was instructor in elocution; and the position of Acadia to-day in this department and in music is a fitting testimony to his success. In his Senior year he realized that it was not good for man to be alone.

The past summer, he took a course at Chautauqua, where he obtained first rank. He now holds a position on the staff at Acadia.

J. HERBERT SECORD

having spent one year in Horton Academy, entered college on an equal footing with the other members of the class. Sec. was of a scientific turn of mind, taking two honor courses in that department. During his Junior year he was assistant in practical chemistry and also had charge of the Observatory on the hill. On the Campus he played a fine game of tennis. At receptions he did not *sire high* but got there just the same.

WILLIAM M. SMALLMAN

came from P. E. I., to enter Acadia in the fall of '87. He was a practical student and one of the first to study for and obtain the diploma of the course in Elocution. "Smaller" had a strong regard for Wolfville society, to which he gave much attention, from good reasons and with equally good success. He now has charge of Dartmouth Baptist Church, and wherever the future may lead him we know that he will continue to be a strong supporter of the truth.

WILLIAM J. SPURR,

spent two years in H. C. Academy, entered with the class and nominally left with them; but he returns at intervals. Is to continue at Wolfville—taking a course in Pharmacy. His favorite study was fun made an ideal Soph. He was once seen playing tennis. Spurr had a big heart. Took for his motto, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Was a prominent member of Timjinsonians. Well miss you "Bill" and your tenor too. Spurr is at present interested in "conversations," but will probably attend a theological institution next fall.

LITERATURE AND POVERTY.

Poverty is a word which conveys no bright image to the human mind. It implies sorrow and gloom; and yet, from sores poverty, have come some of the brightest lights of literature. Since the time when blind Homer sang, and begged his bread, till Sir Walter Scott wrote with dying hand to pay his debts, poverty and literature have had an intimate acquaintance. Amid scenes of want and suffering, in bare, miserable garrets, in humble country dwellings, and with even frowning prison walls looking on, men of great and noble souls have written. Truly great souls they had, or all the brightness and wisdom which remain a priceless heritage to the world, would have died within them. Even "chill penury" had not the power to "freeze the genial current of their souls."

Misfortune, which has hushed the music of such as Keats, has only evolved sweeter strains from stronger souls. Most pitiful is the record of Goldsmith's life.

Disappointment and defeat met him at every turn. The greatest ambition of his life, to be a physician, was destined to remain unsatisfied. Plucked in the last examination he tried, he was compelled by the necessity for bread, to turn his attention to writing—the one thing he could do well. As the sunlight imprisoned in the black coal is, in after years, set free, giving light and warmth to those around, so, from this dark life, have come down the brightness and cheer of the "Vicar of Wakefield," and the mellow tenderness of the "Deserted Village."

Poor Samuel Johnston, "trying hard to get some honest livelihood in the world, not to starve, but to live—without stealing," is another representative of a large class who wrote that they might suffer less. In physical pain, and heart-hunger for sympathy, Johnston thought out the majestic sentences of books which have long since lost their interest and popularity, but are still prized possessions whose loss would be felt by English literature.

It is not strange that Christianity, whose Founder had not where to lay His head, and whose mission is to the poor and lowly, should find some of the greatest of its uninspired writers among the poorer classes. John Bunyan, the immortal dreamer, the writer of words which are a source of pleasure to the child, and of comfort to those advanced in years, spent his youthful days in ignorance, as well as want. For his persistence in preaching the gospel, he was lodged in Bedford jail, where he was able to reach a larger audience than he could in a whole lifetime of freedom. There he wrote of Christian—his travels and triumphs—in that simple, straight-forward language, which gives much of the interest to the story. With his Bible, and the "Book of Martyrs," as his only companions and teachers, he was able to rear a monument which will keep his name in remembrance as long as English literature is read. A monument which the greatest wealth this world can boast could not construct.

Bacon says of riches, in regard to virtue, that "it is as the baggage is to an army, it cannot be spared nor left behind, but it hindereth the march, and the care of it sometimes loseth or disturbeth the victory." The same, and more, may be said in regard to literature, for the lack of riches has sometimes been the means of valuable additions to the stores of literature. Poetry, especially, is indebted to this lack. The man who has the means to thoroughly educate himself, and become familiar with all the great masters of melody, may be discouraged, by this very knowledge, from attempting to give utterance to his own thoughts. When others have done so well, and yet have not escaped criticism, it is presumption for him to try. On the other hand, the one with few opportunities for culture, and fewer for enjoyment, without knowledge enough to be timid, and with no reputation to spoil, may fearlessly and naturally express himself.

There is no more notable example of this than Robert Burns. The most of his life was spent in severe labor. Notwithstanding this, he received a fair education, which enabled him to appreciate the few books within his reach. Pope, Thomson and Shakespeare were his teachers, and, by their words, his "ear was formed to harmony." Anxiety for, and lack of means, to make life comfortable wrung from the poet the complaint.

"Life to me's a weary dream,
A dream of one that never wakes."

In such circumstances his bright, happy disposition was his shield through which, although he might feel the shock of his troubles, they could never utterly disable him. The vigor and fearlessness, the rich imagery and tender feeling which constitute a great part of the charm of his writings, are a result, in some degree, of the scenes in which he lived, and the trials he endured.

It is no longer necessary for a poet to beg his bread from door to door, or to starve in an attic. Probably the age of extreme poverty for literary men is past, although Carlyle thinks that perhaps in that "best possible organization, as yet far-off," poverty may enter as an important element in the education of a man of letters. It may be so, but in these days of much reading, and appreciation of all kinds of writing, it hardly seems possible for literary worth of any kind to remain long unrewarded.

SOCRATES.

To the philosopher, the student, and especially to the Christian, the life, thought and character of Socrates are subjects of the most intense and profound interest. So great, indeed, has been the study and attention bestowed upon this wonderful man and his teaching, that there is probably no name in ancient history more famous. Certain it is that in the long list of Greek and Roman celebrities there is none more worthy of careful study, no life more deserving of emulation.

Born more than four centuries before the Christian era, and brought up and educated in an intensely pagan country, he yet won a character for virtue and temperance, which at once attracts our notice and commands our respect. Everyone that has read of him knows that his life, according to the standard of the times, was beyond reproach, and even according to our Christian standard of morals, singularly pure. So pure was his mind and so exemplary his character that he was convinced the supremest happiness was to be found in an upright life, and that the greatest misery would follow guilt. And so strongly was this impressed upon his mind that he spent the most of his life in instructing his countrymen in the principles of a sound morality. How well he accom-

plished this task must be left to our individual judgments. Yet Socrates was a man who could never court failure, because, being endowed with the best faculties of reason, he was able to attempt almost anything and accomplish it. In the course of his long and useful career he engages in several pursuits, and in none did he fail, but proved equal to every task he undertook.

His father, Sophroniskus, being a sculptor, he at first followed that profession, and his taste and skill in that art was attested by his statues of the habited Graces, which were preserved in the Athenian Acropolis.

In the battlefield as a soldier, he proved that in bravery and courage he was no less strong than other men, while surpassing them in intellectual gifts.

Socrates seemed to be, then, one of those men of genius who seem endowed, both in mental and physical power, far beyond ordinary mortals. Avenues of wealth and honor seemed to open up at every stage of his life, wherein he might win the plaudits of his fellow-countrymen and renown from succeeding generations. But he spurns all these; he even forsakes his family and friends that he may fulfil that mission which he believes to be from God, namely, the leading of his fellow citizens, both young and old, to examine themselves, to find out their various duties, and thus lead them into a higher standard of morality. And this divine mission was never absent from his mind. Day and night, from the beginning to the end of his life, was this grand purpose before him, and nothing could induce him to relinquish it, not even the hatred of enemies and the thought that at some future time he might suffer martyrdom.

Such then was the noble mission of this noble man, and it now remains for us to learn the way in which he accomplished this purpose. Being no orator, never having spoken before public assemblies nor attended any school of oratory, he was unable to move his hearers by any bursts of powerful eloquence like those of Pericles and other orators of his day. Having to reject that means, then, we might naturally expect, in an age of literature such as that in which he lived when so many were striving to secure honor and renown through their published works, that Socrates would resort to this means of reaching his fellow-citizens, and impressing upon their minds the desired truths. He published or wrote nothing, however, but devoted the greater part of his life to the task of teaching, excluding all other business, even to the neglect of any sufficient means of livelihood.

But while we call Socrates a teacher, and say that he was nothing but a teacher, we should not forget that he never assumed that title, nor applied the name pupil to his followers, but called them his associates, thus putting himself on the same level with them.

His practice was to talk or converse with all who might come to hear him since he limited his associates to no class, nor did he charge anything for his instruction, because, as he himself said, he did not wish to sell his liberty to be made the slave of any patron that might chance to employ him. Early in the mornings and during the whole day, he might be seen frequenting the public walks and the market place, seizing upon everyone he meets, and by a searching cross-examination compelling them to acknowledge what are the true principles of action, and many times forcing them to confess how far short their lives had fallen from the right standard.

Hence is revealed one of the most marked characteristics of Socrates' teaching — "the necessity of self-knowledge as the foundation of all knowledge and the source of all prosperity and happiness. He who does not know himself, knows nothing. Hence, to gain that enlightenment in the things of the world and that culture which he desires, he must become thoroughly acquainted with himself, must know his different virtues and vices, his powers and his weaknesses, and thus be able to govern himself according to this self-knowledge." And here we find wherein lay much of the power of Socrates as a teacher. He had practised his own teaching and knew himself thoroughly; thus was he able many times to read the characters of those coming to him for instruction. He seemed to be able to determine at a glance their individual natures or dispositions, and it was among his first efforts to make the pupil see himself in the same light, without any over estimation or any depreciation of his capacity or knowledge.

Again, Socrates was possessed in a large degree of that tact, as we might call it, of adapting himself to the natures and characters of each individual he meets. In reading the Memorabilia of Xenophon we cannot help but notice the manner in which the different conversations of Socrates are adapted to the several characters with whom they are held, and their consequent power to "encourage the diffident, to draw out the retiring, to repress the forward, to humble the self-conceited, to relieve everyone of his fancied good or evil, and persuade everyone to make the most of the best there is in them."

Thus gathering his own citizens around him wherever and whenever he could, without reward, and hated by many, for over thirty years Socrates endeavored, "by the most tremendous intellectual stimulus ever tried by a teacher," to lead his countrymen to an examination of themselves and also to intel, by precept and example, the doctrines of temperance and virtue.

But in spite of his nobleness of life and elevation of character, in spite of his well known piety he was, at length, accused of corrupting the young and of introducing new and strange gods; on which charge he was condemned to death. When he was on trial for his life, deprived of the defence which Plato had offered, he rose up and without any pre-meditation or preparation, except the preparation of a virtuous life, delivered an apology which is esteemed not only because of the circumstances attending its delivery, but also because of the many beautiful and sublime utterances it contained. In closing we will say with Professor Everett that "it was, indeed a noble, a glorious life,—a life, ay, and death, to make men better, and to bring them nearer to God,—a life of which our Lord shall take deep account in the day that he makes up his jewels."

Exchanges.

A copy of the first issue of *The Owl* is at hand, with quite a number of well written articles by students and alumni. In "English-Canadian and American Literature" a comparison between the literary productions of the two countries is well drawn. Too true is the criticism that the Canadian authors are little studied and appreciated by the average student.

The *Colby Echo* appears with some changes in outside pages. It contains an interesting article on one phase of student life in the German Universities.

Advance seems to be the watchword of *The Dalhousie Gazette*, which is published this year in more popular form. On turning a few pages of advertisements we come to the more solid matter of the paper. In the President's address a short sketch is given of University progress in the United States. Book notices constitute a new department, which promises to be valuable. The usual space is allotted to Law and other matters. On the whole the first number presages a successful year for the *Gazette*.

College Times gives a good account of several football matches played by them this fall.

In the October number of *The Cadet* there is an interesting description of a week's outing taken by the students of Main State College.

Personals.

Prof. Kierstead is just recovering from a severe attack of illness. We will be glad to welcome him back to the class-room when his strength is sufficiently recovered to resume work.

The class of '91, sends the following to represent them in theology: Fash, Gates, Hutchins, Kempton, A. C., and Morse, R. O. to Rochester; Corey and Whidden to Newton; Freeman to McMaster and Read E. A., to Morgan Park.

Howard Barss, B. A., '75 and L. D. Morse, B. A., '88, having completed their course at Newton, have been added to the staff of missionaries in India.

A. K. DeBlois, Ph. D., M. A., '88, has returned from Germany, and is now filling a position on the staff at St. Martins.

C. H. McIntyre, B. A., '89, having completed his B. A. course at Harvard, has entered upon the study of law at that institution.

Richmond Shafner, B. A., '89, who for some years was engaged in business in the Argentine Republic, has gone to Baltimore to study medicine.

The following Alumni were appointed members of the Senate: Miss A. M. D. Fitch, B.A., '85; J. B. Oakes, A. M., '71; Everett W. Sawyer, B. A., '80 and C. H. McIntyre, B. A., '89.

We are glad to see W. G. McFarlane, formerly of '92, back again after a year's *gleaning*.

J. Edmund Barss, B. A., '91, has entered the Senior year at Harvard. We understand he intends to take special studies in Classics.

E. N. Morse, B. A., '80, is completing his course in Mathematics at Harvard.

Geo. Higgins, formerly of '91, after a year's experience teaching has joined '92.

F. A. Coldwell has joined '91.

G. R. Baker, one of the boys of '92, is completing his course at Cornell.

A. E. Shaw, B. A., '88, and H. H. Wickwire, B. A., '88, were among those admitted to the bar in Halifax, this autumn.

E. H. Saunders, '91, is now studying medicine at McGill.

Among those who have entered the married state during the summer are: W. M. Smallman, '91; J. H. McDonald, '91; E. E. Daly, '91; L. E. Duncanson, '91; and J. B. Champion, '91.

Baron de Geer, State Geologist of Sweden, spent a few days in Wolfville recently, on his return from attending the Geological Congress at Washington. He is chiefly interested in surface geology, and in company with Prof. Coldwell examined the raised beach in front of the college, and glacial striae on the ridge. He also made a collection of sub-carboniferous fossils from Trenholm's brook.

Locals.

Help! Help!!

"Close up."

It is whispered:

That Creed had a room mate.

That *Dwight* is doing great forward work.

That *Fent* has dropped out.

That Cads are pugilistic 'his year.

That Davis' wick was cracked.

That *Nick* also loved darkness.

That "Big Bill" has returned.

That the Astronomy Prof. found the Junior..

That the delegates by *George* were disappointed.

That clergmen are plentiful at Windsor Junction.

That a new planet was discovered.

That the Seminary is closed.

That Dave made 11c.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS.—One courageous "Freshie" barked his shin on the side of his bed during the false alarm. Feather beds may be proof against lightning; but we are not so sure that mattresses are proof against villagers.

"Likely I'll break it" remarked a valiant Soph on the eve of battle, as he grasped his best cane.

The valiant Junior heads the cry for help, and in the *Nick* of time is calling his fellow students to the fray; but on their return he is calmly sleeping.

The S. S. of the Sophomore class is fully organized, with "Rex" as President.

A certain "Freshie" declares he will not black Senior's boots because he is a *free man*.

Our friend who left us for Regina last year, found, on arriving, that Regina was still in the East. Rumor says that he will return to Ottawa to crown her at Xmas. Regina will then enjoy both king and queen.

Some of the foot-ballists find dieting much easier than early rising. They never complain when the morning is wet.

A certain Freshman played foot-ball so energetically that it is often necessary for him to seek *Johnson's* famous relief. Some one has intimated that if he keeps on at the same rate he will be obliged to call in one of the resident *parsons*.

"Call the old man over and give him a chew."

It is said that the steamer Gryps will carry *wood* no more.

Freshman (to Prof. of Physiology):—"Are not the lungs of a man heavier than his brains?"
Prof.—"Yes, in some instances."

SOCIETIES.

The Propylæum begins the second year of its existence under favorable conditions. The membership is almost doubled, and, with a larger working force, more can be accomplished. The society promises increased usefulness in its own sphere.

Following are the officers:—Pres., Miss Mildred MacLean; Vice-Pres., Miss Morton; Sec'y-Treas., Miss Patten; Executive Com., Misses Bishop, Cook and Archibald.

ATHENÆUM.—Pres., A. A. Shaw; Vice-Pres., A. F. Baker; Rec.-Sec'y., S. R. McCurdy; Cor.-Sec'y., M. C. Balcom; Treas., C. A. Shaw; Ex.-Com., F. E. Cox, W. A. Starratt, E. S. Harding, B. Daniels, J. Creed. Members of Lecture Bureau, H. S. Ross, J. E. Wood. F. M. Young was appointed sophomore editor in place of E. H. Saunders.

A. A. A. A.—Pres., A. R. Tingley; Vice-Pres., —; Sec'y., George Parsons; Treas., A. M. Wilson; Ex.-Com., A. R. Tingley, F. A. Starratt, H. H. Saunders, J. C. Chesley, A. Rogers.