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#### A Little Bit About Oxford,

"Well rowed, stroke, well rowed indeed, sir!"

N the Isis, the oars are flashing, crews straining, coxes screeching—on the bank, the mud is flying, men are running, rattles whirling, and down we come clamourously along the stretch of home water, past the barges one by one. Only ten more strokes, now—eight-six-four—the long, eight headed, striped piston-like machine of Trinity is almost upon us. Three quickened, despairing strokes and their long knife nose has overlapped us and is on the point of touching our side, and then a quick rudder play by the cleverest little cox on the river and Merton has sheered off a hand's breadth and the flag is past.

"Ea-e-sy, all!" cry the small ones in the sterns of the shells, and the strain is over. The splendid machine of Trinity collapses, stroke goes flat across his oar, and number 5 is lurching dangerously over the side of the boat. From bank and barge there goes up a cheer, and we of the tow-path and the mud, we who have run the whole long mile beside our boat at top speed, lean against the fence, triumphantly smiling, and wonder why things are getting so dark and dry and hot. We wait a few seconds to see how Lincoln comes out with Queens and whether it is Brasenose that has been caught, and is pulling out to the side, then when they are all in and are drawing up alongside their respective barges we cross the river in a punt to the Merton barge, where together with several old Blues and many friends we congratulate our crew, saying over and over to each man, "Well rowed sir!" And then, the third day of the Toggers is over, and we slowly straggle up through the Christ Church Meadows, by way of the Board walk, toward Merton Tower. We have kept our place at the head of our division and are well content. A bath and a rub down, and then, restfully tired, w

draw up around the big fire place in someone's room and order tea for five, and the crumpets and scones are not to be forgotten but brought in "immediately if you please, Charles." And from the depths of five easy-chairs, ascend the wavy gray rings that tell we are smoking the smoke of the just. The Walrus having announced silently that the time has come to talk of many things, we do so, but most principally of the river, and our present luck and future chances.

And this is Toggers week in Oxford. Six days of it altogether, spent in bumping or in being bumped, and then at the end we see who remains at the head of the river and are satisfied that they are the best crew, and that it has been "topping sport." Straightway we proceed to study hard for the remainder of the term in order that we may not be ploughed in Mods or Divvers. Perhaps I had better explain here one or two of these strange words. "Toggers," is short for "Torpids" which in turn is short for the Spring Boat Races between the Oxford colleges. "Divvers" is an exam in Holy Scripture, Mods, or moderations, the general second exam that all Oxford undergraduates must pass before starting in for their final Honor Schools or Pass schools. "Ploughed" of course means "plucked." The Oxford undergrad has quite a vocabulary of his own, which is a foreign tongue to outsiders. I might mention one or two other words which you might not easily guess. "Magger's Megugger" for instance is Martyr's Memorial, said to be that candle lighted by Latimer and Ridley. "Wuggins" is "Wadham College," "Jaggers" is Jesus Coll. "Belial" is Balliol, the "Radder" is Radcliffe Library and the "Bodder" is the Bodleian.

Well, since the rowing men want to sleep, this night will not be so hideous as some other Oxford nights especially around Mob Quad, Merton, so perhaps I may sit up and write something for the Athenaeum. If your editor had asked me for a book about Oxford instead of an article, I should have said yes, provided he allow me to write at least two volumes of it. But one short piece for the Athenaeum! But I see his letter says "Undergraduate Life," so if I confine myself strictly to that perhaps I shall keep within reasonable bounds.

Suppose we take one whole Oxford day as a sample of what the undergraduate does. He generally begins it badly, by saying unkind things concernig his "scout" for waking him up at 7.30. There has been a great rattling out in the study, and "Parsons" or "Williams," or whoever he may be, has come bustling into your "bedder" (ie bedroom) with the astounding information, "It's just gone 'arf past

seven, sir, and what would you like for your breakfast, sir, if you please, sir?'' You tell him. He thanks you, trips up your tub on to the floor, pours in the ice water from a big watering can, like unto those green tin ones affected by garden overseers—and goes out, leaving you thinking just how many seconds you can stay in bed and still be in time to keep a roller (ie roll-call, morning bug bear). I allow just seven minutes by the watch under my pillow for bath and dressing, and hardly ever miss. Your tin tub which sits there in the middle of your floor, grinning at you in its icy "invitation to the dance," is not unlike in form to that tub in which the Magazine Pears Soap Infant experiences such unhappiness "until he gets it."

The ceremony over, you keep a roller and have breakfast. occurs in your own room unless you happen to be invited out, which you generally are about four mornings in the week if you are a "fresher." Your orders are brought in under silver covers from the college kitchen, and served on your own china, flanked by your own cutlery (bought and paid for twice over at some prosperous bowing-and-scraping tradesman's in the High.) When you are invited out you will find five or six others gathered together in an upper room, waiting the arrival of the breakfast. A long table gleams bright and snowy in the middle of the room loaded with all manner of china and silver ware. pressed into service from various friendly cupboards on the same staircase. Breakfast begins at 8.45 and lasts indefinitely. Of course there are limits to the eating part of it, but that is not half of an English breakfast. After eating many things, none of which one is accustomed to eat at Chip Hall, you adjourn to the the easy chairs and smoke and talk. The host generally refuses to be seated, but stands with his back to the fireplace, his hands clasped behind him, and dispenses cigarettes, difficult jokes, and Aristotle at frequent intervals. This position by the way, is the typical Oxford attitude. I have never heard a satisfactory explanation of it, but have evolved a theory of my own. A great many Oxford men row, and standing up appeals strongly to them. Others fall into the habit from sympathy. (If you fail to understand, you should row a couple of hours in a racing shell every day for a week or two. It will dawn upon you.)

If any unfortunate member of the breakfast party has a lecker (lecture) at ten o'clock, he shamefacedly asks to be excused, and withdraws. This is apt to break up the party. But if nobody has a

lecture, they all stay till about eleven, talking about everything beneath the cloudy heavens.

Lectures form a rather unimportant part of the course of study here. A certain number of them are announced every term in the University Gazette and you may go to, or stay home from, as many as you like. It may be worth while to take in six or seven during the week, as they wil help to direct your reading, which is the really important thing Your tutor will probably advise certain lectures which you may drop in to if you have time. A tutor here is something entirely different from a tutor in an American or Canadian college. In the first place everyone has one. They are like the poor, with us always, and whenever they will they may do us good. I say may advisedly, for it is equally possible that they may not. It depends upon the tutor also upon the student. You may get good from your tutor-or you may only get good cigars. You are quite sure to improve your conversational abilities through your interviews with him. You generally meet him once a week, in his own study. You take an easy chair by his fireplace, and smoke with him if you do smoke, if not he will smoke for both of you. You talk about athletics principally and how the different colleges have been doing the past week. Then along towards the end of the hour he will ask you if you have done any work for him this week, and you produce from your pocket an essay or a piece of Latin composition—or an excuse. Or it is possible that the entertainment may take the form of translating fragments of Anglo Saxon. You soon come to know this particular man very well. He serves for more or less of a guide, always a philosopher, and sometimes for a friend.

I believe we had proceeded in our day as far as after breakfast. If you have a lecture you have to chase around to some other college to hear it, in all probability. You may have two in two succeeding hours, a quarter of a mile apart. If you don't have a lecture you read till lunch time. "Read" means "study". Luncheon you eat alone or perhaps with one friend. It is a light meal, consisting generally of bread and cheese and fruit with cream. Also beer if you like beer. It is supplied by the college.

Right after lunch there is a general exodus from college. By half past two there is not an undergrad, tutor, don, scout, or any other living creature within the college walls. The porter alone remains

scattered north, south, east and west, some to the river, some to the Rugger field, some for Soccer, some for Hockey, or golf, or the track, or lacrosse, or to play bicycle polo, or to go for a canter, or for an afternoon with the hounds, or to take a spin on their bike perhaps to Woodstock and Blenheim Palace, or perhaps just to go for a good long walk through the parks, through Mesopotamia, thence over Headington Hill and far away. Or it may be your walk is in the opposite direction, through Bagley Wood which Arnold has made so famous, or it may be up the steep side of Shotover Hill where Shelley used to stroll in his Oxford afternoons. If you do not return until sunset, so much the better for you.

If it is the summer term there will be still other sports to engage one's attention. There will be much tennis on fine, smooth, centuryold, grass courts, and cricket, too, and punting on the river, and sailing perhaps, and canoeing, and many other things. Everybody gets some form of exercise every afternoon. Many vary their sports from day to day. A friend of mine told me that a friend of his has 14 different kinds of foot gear for as many different sports, and uses them all. Of course rowing holds the place of honor among the sports. A man would rather represent his college on the crew than anywhere else, and a rowing "blue" is more to be desired than much fine gold. There are matches between the colleges in all the other games, and you may take your choice as to which team you will try for. A rowing man must needs have more glory to compensate him for his harder work He is an absolute slave. It is hard work nearly all the afternoon and every afternoon, too. When you are'nt in a shell, you are being" tubbed" (not bathed, but exercised in two's and four's in a heavy boat.) You are taught how to hold the oar, and take the water and recover, and countless other things. A coach sits facing you. He steers and tells you how many fatal crimes you commit in each ten seconds. One college coach has a set of Forty Points in all of which beginners invariably make mistakes. Rowing is a fine art.

A great deal of Rugby football is played here. It is characterized by slackness and lack of science. No scrim formations are practised. Indeed there are no practices of any kind. The first day of the term there is what they call a "Rugger Squash" (most appropriately.) Thirty or more fellows go out and scrimmage around the field a little

and the captain with one or two other old players stands on the side lines and watches. The next day the first match is played against some other college. The college team is not picked, but invited. The captain does everything. There are no committees and their consequent rivalries, favoritisms and delicious scraps such as we used to have at Acadia. If the captain wants you to play he sends you a little note asking you to do so. He also decides when you have played long enough to win your college colors, and posts your name up on the bulletin board with the anouncement. The varsity team is picked in the same way. Some one of the twenty odd colleges often has a quarter of the team, and a great many colleges never get a representative The play is looser than in Canada. The ball is kicked around in the scrim a great deal. The Acadia or Mt. A. team could beat nearly any college team here, and Dalhousie would give Oxford Varsity a terribly hard rub.

Association football is also played extensively. Every Englishman learns to play it when he is about twelve years old and plays the same kind of a game when he is thirty. He refuses to learn any new way. This applies to Rugger as well. The English college man will play his own slack game till he gets a rude awakening by New Zealanders or someone else, when he smiles and says, ''By Jove, those chaps do play jolly good Ruggah, y' know.''

After the games for the day are over, about half past four everyone returns to college and has tea. You drink tea and eat crumpets and tea cakes with four or five of your friends till nearly six o'clock when some studious member of the party declares his intention of going to his diggs and reading till dinner time. The party breaks up, and you can get in an hour's work if you wish. Dinner occurs at seven, "in Hall." A college dining-hall is a rather grand affair, with its rows of long tables, its high rafters overhead, its ancient walls hung with portraits of all the noted worthies of the college from Duns Scotus to the present. At one end is a raised platform and here is a table, running at right angles with rest, where the dons eat. This is called "High Table." It has chairs around it. The other tables have long, plain, wooden benches without backs. The dons also get different things to eat, and waiters in dress-suits to serve them. The rest of us are waited on by the college scouts, who are continually fleeing up and down the hall behind us, like spectres. These scouts by the way are a great institution. They do everything for you. Light your fires, get you up, dust your room (occasionally) bring in your meals, make your bed, take care of your clothes, break your china, lose your silver, steal your cigarettes, drink your wine. Once a scout, always a scout. They grow old (and fat) in the service. Mine has been a scout at Merton twenty-five years, and is a comparatively young man. One Merton scout has been in the business fifty years and is still lively. Is it any wonder we grovel before them? They always know what is the right thing to do, and we generally profit by their advice. They help us out of all kinds of scrapes, and don't expect more than three pounds a term, tips, in addition to their

regular salary. There are three terms.

Well, dinner lasts nearly an hour. There are several courses, and we generally manage to get enough to eat. Grace is read, in Latin by a scholar, from a big book on a little stand at the head of the hall. The eating part of the program is much the same as anywhere else and need not be described, but there are certain customs in connection with the meal which are peculiar to Oxford. Chief among these is the "sconce." A sconce is a quart of beer in a silver mug several hundred years old. Paying for the sconce was originally intended as a punishment for breaches of decorum at table, but has sadly degenerated in most colleges till it means nothing at all. It generally occurs when anyone wants a free drink of beer, and has a neighbor whom he would like to have pay for said beer. The process of sconcing consists in writing on a card, "Please sconce Mr. X for such and such a thing", signing your name, getting two of your neighbors to do likewise and sending the card to the Head of the Table who rarely refuses to allow the sconce. The quart of beer is brought in and presented to the victim, who either downs it himself without taking his lips from the mug, or else touches it, and passes it on, everyone at the table who wishes to do so taking a drink as it goes by. If the offender downs it himself he doesn't have to pay for it, having proved himself to be a good man and true, and the man who proposed the sconce has to do the paying. In the other case, the offender pays and everyone enjoys it at his expense. Some few fellows always down the sconce, but the average man doesn't try to, especially if it is early in the meal and he wishes to enjoy what is to follow.

Sometimes as many as six persons are sconced at one table during dinner. Some of the sconceable offenses are: Talking shop, mak

puns or bad jokes, making a quotation, using any language except English, wearing too gaudy a tie or waistcoat, coming in late, laughing aloud, throwing things, reading, using unseemly language, being ploughed in Divvers or Mods. exams the day before, or passing said exams, winning your "blue" or your college colors, or anything else especially good or bad anyone can think of. If at the end of the term you haven't been sconced once they will sconce you for not being sconced—so they are sure of you anyway.

After dinner there are a number of things you can do. But first you must go and have a cup of coffee with somebody or other in his rooms. Then you may either study or go to the theatre or to the Union to hear the future Prime Ministers of England debate political questions, or to some college society meeting or to some lecture in town, or some recital, or perhaps go Cornstalking. I will leave you to guess what Cornstalking means, merely giving the hint that "the Corn" is a nickname for Cornmarket, the principal business thoroughfare of the city. Or you may stay in and do nothing at all.

Whenever you go outside of the college walls you may be sure there is a "Prog." with two "Bullers" prowling around to catch you. and see whether you have on your cap and gown. Of course if you want to feel secure you may descend so low as to wear these things, but it is not considered sportsmanlike. For some reason, undergraduates all hate the gown, and it is no wonder considering how much like monkeys the ordinary commoners gown makes them look. It is a sleeveless, formless, jumper of black, reaching a little below the small of the back (never by any chance low enough to cover your coat-tails.) It is supposed to be worn whenever you appear out after dark, also to all lectures and whenever you go to see an official of the college or university. The things are far more useful, however, as dusters or kettle-lifters. If you are caught out after dark without one, it costs you five bob (shillings). You see, the University practically bets you five bob to nothing that they can catch you. You generally take the bet. The Prog, when he gets you, merely asks your name and college and tells you when you may appear at his rooms the next day, bearfive shillings with you. The "Bullers" are two strapping athletes, one of them supposed to be a champion sprinter and the other a long distance runner. It is useless to run if they see you first. You may have heard the time-worn story of how the bullers once started after a man who looked "collegiate," and who proved to be a long distance

runner of ability. They chased him all over Oxford, till finally, after half an hour, they were him out, and caught him on Magdalen Bridge. They marched him back to the proctor who demanded his name and college.

"Smith, Harvard, U. S. A !" was the answer.

"But why then did you run away, sir!" After a second the answer came:

"Can't a man take a little run if he wants, in this country?"

Personally I rather like the excitement of never knowing when you may be caught. It lends a certain element of interest to your return from the theatre or from a lecture. In time you learn to go slowly down the narrow, winding, Blue Boar Street, keeping your eyes open, to be very careful in traversing Bear Lane, and always to stop and look around the corner of the building before you turn into a new street. You are fairly sure of getting five bobs worth of excitement before you are caught.

It costs you a penny to get into college after nine o'clock, a shilling after eleven, and an interview with the Warden or President after twelve. Or you may try to climb in over the walls but there are very many sharp spikes, and broken glass fixed in cement all along the top, and you stand a chance of losing some of your good red blood if you try it.

Some of the other antiquated regulations still unrepealed on the Statute Book are not very strictly enforced nowadays. For instance no great attention is paid to that regulation forbidding all undergraduates to play marbles or roll hoops on High Street, and to shoot with the bow and arrow in the Corn market, so as to endanger pedestrians or horsemen passing by.

I must'nt omit an affair which was good enough to happen just last week. It is full of undergraduate life. It was Saturday night after Divvers Exam. A great many college men were naturally at the Empire Theatre celebrating the close of exams. The place was raided by progs, who started in at the bottom of the aisles taking the name of every college man in the building. Immediately a hue and cry was raised, and all the collegiates bolted for the doors, only to find them locked by the progs' orders. There was a determined charge, the doors were smashed down and the college men were confronted by a crowd of townees, backed up by the outside door, also securely fas-

tened. A fray ensued, during which the proctors kept pads and pencils busily plying. The door held, and before they were through eighty names had been taken. Next morning the University chest was enriched by eighty pounds sterling—the fine being a pound for resisting proctors. Several men got away free. I received my account of the affair from a man who hid under a seat and one who jumped from a second story window and escaped.

There are many other things that ought to be spoken of in an article like this, but I see I am already in danger of crowding everything else out of this issue of the Athenæum. I will merely say that Oxford is a great place to be in. I won't say how much of a place it is to study, for it is not meant as a place of study. It is intended for a social centre of young England and serves the purpose admirably. The Oxford man's study is supposed to be done at home in the frequent vacations. Most of the Rhodes Scholars I find like to travel during the vacs, and since they like to fit in with the life at the University the same as the Englishmen, their study is apt to be largely theoretical. We hope however that we shall not all be ploughed. We have managed to satisfy our tutors so far, and hope to do so in the future. Meanwhile Oxford is a very good place to live in—in spite of the weather. Which makes a good place to stop.

R. E. Bates, '04.



### A Messenger of Spring.

Oh dandelion, you winsome thing, A fair, sweet messenger of Spring, Bright promises to us you bring!

Scarce Winter's chilly presence fled, Than resting on a mossy bed, With upturned face, a sunny head.

Then others come, 'till all around, Before our eyes upon the ground, A thousand golden heads are found.

Tread softly then with listening ear, For Spirit voices far and near, Whisper that smiling Spring is here.

Thy presence modest little friend, And the blue heavens that o'er thee bend, Proclaim stern Winter's recent end.

Thy beauty graced his lonely bier, And hastening when skies are clear, Greeted the Spring with smile and tear.

The sunbeams kiss thy upturned face; The warm winds hold thee in embrace; And silver streams reflect thy grace.

At sight of thee, the heart is stirred, And many a long forgotten word, Through the dim years again is heard.

In times long past, thy sister flowers, May perhaps have graced some lover's bowers, Or marked in life the sweetest hours-

Or perhaps some loved one's grave recall, Where low beside the church-yard wall, The shadows o'er thy sunshine fall.

You only blessings to us bring Oh fair, sweet messenger of Spring, Fresh from the throne of earth's great king!

Mabel V. Jones.

#### Old Times on the Hill.

(Continued)

THLETICS in those days were not what they are now. The student body was comparatively small, and "muscular Christianity" had scarcely then begun its propaganda. In fact the term "athletics" was not in our vocabulary. Cricket was the only thing in vogue. Even that seems to have been a new thing there when we first introduced it. This was in September, 1860, when a cricket club, afterwards named "The Saxon Club," was formed in the Academy, with the writer as President and Field Captain, and E. T. Dimock as Sec'y-Treas.

We played sometimes on a level spot a little below the college, about where the present edifice stands, and sometimes on the field where the boys still play. This was then quite rough and bushy; but, at great expenditure of muscle and time, covering ten days, we cleared off and levelled a portion of the ground, in readiness for a match-game with the "Acacia Villa" Club. Spades, shovels, rakes, scythes, wheel-barrows and rollers seem to have been very much in evidence during that time. How the books and the lectures fared is not recorded, but our modern successors can guess.

The match came off on the 27th of October. Through a mistake we were sent to the bat first, but in the first innings we scored 35 runs to our opponents' 31, and "our fielding was very good indeed"; in the second innings, however, we made only 31, and were beaten with seven wickets to go down. Thus the first *inter-school* match played there made a poor beginning for the history of the Acadia campus. We at once challenged our victors to a return-match in June, and invited them to a supper at the Village House, at which Mr. Patterson, the Principal of the Lower Horton School, was present and made a speech.

Early in the following April the Academy club resumed operations and officers were elected. The new president is now a Harvard Professor, the field-captain a teacher of teachers, and the first man on the committee a retired D. D. who calls himself "a bird."

The match set down for June, 1861, never came off, our fellows having withdrawn the challenge. In April of that year a cricket club was formed in the college; but as the men knew little or nothing of the game, we Academy boys had to teach them. One day our Field Captain called together the committee to consider what should be done about the ground, as it was to be let at auction that afternoon. After much deliberation we decided to disband the club,—"the prospects looked so dark"; "but Harding Rand (the late Dr. T. H. R.) came in and talked us up till we determined to go on with it." So it seems that in Athletics as well as in public education and in literature something is due to my valued friend. The next day we re-engaged the ground from Edward Chase, the lessee, until June, for \$2.00.

With the new term beginning in August, the Saxon Club was revived, with new officers except the Field-Captain, who was re-elected, and who found it necessary "to teach the new boys everything about the game." But soon after the re-opening of the College, of course we Freshmen joined the Acadia Club.

In September, 1862, there was an inter-class match—Freshmen and Juniors vs. Sophs and Seniors—in which the former were the winners. Passing over several matches, including a great victory gained by the "Saxons" over their former conquerors, the "Acacia Villa" Club, I must close this history of the beginnings of cricket at Acadia by mentioning the game played May 23, 1863, between the Sophs and "all Acadia." We had posted up a proclamation ten days before, challenging "all and singular the resident graduates and other students of the College." Our eleven wore red caps and the others, numbering twelve, wore blue. There were eight or ten other students at the time. The game being played through the two innings, the scores came out even.

One more fact regarding athletics must be set down here: viz. that a gymnasium for the students was first obtained and used for practice early in 1862. On the 22nd of January, "Mr. Elson, the gymnast, met a large number of the students of the College and Academy in one of our lecture rooms" to talk over his proposition; and nearly fifty of them signed the agreement, the fee charged being \$2.50 for each one from the date of opening until June. The building that was remodelled and fitted up with ladders, parallel and horizontal bars, swinging rings, trapezes, etc., stood a short distance back of the Baptist Church, on the east side of what is now called Highland Avenue.

How sore we were after the first day of practice, the boys of today will know.

My earliest record of students' societies on "The Hill" date back to 1860. On the second evening after my arrival at the Academy, "I heard that the older boys were holding a meeting in one of the classrooms for the purpose of forming a debating society, so I went in x x x The meeting was very orderly. A committee of six of us was appointed to prepare a set of rules." Evidently there had been no such society the preceding year, and perhaps never before. On the next Saturday evening, August 18, the society was organized, under the name of "The Mutual Improvement Association of Horton Academy." We used to call it "the Association," and no one ever thought in those unhasteful days, of shortening up the name into three or even five capital letters. The three principal officers were Alfred Staratt, Enoch Dimock and T. A. Blackadar, with the writer as Secretary. Two months later the Sec'y became President, with J. T. Eaton, Vice President, Blackadar still Treas. and Steele, Sec'y.

In the college there was a literary and debating society before my time, which bore the name of "The Lyceum"; but this had ceased to exist, and "The ACADIA ATHENÆUM" took its place in the autumn of 1860. Both the Association and the ATHENÆUM carried on courses of public lectures, of which some account may well be given here.

The first lecturer under the auspices of the "M. I. A." (to modernize the name) was Theodore Harding Rand, who then for the first time—Dec. 12, 1860, appeared in that role; and the youthful president then first occupied the chair of a public assemblage. Upon the platform sat the President of the Athenæum (M. P. Freeman), the Faculty of the College and the Teachers of the Academy. Mr. Rand ably discussed the momentous question, "Ought Women to learn the Alphabet?", making a strong plea for extending to women the advantage of higher education. It may not be known to all who shall read this article that, though Tennyson had published his prophetic poem "The Princess" in 1847, it was not till 1865 that the first collegiate institution in the world for women was opened on the foundation laid by Matthew Vassar, to be followed four years later by Girton College in England. Our ladies' seminary at Wolfville was opened, it will be remembered, in January, 1861.

Mention must also be made of the second lecture of the same

course, delivered March 5, 1861, with the new president, D. A. Steele, in the chair. Our genial friend Robert V. Iones was the speaker; and his theme-"Be a Man"-may be deemed a sort of counterpoise to that of his former colleague and room-mate Rand. The record says: "It was just what one would expect from Jones-the grave and the humorous were strangely blended."

The "Athenæum" course of that year, beginning in November and ending in April, embraced the following five lectures:-

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., -"The Strange and the Incomprehensible." Rev. S. T. Rand—"The Difficulties and advantages of Self-Education." Prof. D. F. Higgins, -"The Spirit of Invention and its Tendencies." J. W. Johnstone, Jr., Esq., - "Life in Earnest."

Hon. Charles Tupper, M. D., - "Colonial Union."

In the last, Dr. Tupper, (then Provincial Secretary, I believe) advocated a legislative union of the three Maritime Provinces. As further indicating the sort of mental pabulum furnished us in "the early sixties," I may add a list of the "Athenæum" lectures in the course of 1861-62 :--

Rev. Dr. Cramp, - "The Connection between Science and Religion." Prof. James DeMill,— "The Catacombs of Rome" (Illustrated).

Rev. George Hill,—"Napoleon I and Napoleon III." P. C. Hill, Esq,—"The British Provinces and the United States contrasted, from Personal Observation."

Rev. S. T. Rand, - "The Mysterious Conflict."

Hon. Chas. Tupper, - "The Political Aspect of British North America."

While upon the subject of students' societies, I may refer to two interesting "episodes." The first occurred Sept. 27, 1861. At the meeting of the Athenæum "we had a hot debate." "Brad. Kempton brought in a good resolution to the effect that the Athenæum open a reading-room for the benefit of its members." "Brad.," by the way, has been for fifteen years the Secretary of the Board of Governors. Several of his new class-mates who had returned to Acadia after "the Great Secession" to Madison University, N. Y., opposed the motion very strongly. Feeling ran high. An attempt to shelve the proposition was voted down, and the resolution was carried. Though at the next meeting the subject was discussed again and the unpleasantness renewed, the reading-room was opened soon after; and its successors have probably continued down to the present in unbroken line.

The other episode was that of the anti-tobacco society. In January and February, 1863, following upon a strong address on the tobacco habit delivered by Rev. S. T. Rand at a public temperance meeting, a peculiarly serious and earnest man attending the Academy circulated an anti-tobacco pledge among the students, and finally succeeded, with the help of some of us Collegians, in forming a society whose members were pledged to abstain from "the weed" and to discountenance its use. Dr. Cramp and Principal Higgins gave the movement their cordial support. One student at least was greatly incensed because some of his closest friends, who were young preachers, would not be persuaded to renounce the vile habit.

Little has been said in these two articles regarding the young ladies' Seminary—'the Great House in the Village.'' Perhaps a few stories may yet be told, illustrative of the pleasant relations that existed forty years ago among the young people in the three institutions. And possibly the editor may find room, in this number or the next, for a few stanzas from a poem written anonymously in June, 1865, when a movement was on foot in Nova Scotia to remove the girls' school either to a new and better building to be erected in Wolfville or to some other town in the Province.

Herbert C. Creed, '65.



# Dr. Trotter's Resignation.

As has already been publicly announced the resignation of Dr. Trotter from the presidency of Acadia has been considered and reluctantly accepted by the Board of Governors. The following is the statement of the President as submitted to the Board:

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MARCH 26TH, 1906.

To the Board of Governors of Acadia University.

Gentlemen:

Having served you for nine years in the most agreeable fellowship, I am now constrained to seek relief from the exacting duties of the

presidency of the University.

When at your earnest solicitation I consented to take up these duties, it was with the hope that, though my incumbency would probably be but temporary, I might be able to make some contribution to the permancy and efficiency of the institution. I am happy in the thought that hope has not been wholly unrealized.

As you are aware, it would have been my preference to have retired three years ago at the close of the First Forward Movement, at which time I tendered my resignation. The possibilities of the Second Forward Movement, however, came in sight, and it seemed plainly my duty, at any cost of personal preference or risk of health, to continue in the service of the University. Now, however, that the success of the Second Forward Movement has been assured, and the correspondence with Mr. Carnegie has been carried to a successful issue, I feel that I must again ask to be relieved.

My reason for so doing is that I do not believe I can safely or rightly continue longer to carry the cares and duties of my present position. In some other and less wearing kind of service I may reasonably hope for many more years of usefulness; but my conviction is clear, that the energy and endurance which are now, and must continue to be, demanded in the varied and strenuous work of the presidency of the University are beyond my resourses. I, therefore, have decided, in the interests of my health and future usefulness to resign the presidency, the resignation to take effect at the close of the presen college year.

I have labored without stint, and am most grateful for the gracious consideration and devoted support which have been accorded me by my colleagues on the Faculty, by the members of the Senate and

Board, and by the denomination at large.

I need not say how profound is my interest in the University, and how thankful I am if my imperfect services have yielded anything that will be to its permanent advantage.

As my resignation is the result of patient and prolonged deliber-

ation, it is my desire that the Board regard it as final.

Sincerely yours,

T. TROTTER.

It was with the utmost regret that the Board received this statement from Dr. Trotter and he was strongly urged to reconsider his decision and retain his connection with Acadia. The Governors even proposed to give Dr. Trotter leave of absence for a year with the privilege of pressing his resignation at the end of the year, or of remaining if he should feel able. Dr. Trotter expressed his appreciation of the great generosity of the Board, but felt unable to accept the proposal, as he was morally certain that he would not deem it wise at any time to resume the exacting duties of the presidency. He urged the acceptance of his resignation now, as best for himself and best for the college, the resignation to take effect on July 31st. which is the end of the financial year of the college. The Board, therefore, accepted the resignation, but voted that the salary should be continued to

January 1st next. It is understood that Dr. Trotter intends, after college has closed, to spend at least six months in rest and travel.

A committee of which Rev. Dr. Cohoon, is chairman, was appointed to take in charge the giving to him of a testimonial. Another committee, of which Rev. Dr. Saunders is chairman, and Dr. B. H. Eaton is secretary, was appointed to nominate a successor to Dr. Trotter.

It is most appropriate at this time that a brief summary of the life and work of Dr. Trotter be sub-joined to this account of his resignation.

#### Sketch of His Life,

Dr. Trotter was born in the village of Thurlaston, Leicestershire, England, in the year 1853. He received his early education at the village school. When eleven years of age he left school and home to go out into the world and make his own way. He found employment in a large shoe-factory in Leicester, working in the packing-room, and later being promoted to the office, and becoming one of the assistant book-keepers. In 1870 he came with his father and mother and large family of brothers and sisters to Canada, settling in Toronto. He was then in his eighteenth year. A few months later he was converted, and united with what is now the Immanuel Baptist Church, Toronto. Here he conceived the purpose of the ministry, and in his nineteenth year, entered the preparatory department of Woodstock college. He made rapid progress, but within two years his father died, leaving the large family dependent upon the older boys, of whom Dr. Trotter was second.

He was able to continue his studies only at intervals, and was in his twenty-sixth year before he passed the Senior Matriculation examinations of Toronto University. He entered that institution in the Sophomore year. While a student there he carried the pastorate of one church or another, to meet domestic obligations. He graduated from Toronto University in 1882 with Honours in Philosophy, Civil Polity, and Oriental Languages. He then studied Theology at Toronto Baptist College, which later became the Theological Department of McMaster University. He graduated in Theology in 1885, having of necessity preached throughout his entire theological course. He had accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Woodstock in 1884, and had supplied them during his last year in Theology. He

continued the pastorate at Woodstock till 1888, when his health broke down, and he was compelled to rest for over a year. While at Woodstock, the teachers and students of the college were a part of his congregation. The college was at that time co-educational, and it was there he met Mrs. Trotter, as Miss Freeman, she having been brought there through the influence of Dr. Theodore H. Rand to serve as Principal of the Ladies' Department of the College. While at Woodstock Dr. Trotter was Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the College and was a member of the Charter Committee which procured from the Ontario Legislature the charter for McMaster University. Regarding his pastorate of the Woodstock Church we might here quote the words of Dr. T. H. Rand: "No pastor of Woodstock Church was ever more beloved, or loved his people more. It was never my privilege to sit under a pastor whose ministrations I more highly prized. I was much impressed with his unfailing exegetical instinct, which enabled him to discover the truth of the Divine Word; while his warm spirit and fine imagination ministered that truth convincingly to the hearts of his hearers."

Having recovered his health in 1889, Dr. Trotter was called to the pastorate of the Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, situated near McMaster University. Most of the professors and many of the students of the University, and the body of students from Moulton College attended the Bloor Street Church, and again linked him, as in his former pastorate with college life. At the end of one year the Board of Governors of McMaster University called Dr. Trotter to the Chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in that institution, which position he accepted and held for five years—1890-1895. In doing so the Bloor Street Church into whose affections his life had entered with exceptional fervour and strength, sustained a heavy loss.

In summing up his work in McMaster, we can do no better than to quote again the words of Dr. Rand: "As the recent head of the University, it may be permitted to me to say that no member of the Faculty responded more quickly and continuously to considerations involving the welfare of every side and phase of our complex organism than did Dr. Trotter."

Mrs. Trotter being a Nova Scotian, and her home in Canning, Dr. Trotter had, with her, spent a number of summers in Nova Scotia, and had become acquainted with Wolfville friends. In 1895, when the

late Dr. T. A. Higgins resigned the pastorate of the Wolfville Church, the church invited Dr. Trotter to the pastorate. At first he declined; but on a renewal of the invitation he finally decided to leave Toronto and accept the new charge. The motives were that he had a hunger in his heart for the pastorate, and that the position here offered, as he thought, a unique and enviable opportunity for service. It was then farthest from his thoughts that he should ever enter the educational work at Wolfville. He had been here, however, less than a year, when Dr. Sawyer unexpectedly resigned the presidency. Thereupon the Board of Governors called him to the vacancy, and their call was supported by much urgency from the outside. It was some months before he could get any clear conviction that the call was one of duty, but in February of 1897 he accepted the position, and began active duties at the college in June of that year. His chief thought at that time was that he might be of service in the crisis, but that his term of office would probably be brief.

The First Forward Movement was entered upon at once, owing to the financial difficulties which confronted the Board. The immediate obligations of the Board amounted to \$70,000.00 made up as follows:

 Debt on Academy
 \$12,000.00

 Debt on College Building
 \$12,000.00

 Debt on Seminary
 \$46,000.00

In addition to this, special improvements were imperatively needed on all the buildings. The work of raising \$75,000.00 was immediately begun and carried to a successful issue largely through the personal efforts of Dr. Trotter.

No sooner was the First Forward Movement completed, than it was at once seen that the Institutions needed a much larger sum for improvement and endowment. So on January 1st, 1903, the Second Forward Movement was inaugurated, the results of which are familiar to all. Briefly stated, this Movement secured the handsome sum of \$200,000.00 for the Acadia Institutions.

Following immediately upon the success of the Second Forward Movement, Dr. Trotter secured from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, a pledge of \$30,000 for the erection of a new science building.

The three movements sum up as follows:

First Forward Movement Second Forward Movement Carnegie Building \$75,000.00 \$200,000.00 \$30,000.00

\$305,000.00

#### FURTHER SUMMARY OF THINGS ACCOMPLISHED BY DR. TROTTER

The buildings have been greatly improved. The Academy Home has been improved by the introduction of a hot-water heating system, and a renovation throughout. The parts of the Manual Training Building still unfinished have been finished and its equipment enlarged. In the College Building a hot water heating system has been installed. the class rooms have been re-seated with modern college chairs, and the Chemical and Physical Laboratories have been reconstructed and greatly improved. Chipman Hall has been made over from top to bottom, a hot water heating system having been put in, with other modern conveniences. The whole building has been made attractive, comfortable and home-like. Besides these internal improvements the appearance of all the buildings has been greatly enhanced by a generous coat of paint. When the Carnegie building has been erected, the congestion in the College Building will be relieved and the facilities in many respects still further increased. All these improvements have been paid for out of the funds recently obtained.

The debts on all three institutions, will, by the Second Forward Movement, be cancelled to the last dollar, and from the two Forward Movements there will also be an addition of \$140,000 to the permanent endowent for Arts and Science.

In addition to these material benefits it is to be hoted that during these years, important changes and improvements have been made in the curriculum. The Bible work has been re-organized, and the work in Hebrew begun, the whole being consolidated in the new Chair of Hebrew Language and Biblical Literature, with Rev. Dr. Chute as Professor. The curriculum has been adjusted to modern conditions by the inauguration of the course for the degree of Bachelor of Science, and the Abbreviated Science Course. In connection with this step the Manual Training department and the department of Drawing have been articulated with the College curriculum, and Mr. Sutherland has been made a member of the College teaching staff. A permanent assistant has also been appointed in the department of Chemistry, to meet the demand for up-to-date laboratory methods of instruction in that department. The marking standard has also been heightened. and the basis of Honours radically changed, making graduation with Honours possible only to students of distinction. The attendance has been increased, and the prospects for still further increase are excellent.

### From Colgate.

WORD from Colgate may be appreciated by the readers of the ATHENÆUM. Our silènce up to this time must not be interpreted as indicating lack of interest in the home land and the College on the hill. Our boys are all entirely patriotic. Their minds continually revert to the old scenes that have had such a charm and which leave such a sweet savor of memory. We have a large Maritime Contingent—in toto 36 men, women and children. Of this number 12 are taking work in the Seminary; 9 are graduates of Acadia. The prospects are that Acadia will be much more largely represented next year, as several former graduates have intimated their purpose of joining our ranks. Then the chords of the "Maple Leaf" will swell louder and yet more loud under the reinforcement, surpassing even the opening days of last September.

Without fear of being charged with presumption, we feel free to state that the reputation of Acadia has been honorably sustained by her representives here. Our boys have had no difficulty in finding work in the nearby sections conducive to their taste. Those desiring it have regular supply which yields a fair remuneration. By this means the way is kept clear from financial embarrassments that might detract from the most pleasant and profitable service of the first years in the pastorate. There is splendid opportunity here for any man who is desirous of securing Seminary training. The difficulty in many Seminary centres is the limited opportunity for supply which is so necessary to the needy student. Hamilton seems to be unique in this, that any ambitious man can readily find open doors of advantage.

A word about the town—Hamilton is a beautiful little town corresponding in size to Wolfville. The broad streets, the concrete sidewalks, the brilliant arc-lights and the chime of the clock give it the complexion and tone of modern city life. The streets are lined with stately trees which in their season give a peculiar richness to the town. The abundance of maples with their rich foliage strikes a note of patriotism in every Canadian breast and inspires dreams of the land of the Maple. On the eastern skirts of the town lies the broad flat on which is built the Academy, Gymnasum, University lake and the Campus, and slight-

ly further removed on more elevated ground is the University plant proper. Here the most important are the Seminary, East and West College, Alumni Hall, Library, Chemical Labratory and New Science building recently erected at a cost of \$100,000. The property of the University consists of 225 acres of land on which is a gravel pit, stone quarry, the University reservoir, acres of nut-trees and a cemetery where the worthy benefactors of the Institution rest. The plant is very valuable. It has grand possibilities for unlimited development. Each year is marking rapid advancement by way of more through equipment in the entire University plant.

Colgate although one of the smaller institutions, having only about 500 students (co-education regrettably lacking) has had a brilliant record in athletics. The gymnasium is completely furnished with modern appliances. Witnall field is the great battle-field. The gridiron is within the elliptical cinder quarter mile track. The football team has always held its own against Institutions even of the calibre of Syracuse and Williams. The big annual game is with Hamilton College of Clinton. On that occasion the business of the town is practically suspended. The game of last fall was remarkable, much like the Acadia-Mt. A. game. In the last 10 minutes Colgate converted what appeared to be an inevitable defeat into a brilliant victory by adding two scores. The admirers of Colgate went wild. The earth seemed to quake as if a western cyclone had visited the land. Umbrellas and canes and hats flew into the air regardless of their return. On the Clinton side the pale of death passed over the faces so recently flushed with assurances of success. One man fainted. But the game was over; the season had closed and the victors and vanguished retiring from the field laid their bones up for repairs. Huntley 'oo honored Acadia on the team.

In basket-ball Colgate has had a phenomenal career. Last year they defeated almost every team worth trying, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Syracuse, Penn, etc. This year neither Harvard nor Yale will play. On the track such men as Nasmith and Castleman are deified. Acadia's records compare favorably. No man thus far has been able to equal Joe Howe when he spreads his wings for the broad jump.

Speaking more particularly of the Seminary.—The Seminary or Eaton Hall is a large stone building affording ample accommodation for a large number of students. There have been some disadvantages, but plans are now being formulated which, when they have materialized, as they will be next summer, will place the Institution in the forefront amongst Seminaries. We have men here from many points of the compass. The central situation invites from all quarters. Association arising from the contact of men of widely differing experiences of life and diverse manner of thinking is interesting, suggestive and helpful. One interesting character is a young man, an Italian from Rome who was formerly a member of the Silesian order of priests under commission of the Pope to the Italian Catholic churches of America, but now identified with the Baptist interest and our Seminary life.

The course of study offered is as broad and rich as at any Seminary, and in fact in the broad range of electives there are advantages not offered at many schools. For instance there is the mission department with a brief but thorough course in missions given by a competent man of large experience in active work in the foreign field. Then each year there is an opportunity for the students of the Senior Class to spend two months in New York in practical work in the slums under Dr. Judson (son of the great Missionary Judson) who also has professorate duties in the Seminary. The expenses of the student are fully paid. This is one of the choicest privileges for the man who wants to know the need of men and to study christian work in its most vital point of contact.

The religious side of our Seminary life is wholesome. The main feature of our religious activity is the Evangelistic Band Work. Bands comprising usually 4 men, on invitation, go to the aid of needy sections. By means of a series of services new life, and hope and aspiration are instilled into churches that have been waning. Thus the general work of the church is helped and the consequent reaction upon the Seminary life is inspiring.

The aim of Colgate Seminary is not the making of theorists or mere idealists, but practical men—men who realize the importance of the work of the kingdom, who have broadening sympathies toward the need of men and are imbued with the true spirit of service. Contributing to this end are two important factors: a course of study thorougly practical, and the personal touch with the instructors all of whom are decidedly solicitous for the well-being of the student.

#### Editorials.

CARCELY more than a word is necessary regarding Dr. Trotter's resignation, after what has already appeared in the columns of this issue of the ATHENAEUM. The work he has accomplished speaks for itself.

We feel, however, that we should not let this occasion pass without paying our tribute of esteem to the retiring President. As a man, we have known him as a Christian gentleman, highly cultured, purposeful, and strenuously active. As a teacher, we have proved him to be inspiring, lucid, masterful in presentation, resourceful, thorough. As President of the University, we have observed him to be ardently loyal to all that pertained to the highest welfare of the Institutions, a man of rare executive ability, a keen, far sighted administrator with the qualifications of a statesman. He has left an indelible impress upon the life and history of Acadia. Without stint, during the nine years of his incumbency, he has devoted his very life to the building up of these institutions, sacrificing his personal interests continually and depleting his physical resources. He performed uncongenial duties in the spirit of buoyancy and optimism, never doubting for a moment that the stupendous tasks he had undertaken would be triumphantly accomplished.

But now, he is to go and no persuasion can detain him, —and when he goes, Acadia loses a master spirit.



June Number Announcement. For the past three years it has been the custom to publish a special June edition of the Athenaeum, to serve as a compendium or review of the Year's work in the college and as a Souvenir of the Anniversary week. It is our purpose this year to put out an especially attractive June issue, to be styled the Anniversary Number, 1906. This issue is to be entirely different from the regular ones both in its external appearance and in the character of its contents. A new cover is being planned, bright and appropriate for the Anniversary occasion. The cover was designed by pupils in the Art Department of the Seminary, and lettered by Mr. Sutherland of the Academy. The work certainly reflects very creditably upon these departments, and more specific acknowledgments will be made when our new cover design appears.

Now, a word as to the contents of the Anniversary issue. Special prominence will of course be given to the exercises of closing week. The college class-day proceedings will be chronicled in full. Comprehensive summaries of the work in the various societies for the year will be published, besides complete lists of officers for the ensuing year. The results in the various departments of Athletics will be tabulated; and the winning oration in the Kerr Boyce Tupper Contest will be reproduced.

In addition to these distinctive academic features, there will be contributed articles of a highly interesting nature. The Seminary and Academy will be given separate space proportionate to the size of the issue. It is expected that more half-tone reproductions will be inserted in this issue than have ever appeared in one edition of the ATHE-NAEUM, among them being some new cuts of the college surroundings.

It will readily be seen that such an undertaking as is contemplated will cost much money, probably about \$200 00. We know our friends will desire to see an attractive June number, and we believe they are willing to help us financially in the project. But our only request is that ALL subscribers pay their honest dues. The treasury would soon be replenished if all who are in arrears would pay over to the Business Manager what is owing him. Such procedure would greatly facilitate our undertaking and save us undue anxiety regarding the financial outcome. Will you not respond then immediately if you happen to be in arrears?

The cost for separate copies of the Anniversary number will be Thirty-Five Cents, regular subscribers receiving it without extra change. As only a limited number of copies will be printed, it will be necessary for all who desire extra ones to place their orders in the hands of the Business Manager before June first, stating the summer address in each case. It is our expectation to have the paper issued and in the hands of our subscribers before the end of June.



We regret that no account of the Oratorical Contest, held May 2, can be inserted in this issue of the ATHENÆUM, owing to the lateness of that event. We take this opportunity, however, to offer our congratulations to the contestants, and especially to Mr. Coleman, '06, who succeeded in capturing the medal. Our next number will contain his oration and some description of the entire Contest.

#### The Pierian

(of Acadia Seminary.)

EDITORS: -EFFIE M. SIPPRELL, '06, IVA STEVENS. '07.

#### Editorial Notes

"Profoundly we believe that no education, from kindergarten to college, is worthy of its name, if it fails to touch the religious nature, to stir the conscience, to nourish the sense of duty and the instinct of worship. No whetting of intellect can be a substitute for the creation of character. Religion cries to all the teachers of America: "They reckon ill who leave me out." —President W. H. P. Faunce.

HE following extract from a letter of John W. Sherwood Fox, concerning educational work for women among our western Baptists will be of interest:—"A year ago last Spring on the basis of promises to the extent of \$30.000, work was begun on a building (at Brandon, Man.) to be devoted to the education of ladies. This building is to be practically as large as the present building for boys and men,—capable of accommodating in residence from sixty to seventy.

All the classes will be co-educational. We are endeavoring to provide courses of music for the piano, voice, organ and violin. On the top story an art studio is being provided. The building will be ready for occupancy on the first of October. The contributions made towards the fund come from the Baptists of Manitoba, Ontario and Alberta, largely from Ontario.

In a short time a boarding school for men and young women is to be opened at Summerland, B. C. in the Okanogan Valley. The new institution will provide residences for both sexes. Academic work will be taken in full, and Arts of the first two years.

We congratulate our friends in the west on these evidences of vigorous life and wish them in all their efforts a hearty God-speed.

#### Seminary Happenings,

Dean Southwick's Recital:—During the school year there arecertain events to which we look forward and from which we receive inspiration. The Interpretative Recital, Richard III given by Mr. Henry Lawrence Southwick in Assembly Hall on the evening of April 6, was such an event.

Dean Southwick's fame had preceded him, it being well understood that in Richard the III he stands high among readers as an interpreter. The text was practically recited from memory, the connecting links given by Mr. Southwick giving unity and symmetry to the whole and adding not a little to the charm of the reading.

The presentation was most scholarly throughout. It was given with a reserve power which as the reader went on building up to the final scene, when the king, persecuted by visions of his victims, yet still sustained by his indomitable will, fights against fate to the end,—rendered the reading most satisfactory from an artistic point of view. The various characters were clearly delineated, the relationship of values well sustained, the gestures expressive and well timed, the facial expression remarkable.

Clarence's dream, the King's sinister soliloquies, his address to his troops on the battle field and the scene in his tent on the eve of battle-were given with good effect. All present by reason of the spinal shiver, which some would assert to be the best criterian of art, pronounced it the finest reading heard in Wolfville in many years.

For us students the recital was rendered doubly profitably by Miss Small's lecture analysis of the play and fine critique of the character of Richard. For this many thanks!

At the close of the recital a reception was given by the Seminary at which many friends had an opportunity to meet Dean Southwick and to express their warm appreciation of his work. We shall hope to meet him again in the not remote future.

Bach Recital.—The following programme was given by Miss Iredale Pianoforte, Miss Boynton violin and Mr. Maxim, Pianoforte on the evening of Tuesday April 3rd. The only change was the omission of the Prelude and Bourree from the English Suite in A minor.

Concerto, E. major

Allegro

Adagio Allegro assai

MISS BOYNTON and MISS IREDALE

Concerto, D minor

Allegro

Adagio

Allegro moderato

MISS IREDALE and MR MAXIM

Bourree From English Suite in A minor

Tocatta and Fugue, D minor (Tausig) MR. MAXIM

It was an evening of rare enjoyment. Too much praise can hardly be bestowed upon the individual performers. Bach became instantly popular. We look with added interest to the last of the series, an evening with Schumann and Grieg.

General:-School closed for the Easter Vacation April 12th and opened again April 17th. About twenty girls remained in residence. The respite from work was a most welcome one and study began again with new zest. The Tuesday before closing an Easter offering for the Japanese Famine Relief Fund was received and twenty five dollars forwarded to the Halifax Herald.

Several recitals by the pupils of Miss Morse in pianoforte and voice. Miss Iredale and Mss Burge in pianoforte have been given in Alumnae Hall. These have proved interesting as tests of progress and ability to appear creditably in public. We are pleased to observe such general good form.

The following pupils were successful in obtaining Theory Certificates in Shorthand from Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons of the Phonetic Institute, Bath England:—Alice Strong, Ruth Crosby, Elsie Armstrong, Gussie Anderson, Ethel Blenkhorn and Flora Flemming. Miss Strong, wrote the examination in December, the others in February. This test successfully met argues good teaching and careful application.

#### May Festival

By the time this number appears the third annual May festiva will probably be a thing of the past. Three concerts will be given on the evening of May 10, afternoon and evening of May 11. Besides the chorus which is doing exceptionally good work the following artists will take part: Sopranos, Misses White, (Boston), Archer and Morse (Seminary). Tenor, Mr. Rattigan, (Boston), Basses, Messrs. Flint (Boston), Adams (Wolfville). The programmes attempt music of highest grade comprising selections from Wagner, in "Tannhauser," "Flying Dutchman," "Lohengrin"; "Fair Ellen" by Bouch; "Thanks be to God" from Elijah and Mendelssohn's Cantata "The Hymn of Praise." The Choral Club will be assisted by the Bostonia Orchestral Club, including Mr. Louis Eaton, Violinist, Mr. Carol Dodge, 'Cellist, Mr. C. L. Staats, Clarinettist. The Festival is bound to be a great success, musically and financially.



#### Library Notes

We acknowledge the receipt of a Bibliography of the Life and Works of Simon Newcomb by R. C. Archibald, M. A., Ph. D., being the paper 'presented to the Royal Society Transactions as another contribution to the department of Canadian bibliography.' Three hundred and seventy-six entries are made cataloging books, articles, etc. which have appeared during the life-time of this indefatigable scientist. We have pleasure in placing this in our 'Canadian Section,' greatly appreciating the courtesy of the author, Dr. Archibald for thus enriching our collection.

The following books have been recently placed in the Library:-

Alfred Lord Tennyson—A Memoir by his son. Dickens as an Educator—James L. Hughes.

Japanese Girls and Women-Alice M. Bacon.

The Lore of Cathay- Jr. A. P. Martin.

Shakespeare, His Life and Work-Sydney Lee.

The Miracles of Missions—2 volumes, Arthur T. Pierson.

Argumentation and Debate—Craven Laycock.

Social Life in the Reign of Queen Anne—John Ashton.

Lay Down Your Arms --- Autobiography of Martha Von Tilling.

'Grammaire Française' - par E. Renault, Arnolds.

#### Alumnae and Personals,

We chronicle the death of Mrs. Forbes who was buried in the cemetery in Wolfville April 17. Mrs. Forbes was Cathelia Payzant, of Wolfville, a graduate of the Female Department of Horton Academy (the immediate predecessor of Acadia Seminary) in the class of 1876. Mrs. Forbes' class mates were Miss Minnie Schurman now Mrs. D. G. McDonald of Winnipeg, a sister of president Schurman of Cornell University and Miss Laura Crawley who as Mrs. E. W. Kelly died in Burmah. Our sympathies are tendered to the bereaved parents, Dr. and Mrs Payzant.

Ethel M. Marsters a student in the Seminary during 1903-1904 is at present an operator in the office of the Long Distance Telephone Company (119 Milk St. Boston.)

Miss Mary H. Shipley who expected to complete the Collegiate course with the class 'o6 was unable to return to the Seminary in January on account of continued ill health.

The following clipping from the Weekly Calendar of the First Baptist Church, Leominster will interest many of our readers:—So great interest has been taken in the meetings of the last week that the church voted to continue them for another week. Miss Zeffie Varco Woodworth, whose message in song has been so blessed, will remain with us. Miss Woodsworth began her vocal training at Acadia in 1902 1903. We are glad to learn of her helpfulness in Christian Service.

Miss May L. Skinner a student of the Seminary in 1902-1903 is at present in training in the Anna Jacques Hospital, Newburyport, Mass.

Alumnae Reunion:—The Annual Reunion of the Alumnae will be held as last year jointly with the Senior Class Day Exercises. The programme will consist of the regular Class Day parts, followed by an address to the class and guests by the President of the Alumnae, Mrs. H. G. Estabrooks. At the close a reception in honor of the class will be held on the lawn in the rear of the Seminary. A most delightful afternoon is anticipated.

### The Academy Department,

Editors: -J. W. DeBow, F. A. Tabor, T. S. Roy

Easter:—During the easter vacation a number of students visited their homes, or friends outside of Wolfville, and for a few days the scene at the station on the arrival and departure of the trains was a very busy one. We were all glad because of the relaxation of work for a few days, and when the vacation was over, we felt better prepared for the hardest work of the term which lay before us.

Lyceum:—Now that the days are getting longer, and there are so many distractions in the evenings, the interest in the Lyceum society meetings seems to be lagging, and in view of this we have decided to discontinue them for the rest of the term. On Saturday, April 21 we held our last meeting this year, and we were favored with a good entertainment on that occasion.



#### When Aphrodite Tossed The Balls.

"Within the vast Olympian halls, The gods were throwing basket-balls, The fates of mortals to decide, In love, or war of empires wide.

"Now Aphrodite takes her stand, Upon the ball within her hand A fair Acadia Semite's name, Is seen embossed in gold and flame.

"She throws. It falls within the sack, (Sack) But—oh dear me! alas! alack!
It bounds, and circles on the brink;
And, ere the watching gods can wink

"She flings another ball aloft, (Ye winds of fate blow fair and soft!) Tatooed, (this in your memory fix) With gilded pucks and hockey sticks. "The winds of fate blew soft and fair, And, ere the watchers were aware, The second ball had struck the sack, (Sack) And knocked the other off, alack!"

These lines were found, not long ago, When turning musty pages, slow, In hunting for an Attic root, Signed:—Hermes of the Winged Foot.

And now the reason's clear to all, Why Sack less often goes to call Upon the Semite fair and sweet, But visits on Acadia Street.

'Tis this: He can't resist the power That's drawn him since the fateful hour, When, in the vast Olympian halls, Fair Aphrodite tossed the balls.

A Gentleman of Athens.



#### Atheletics.

#### BASEBALL.

Now that spring has returned with its beautiful days and bracing air, considerable interest is being taken in baseball, which is evidenced by the large number of practice games which have already been played. Paul Balcom is again holding the position of captain which position he filled so satisfactorily last season. The regular team has not yet been picked but it only remains to choose men for two or three positions before the regular nine is settled upon.

The games already played have shown that the Academy may reasonably entertain hopes of doing as well in the game this year as last, but we recognize that it is not wise to prophecy too great things, so simply rest with the hope that our team will prove worthy of the confidence which we now place in it. The practice games where the same

been played thus far and which have all resulted in victories for the Academy with the exception of the last, are as follows:—

'08 and '09 vs. H. C. H. 9-5.
'08 '' '09 '' '' 10-7.
'07 '' '' '' 11-0.
'07 '' '08 '' '' 15-15.

Academy Class games

Seniors 16. Business 7.

6. Middle Class 5. Track-work.

Our track team proved itself worthy of the confidence placed in it, when in the indoor meet held Saturday April 7th it succeeded in making a score of forty-seven points. When we take into consideration the fact that this score is only seven points behind the combined score of the four colleges classes we feel that we have reasons to be proud of the work accomplished by our men and we attribute the energetic manner in which Captain Hughes has worked with the men as being, to a large degree, responsible for the good showing made. Our men took first places in the pole vault, for which Hughes and Woodworth tied for first place at 8 ft. 4 in. breaking the indoor record; the spring board high jump won by Eaton and Hughes who also tied and also broke a record; the 15 yd. dash won by Moland, and the Ant race captured by Hughes and Eaton. Mallory won second in the pole vault while E. Eaton, took third place. Eaton and Bustin tied for second in the high jump, and Bustin took third and Allen fourth in the 15 yd. dash.



### De Alumnis.

Rev. J. M. Parker, '62, has retired from active service in the Baptist ministry, and is now residing at River Hebert, Cumberland County, N. S.

Rev. J. W. Bancroft '71, is pastor of the Hill Grove and St. Mary's Bay group of churches, Digby County, N. S.

W. M. McVicar, '72, is principal of the city schools in Cambridge, Mass.

- Rev. J. C. Spurr, '74, is pastor of the Falmouth Baptist Church, Hants County, N. S.
- Rev. W. C. Goucher, '83, is pastor of the Baptist Church in St. Stephen, N. B.
- Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, D. D. '83, ex-chancellor of McMaster University, is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lowell Mass.
- Rev. W. B. Wallace, '90, during the past ten years has been pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Utica, N. Y. Last year he made a tour of the British Isles, and attended the Baptist Congress in London.
- Rev. N. A. McNeil, '90, is pursuing theological studies at Colgate University.
- Rev. G. P. Raymond, '90, is pastor of the Baptist Church in Berwick, Kings County, N. S.
- Rev. H. F. Warning, '90, has been selected to deliver the baccalaureate at Dalhousie University at the close of this college year.
- M. S. Read, Ph. D., '91, Professor of Philosophy and Education at Colgate University, is spending this college year in special study in Science of Education at Columbia University, New York City.
- L. H. Moose, '91, has an extensive medical practice in the town of Digby, Nova Scotia.
- Rev. R. O. Morse, '91, pastor of the Baptist Church in Gaspereaux Valley has been taking a vacation, spending some time in Boston and vicinity.
- H. B. Hogg, '92, formerly principal of Kentville Academy has been lately admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia.
- Rev. S. J. Case, '93, of whom we made some mention in our last issue, has been appointed to succeed the late Dr. Hayes in the faculty of the Cobb Divinity School, Lewiston Maine.
- Rev. H. H. Saunders, '93, is pastor of the Baptist Church in Paradise, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.
- Miss Annie M. McLean, Ph.D. '93, has been elected Professor of Sociology in Adelphi College, Brooklyn, and will enter upon her duties in September.
- B.S. Bishop, '94,is practising medicine in Freeport, Digby County Nova Scotia, where he has an extensive practice.
- Rev. Lew F. Wallace, '94, is pastor of the Upper Aylesford Baptist Church, Kings County, Nova Scotia.

- Robert R. Griffin, '95 is a successful barrister in the town of Antigonish, N. S.
- H. A. Stuart, '95, is employed in the legal department of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and resides in St. Louis, Mo.
- Rev. W. J. Rutledge, '96, is pastor of the Baptist Church in Port Maitland, Yarmouth County.
- Frank W. Nichols,'97 is a leading barrister in the town of Digby, N. S.
- Austin H. Hay, '99, is employed in the offices of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Montreal.
- Rev. Edwin Simpson, '99, is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Monmouth, Illinois.
- Austin F. Bill, 'oo, is employed in the civil service of the Dominion Government in the Department of Finance, Ottawa.
- Rev. J, A. Huntley, 'oo is studyjng theology at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.
- W. E. McNeill, 'oo, is at present Instructor in English at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. After graduating from Acadia he taught school for some years in his native Province, Prince Edward Island. Later he pursued special studies in English at Harvard, and since that time had been a member of the Faculty at Bates College.
- Rev. W. H. Dyas, 'oo, is pastor of the Beth Eden Baptist Church, Waltham, Mass.
- C. A. C. Richardson, 'oo, has removed from Clementsport, Anna polis County to West Somerville, Mass, where he will continue to practise his chosen profession of medicine.
- Rev. A. C. Horseman, '01, who graduated last year from the Hamilton Theology Seminary is pastor of the Baptist Church at Jordan-ville, N. Y.
- Rev. M. S. Richardson, 'or, is pursuing his theological studies at Colgate University.
- E.O.T. Piers, 'or, has just completed the course in Civil Engineering at McGill University.
  - Rev. A.S. Lewis, 'or, is studying at Newton Theological Seminary.
- H. H. Currie, 'or, is employed on the staff of the Winnipeg Telegram in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- E. Gordon Bill, '02, is studying advanced mathematics in the graduate school of Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
- T. H. Boggs, '02, is pursuing studies in economics and social science at Yale.
- Owen B. Kddy, '02, is one of the graduates in medicine at McGill University this year.
- Rev. P. Clinton Reed, '02. at present a student at Newton Theological Seminary, has received a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Spencer, Mass.
- Barry W. Roscoe, '02, is practising law with his father at his old home in Kentville, N. S.
- Rev. H. J. Perry, '02, is studying theology at Hamilton Theological Seminary, New York.
- J. A. Armstrong, '03, is principal of the County Academy and Town Schools of Sydney, Cape Breton.
- P. W. Durkee, '03 and J. D. Purdy, '03, are among the graduates in Electrical Engineering at McGill University.
  - Rev. Herman W. Cann, '03, is studying theology at Colgate.
- A. H. Taylor, '03, is studying economics and social science at Yale University.
- F. R. Shankel, '03, has completed his third year in medicine at McGill University.
- J. A. Bancroft, '03, has been appointed to an assistant professorship in the Department of Geology and Mineralogy at McGill University and will enter upon his duties in September. In the meantime, he will pursue his studies taking short courses of work at Yale and Chicago.
- R. B. Dexter, '04, and E. A. DeWitt, '04, during the past year have been taking the second year of the medical oourse at McGill.
- E. A. Crawley, '04, during the past two years has been employed in survey work on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in the province of Ontario.

#### The Month,

On Saturday afternoon March 18th a large audience was gathered in College Hall to listen to the reports of the Y. M. C. A. delegates to Nashville, Tennesee. The meeting opened with singing, scripture reading and prayer, after which Mr. Porter, 'o6 briefly introduced Mr. Elliott and Mr. Tibert the speakers of the afternoon. Mr. Elliott described the events of the events of the first three days. One feature which had strongly appealed to the speaker was the entire absence of business in connection with the services. Matters of this kind were attended to at special business meetings, while all announcements were made on printed slips, which were given to the delegates at the close of the meetings. Mr. Tibert followed Mr. Elliott and gave an account of the remaining days, dwelling particularly on the Sunday night meeting.

From the very earnest words of the speakers we feel sure that they received impressions at Nashville which will go with them through life and bring a blessing not only to their fellow-students but to all others with whom they come in contact.

The Propylaeum "At Home" in College Hall, Friday March 23rd was a most pleasant and profitable event. The young men of the College learned how the young ladies manage their society. President Kierstead was in the chair, Secretary Haley read the minutes of last meeting in a clear voice, then came the programme of the evening, viz:-A vocal solo, "Good bye Sweet Day" sweetly sung by Miss Etta Wheelock. A Reading, "As the Moon Rose," was given by Miss Pauline Patterson. The presentation was full of vigor and the gestures true to the thought, an encore from the audience met with a response. A violin solo, Introduction et Polonaise, was rendered by Miss Hilda Vaughn. Miss Vaughn as usual delighted the audience by her playing and received an encore. A play, The Chronothantaletron, performed by sixteen members of the Propylaeum was a unique performance, which we would naturally expect from a such a unique name. Each character was well sustained and the audience lived for a time in the days of long ago, as one by one important personages were resurrected

or recreated or *re* something else and presented to our admiring gaze in all the splendor of their former terrestrial sojourn. The synopsisby Miss Rosamond Archibald was a model of its kind.

The Critic's Report by Miss McLeod terminated suitably an excellent programme. Refreshments were then served by the ladies, and after several college songs, all joined hands and sang "Auld lang Syne"

On Saturday March 24th a basket ball match between Kentville and Acadia was played in the gymnasium. A large\_crowd watched the game. The play was fast at the start but Acadia did most of the shooting. Kentville fell away badly as the game proceeded. Play became so one-sided that interest in it departed. The end came with the score 29 to 5 in favor of Acadia.

The month of March witnessed three Maritime intercollegiate debates. The results in brief were as follows:—Mt Allison vs Dalhousie at Mount Allison. Points 62 to 60 in favor of Mt. Allison. U. N. B. vs. Acadia at U. N. B. Points 290 to 270 in favor of Acadia. Kings vs. Francis Xavier's at Kings. Points 222 to 216 in favor of Francis Xavier's.

Rev. H. F. LaFlamme, who is travelling in the interests of the Student Volunteer movement visited Acadia Sunday April 1st. He gave three earnest and convincing addresses. In the morning he spoke in the Baptist Church, on the Nashville Convention. In the afternoon in the College Hall he spoke on the 'call to the foreign field.' At night in the Baptist Church he addressed a large audience on the essential things for volunteers. The services were most helpful and resulted in several making a decision for the foreign field.

On Saturday April 14th the young men who did not go home for Easter were "At Home" to the young ladies and friends in College Hall. A very pleasant evening was spent in conversation, terminating in refreshments of ice cream and cake and the usual Acadia doxology.

#### Through the Athenaeum's Sieve.

CIGARETTES.

"Yes, I'm all fagged out."

Chip Hallers now are looking glum, They see no ray of hope; For they've received a dunner from His majesty, the Pope. He says its up to them to cough Three thousand bucks so fine, But where the green's a-comin' from Is what they can't divine.

The Seive has received a book entitled "Crazed by Love." It is a compelling piece of fiction that vivifies the imagination and stills the blood. It is written by Avard Possibility Goudy in collaboration with Gordon Peculiar Bishop.

Now Beals he has a whisker that The Sieve it cannot like, For on his young, unrazored face He's growing a Van Dyke.

"What! another nocturnal debauch? shrieked Colpitts, as Goucher and Dickie left for the Freshman party.

Prof. Haley is a gay one, too On that I'll bet a dime, For in the '08 Physics Class He's sparking all the time.

#### SOCIETY NOTE

The caterpillars which have been roosting on the upper lips of the Messrs. Jenkins and Payzant have matured into beautiful butterflies and have flown the coop.

Stew Kinley paid the Sieve a fraternal call one day last week. Mr. Kinley intends attending the track meet at Halifax where he is certain to take the first prize in the running broad grin.

CASEY AT THE BAT (Revised)

Now K. C. Denton doth delight To play at ball from morn till night And had we not another thing But K. C. at the bat, bejing We'd win the game with lots to spare For K. C. whacks 'em in the air, 'Play ball! and every man stand pat. Great Scott! 'Tis K. C. at the bat!

We would advise McGregor not to go into the field sports too heavily as he might effervesce.

Bill Archimedes was the cuss
That handed Physics down to us.
One day he leapt into a tub
To take a bath. Aye, there's the rub!
The tub o'erflowed and out he jumped,
Straight into C. G. Knott he bumped
And in that worthy's subtle ear
He poured a story long and drear,
A story which that guileless crook
Embodied in a Physics book;
And now we suffer, weep, and smile
At old Bill Archimedes' guile
A guile that puts the blush of shame
To any work that others claim.

Geldart (in class meeting impressively):—"I am the only one who has spoken in this strain, except one or two others."

Wanted by the students:—Some good English to supply the the Faculty. At the indoor track meet when Mr. Sack sat upon a rod to its very audible destruction, one of his instructors announced "Bustin" in stentorian tones.

Foster in open Mock Parliament:—"Let us clear this haze (Hayes) from our eyes."

Miss Kierstead in the west gallery:—"So say we all of us."

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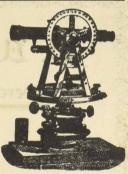
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