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No. 1

Some Heroines of Shakespeare.

(MRS. C. T. WHITE'S PRIZE ESSAY.)

SHAKESPEARE has been called the immortal poet. His genius is the mystery of the age. A keen intelligence, a rare imagination, an intuition fine and cunning have placed upon his brow a diadem of which no earthly monarch boasts. He is a wizard in the portrayal of human nature; in the delineation of womanhood he has triumphed mightily.

Womanhood in itself is fascinating and it has lost no whit of charm and piquant interest at the poet's hands. What could be more delightful than Miranda, that simple child of Nature? Shakespeare has given us other heroines of matchless beauty, but in Miranda he has reached a climax truly wonderful. He has blended in this fair young creature the purely ideal and the natural with an effect rare and beautiful. This lovely type resolves itself into the very elements of womanhood. Art and convention are unknown to her. The world and its gay splendours she has never seen. The birds, the flowers, the purling brooks, the clouds and breezes are her friends. She talks with Nature, her kind foster-mother, and loves her glades and haunts as dear companions. Yet, though we see her such an ideal creature, she is not a dainty fairy pausing on the earth between its flights. Her nature is a woman's, her heart a simple maiden's, and she a creature of real flesh and blood. Not in all literature is there a character so rarely ideal, so delightfully natural as this masterpiece of the poet's imagination.

Shakespeare has painted this fair portrait of a maiden, lovely, artless, innocent. Cordelia is portrayed in quite a different mood. In the daughter of the mad King Lear there is an undercurrent of emotion beneath the calmer surface. Her gentle character is firm in love of

truth and loyalty to duty. This portrait done in grays and browns shows a meek sufferer with a sweet, subtle influence on the dark tragedy of human souls. In the last scene, so full of vital pathos, she shows us how a sincere, tender soul can love and pity.

In the character of Cordelia, Shakespeare has produced a nature mysterious in its hidden depths. In Desdemona he has sketched a rarer type. A strange charm lies in the pathos of this pure and matchless type of woman-clay. The great master-painter has mixed his purest pigments for this portrait. He has drawn a soul so virtuous in its essences that it cannot know evil or understand aught but the good and true. In this sweet creation of the poet's brain rare purity is blended with susceptibility. Her tender nature speaks of a triumphant goodness; her body vibrates with the spirit of moral life; her lovely soul grasps for the good, the beautiful, the true. Without is the black night of wickedness, within the whiteness of the driven snow. The cruel tragedy of Desdemona awakes a pity from our deepest natures; her purity of spirit dazzles sordid sense; her truth and gentleness inspire sacred awe.

In the innocent Miranda, Shakespeare has produced a woman whose whole being is lost in grace, sweet modesty and tenderness. Her sentiments are instincts, her love for Ferdinand a necessary issue of her nature. The poet has created another Miranda, with the same nature, the same instincts, the same innocence. The name of this fair maiden is Ophelia. The back ground of this portrait is not a lonely isle, half wrapped in magic; it is a rude and bitter world. Ophelia was too young; her spirit was too soft and fine to brave the awful tragedy of her love. She was as helpless in the war with Fate as the young dove swirling before a sudden storm. Shakespeare wonderfully betrays the delicacy of her character in making Ophelia silent in her vows of love, yet causing the sweet sentiment to breathe through every line she utters. The bitterness of her fate is one of the saddest things in literature. We gaze, convulsed with grief, at the sad picture of a mind lying in shattered fragments, of too fine a texture to battle with a naughty world.

Unlike most of his romantic heroines, Ophelia's love was life itself. Without that love, Ophelia, with the fine delicacy of her nature, would have been naught save the impossible creation of a poet's heated brain. But in the brilliant portrait of the Italian Juliet, Shake-

speare has painted the instinct of Desdemona, the natural sentiment of Ophelia as a passion grand and overwhelming. While the simplicity, truth and beauty of Juliet are soon apparent, we do not immediately see its great complexity, its depth and its variety. The drama deals with passion, and the action throughout is strenuous and deadly. All Shakespeare's heroines are capable of loving deeply ; but Juliet is love itself. Every atom of her body pulsates with her impassioned blood ; every impulse of her soul sings forth in love's own harmony. The complexity of her passion is manifold. That love so ethereal and fearless in Miranda, so dignified and chaste in Portia, so fervent in Helen, so devoted in Desdemona is each and all of these in Juliet. Its great intensity has the force of a mighty mountain torrent, while her own nature in itself is delicate and lovely. Although her ruling trait is her overwhelming passion, her other characteristics are developed with a fine discrimination. The poet's power is in no way better shown than in the delineation of the tender qualities of his heroines, so similar yet so distinct. The simplicity of Juliet is not the virgin innocence of Miranda ; her intellectual vigor is not the same as Portia's ; her energy, engendered by her desperate straits does not remind of Isabel ; 'tis rather the child of her deep passion.

In Juliet the vivid imagination of the south colors her whole nature ; it heightens all her joys and darkens all her sorrows, and at the last it overpowers her reason. Not so with Portia. Her imagination is blended with her intellect with admirable poise and charm. Other of Shakespeare's women have this trait, though all distinct and definitely defined. The chaste and lovely Isabel possesses intellect enriched by strong religious feeling ; Beatrice has intellect made living by her spirit ; the mind of Rosalind is tender with a womanly sensibility. These four creations from the master's pen are strong and beautiful, but their rare strength of mind has not unsexed them. They are still women, living, loving and beloved. Portia, although possessed of the same essential qualities as Shakespeare's other women, has her own distinctive traits. A pungent wit, a lively humour, a mind of wisdom, a stateliness of discourse are blended in her noble nature by an art known only to the Immortal poet. Although Portia's character is more complex, her essential qualities are found in Isabel ; yet they have been so modified and blended by the poet that these two women are wonderfully dissimilar and distinct. Portia is a splendid creature, beautifully rad-

ient with confidence and joy. Isabel has a moral grandeur, a chaste and lovely dignity, like the rare purity of a sacred vestal.

Shakespeare's women are formed with nobleness of character. Miranda, with all her innocence, is not weak and wavering. Cordelia's strength is her sincerity. The rare purity of Desdemona, the vital passion of Juliet, the lofty intellect of Portia, the moral grandeur of Isabel prove that Shakespeare has given his women strength and beauty, developed according to the individual type. Then can we truly call the deep-dyed portrait of Lady MacBeth sublime.

The poet has painted this magnificent figure in rich and varied coloring. This woman so unjustly estimated is one of the grandest and most terrible in all literature. Her nature is full of noble qualities. A mighty power of intellect, a masterful will, a marvellous nerve are blended skilfully to make a woman of rare power. Alas, that the pagan barbarism of the times has warped her native traits, perverting them to evil. Her own role in the bloody tragedy is prompted by a womanly motive—ambition for her husband. Through all the scenes she shows her honor, love and tenderness for him. This sweet solicitude and her own remorse reveal the woman's heart beneath the blood and darkness. We feel throughout the grandeur of the character and the possibilities for good that lie therein a-sleeping.

But, as we turn from the milder radiance of these lesser heroines there bursts upon our sight the fuller glory of Shakespeare's queen of women, Cleopatra. The portrayal of this wilful character, bewitchingly complex and infinite in its subtlety is the climax of the poet's dramatic act; it is the crown of glory that adorns his maturer mind. He has painted this portrait as an artist who knows well his colours and blends them with a master's brush. Cleopatra has been represented in history as a royal sorceress, an enchanting wanton, a lovely siren who has been the undoing of men, great and noble. The world of Egypt knew her to be a wicked, lustful queen; but her enchantments bewitched her people and blinded them to her folly.

Shakespeare has been truly loyal to his historical model, and we stand by though not as puppets, to admire and marvel. Her wit and beauty turn her very guilt and wickedness to rare enchantment.

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale
Her infinite variety; other women clog
The appetites they feed, but she makes hungry
Where most she satisfies; for vilest things
Become themselves in her."

Even in death this whimsical coquette bedecks herself in all her splendour, and by pure force of will conquers an innate cowardice and dies a queen, in the full glory of her majesty, a woman in a pathos deep and indescribable. In this matchless picture the poet has produced unity out of infinite variety, sublime magnitude out of myriad littlenesses, bewitching harmony out of jangling discord.

Truly we have felt the genius of a wizard mind in these rare women, matchless heroines of Shakespeare and of literature. We have seen these fair creations step forth from the printed page, vibrant with life and feeling. This is Shakespeare. Who can sing his praises?

Mary I. Currie, '07.



Echoes From Northfield.

STUDENTS generally have heard so much about Northfield and its conferences that they will not expect anything new, but something old, told in an new way.

When the delegates were appointed and I found myself amongst the number, I cannot tell whether I was glad or sorry. I had a desire to remain on my field and I had a desire to go. I went. I do not regret it. My expectations were great. These expectations were not all realized but I was far from being disappointed. There was nothing spasmodic or emotional about the conference, but a steady increase of interest, a gradual awakening of consciences to the fact that the verities of God are essential to true nobility of character. For some it was a time of reconsecration to christian work, for others it was an awakening to life's responsibilities and a time of crystalization of purposes.

The attendance of delegates was good, being 700, representing 200 institutions of learning. There were Chinese, Japanese, Africans, Hindoos and Europeans. The privilege of meeting men from these far away lands, whose life work was to be for the Master, had a splendid effect upon us men. In view of this cosmopolitan composition of the conference, how appropriate were the conference mottoes.

"That the world may believe."

"That they all might be one."

In memory I live over again one of the evening meetings in the auditorium. The chairman rose and gave out the familiar hymn:

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,"

To my right were Chinese, to my left Hindoos, in front of me Japanese, all joining heartily in the singing. I could not help thinking that when the world in Christ Jesus shall be one, and men shall love one another as brothers should, the problems of capital and labor, the problems of national differences and of social conditions would soon find happy solutions.

The natural scenery of the conference grounds was inspiring, a hillside covered with trees of every description sloping gradually to the Connecticut river. From every spot on this hillside scenic effects were visible. Art has replaced nature in some places and where oak, elm and maple once flourished, substantial buildings rear their stately heads. Some delegates were entertained in these buildings, others in tents. The Canadian contingent were in a group of tents not far from the river. We enjoyed these experiences of outdoor life. The place and conditions for such were ideal,

I would frankly tell any future delegates to Northfield that the week of the conference will be a week of strenuousness, not a period of rest with idleness, but a period of rest with work. There is not much room there for the one who seeks to be aroused from his spiritual lethargy without any personal effort. Not an hour of the day, but what some part of the conference program was on. It is a busy life which makes demands upon you greater than any week in College. You will get out of it exactly in proportion to what you are willing to put into it, no more, no less.

This year Bible study was conducted on the small group system, twelve in a group. In former years there were five larger classes numbering over 100 men each. The new system placed a greater responsibility upon each class member and admitted of more discussion. It remains to be seen whether such a system would work well in our colleges.

Mission classes were conducted by such men as Dr. T. H. P. Sailor, Prof. Harlan P. Beach, Dr. James L. Barton and Howard A. Kelly, M. D. A new mission course, one worthy of the students careful consideration, was conducted by Rev. Roswell Bates, of New

York City, The subject of the course was, "Problems of the American cities," it might have been called "Problems of the world's cities," for what was said of American cities could be equally well said of all. The unreached poor, the sharper class, the drunkards, the prostitutes and the hundreds of waifs are in every city of any size. He told how city missions were helping these people into better conditions. They were giving to such a taste of home life. We get some idea of the complications arising in this work when we think of the different races in such cities as New York and London: Bohemians, Italians, Jews, etc. These people with their racial and religious differences are always in turmoil. The civil authorities are anxious to make them into good citizens. We ought to be anxious to make them fit for the citizenship of heaven. Go to London, New York and Boston with their teeming multitudes and see the trainloads of people passing to and fro and you begin to feel the burden of the city and its pressing needs. Young men here is a needy work. Can we not place our arm around a fallen brother, not too low for Christ, surely not too low for us, and tell him of a better life, of a Christ who loves him? The city mission work was the most appealing work of the conference.

The platform speakers included a list of prominent men: Dr. E.I. Bosworth, Prin. Falconer and Rev. H. Fosdick also from Chicago, Bishop Anderson, Dr. Wm. Merle Smith and Dr. Endicott Peabody. Their addresses were marked by sound common sense and were remarkably strong. Mr. Fosdick's were especially helpful, notably one in which he emphasized the point, "A man's life is judged by its main current, not by its eddies." The Round Top meetings gave to the delegates reasons for Christian men entering the ministry, missionary work, teaching, law and medicine, showing clearly that no matter what profession a man followed as long as he was where God wanted him to be, he could be a leader in Christian work.

One other name should be mentioned, that of Robt. E. Speer. He spoke on prayer. You could not help feeling as he spoke that he was a man of prayer. Before he was through there was a conscious need of this vital life of prayer in many of our lives.

The conference closed and we returned to our work. Our views were broadened, we had glimpses of God intellectually and spiritually, we felt the need of a deeper spiritual life and determined to satisfy this created desire as far as possible, while in the body. We who

were privileged to attend the conference are the receivers of the direct benefits it had to bestow. We can only hope that the christian spirit, which prevaded this conference may through us reach out and touch the lives of the students of our College.

B. D. Knott, '07.



The Heart of Oak.

(SECOND PRIZE STORY.)

A BLIZZARD had come from the northwest, and was stretching its icy hand to grasp the region round the old Hudson Fort, far out on the Western prairie. Gray and cold and threatening had dawned the morning. The wind had risen with the sun and by noon thin cutting sheets of hail and snow were being whirled madly through the air. Across the sky storm clouds chased each other veangefully, while over the level plain a white wall of mist came raging, as if eager to overwhelm the luckless fort.

In the big house, where from the early days had dwelt the chiefs of the fur trade, the Factor sat before his cheery hearth. There, wind howling outside, and blizzard swirling into every corner touches him not, and he smiled as he thought that all his men were safely housed. A little down the street the three clerks, jovial assistants of the factor, sat in their cosy room over the store, smoked and sang, and minded not the fierceness of the storm. Near the gate where the trappers issued to pursue the game, in a sturdy cabin, well built of seasoned timber, the old veteran hunter, DuVond, piled the wood on his enormous fire, eyed complacently his homely meal on the table in the centre, and his well filled storehouse in the rear, and from the very comfort of his body laughed at the wildness of the elements outside.

Fourteen miles to the west, in a shelter of a hollow, surrounded by a few scrawny trees lay another cabin, squat and square as that of the trapper in the fort. Here dwelt Peter Carey—"Old Pete" they all called him—and a daughter Kate, the mistress of his lonely home. During his many years of trading in the west old Pete had collected a hoard of wealth, and lived in a curious gloomy old mansion in the Fort. The very strangeness of his home and his own hermit nature

awakened popular prejudice against him, and his name had become a byword for miserliness. Yet many who openly sneered at him were secretly afraid of him, so that for years he lived unmolested, a strange figure in a community where all was jollity and good fellowship. But one morning when the sun rose the old rambling house was gone—burned in the night. Broken in spirit and in body Carey left the fort to build this lonely cabin in the little hollow.

Winter passed; bright spring, summer with its heat and dust, golden autumn came and went, and once more winter was upon them. The oncoming storm had enveloped the hut and its stout frame quivered before the blasts of the blizzard. Inside his daughter had propped the old man in a cosy chair before the fire, where burned an enormous log. A strange picture, as the firelight illumined the wan, wrinkled face of the sufferer and flitted mysteriously among the corners and on the dusky walls of the cabin, where hunting trophies were suspended.

There he sat, as Kate prepared the frugal meal, brooding over his misfortunes, listening apprehensively to the roar outside and thinking perhaps of the days of his strength, when he had come hither to try the mysterious west. Kate's voice aroused him from his reverie.

"Father!" she said hesitatingly, taking his wasted hand in hers, "Father, our stock is low. If the men from the fort don't come soon—oh I can endure it, but you are so weak, father." She sobbed as she spoke, while gently he put his arm about her.

"Don't worry," lass, he said, "The good Lord will protect us." Then they sat in silence watching the fire and at last old Pete continued: "Ah! if I only had the strength I could have gone myself to the fort, and—Kate, it's hard to be weak! I used to be the strongest man in the district, and now—They thought I was a miser; they little knew how much I had done for them, nor did I take the pains to tell them. But poor Grace! it was hard for her!"

At the mention of her mother, Kate slipped down at his knee. "Tell me about her, father!"

And then he told her how her mother came from the East, proud to face the world with her stalwart husband, how cheery and loving in the home she was; how at last she sickened and died, leaving him lonely with a little girl but three years old.

"And you have had to live all these years alone father."

"Yes, child."

"Poor father."

At they sat, Kate watched her father's face. Once he smiled, and then a shadow darkened his face, as though a bitter thought had been stirred, a painful memory touched.

"It was Sam Willett, I say! He burned my house. He thought I had wronged him, and was always trying to injure me. And now he has brought me to this!" Feverishly he started from his chair but fell back exhausted. "If I only had the strength," he muttered.

But Kate got down from its shelf the old worn Bible and soon, soothed by her voice, the old man forgot his sorrows and the storm without and fell asleep.

For two days Kate had measured out the scanty provisions, but now the last was gone. Outside the storm still raged, and Kate's heart fell as the cabin rattled with the power of the wind. The old man, weak from hunger and sickness, had been unable to arise from the bed which Kate had drawn before the fire. Kate—she had eaten nothing for two days, nothing to withstand the cold which beset them, but for her father's sake she had bravely kept up. As her father slept she knelt at his side, asking God that food be sent, that if it be His will, they be not allowed to perish far from all their friends. Comforted, she soon fell into a sleep, troubled with strange dreams.

She awoke with a start. From the direction of the door, audible even in the roar of the blizzard came a scratching and a scraping, and then a thump, as if a heavy weight had fallen against the door. She sprang up, feverishly unbarred the door and opened. There as the snow swept in icy clouds around and past her she saw a figure all but covered. With superhuman strength she dragged into the cabin the prostrate form of a man to which a loaded sled was attached. How she managed to close and bar the door in the teeth of the storm she could never tell. But she did it, and turned to the figure on the floor.

"Sam Willett," she gasped. "Father! father! look—and food on the sled." The old man, awakened by the noise, now fully aroused, excitement giving him strength, limped to the side of the body, and while Kate brushed the snow from his face and head, strove to loosen his clothes. But his efforts to revive him were in vain, and so, at Kate's suggestion, he helped her place the icy form upon the bed which the old man had left.

It would be long to tell how tenderly they nursed him, how for days he lay unconscious, while the little cabin was still shut off from all communication. But one day Kate came from the inner room, which she had vacated for him, her face aglow with excitement.

"Father," she cried, "he's conscious ! he wants you !"

"Come with me, Kate," said the old man, and together they entered the room.

How different from the old shiftless, good natured Sam Willet of the fort was the man that lay weakly on the pallet bed ! Pain and sickness had thinned his face, but into it had come a look that had long been a stranger there, a look of joy, of peace, of rest.

"Carey," he said, feebly, "it was me burned your house that night. I was drunk then. God knows I wouldn't ha' done it if I'd been sober. But I've tried to pay up for it. I done you an awful wrong, Pete, can you forgive me ?" The sick man held out his hand pleadingly as he spoke. Carey grasped it fervently.

"Sam ! Sam ! I've done it long ago ! I don't care for myself, but you've saved Kate's life. The debt is on my side. I forgive you, Sam !" He turned aside and after a moment said with tears in his eyes "God bless you !"

"I've been brave, Pete, haven't I ?" whispered Sam. "Say I've been brave."

Old Pete nodded unable to speak, but grasped his hand and pressed it. Sam, breathing heavily, sank back.

"Look !" he said, "the sun !"

And as he spoke the rays of the setting sun streamed in past the glistening snow, and resting on the bed, lighted his face with a glorious radiance. As it fled it bore with it to the land of eternal sunshine the soul of Sam Willet, true hero.

J. A. Estey, '07.



The Class of '06

GEORGE RUSSELL BANCROFT

*"Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look.
He thinks too much : such men are dangerous."*

Bancroft joined the class in his sophomore year, but spent most of his time teaching the youth of the Academy. At that particular time he had two prominent characteristics—his own length, and that of his visits to the seminary. Later we knew him better and appreciated him more. We saw that he was a deep thinker and a fine student, and we saw that he was a splendid fellow. Science, especially geology, was his favorite field of study and in this department he achieved grand results. The societies and the ATHENÆUM paper found in Bancroft a willing and an efficient worker ; indeed during his senior year he was one of the editors of the ATHENÆUM paper, and one of the presidents of the Athenæum society. That fondness for teaching, which was developed at the expense of the Academy, came over him once more after he graduated, and that is how he happened to be a teacher in the Acacia Villa school at Horton. Life proved too strenuous there for him, and upon receipt of his first month's salary he packed his trunk and engaged to teach the advanced department in the Freeport school. Of course this school is nearer *his* home, and *her* home.

GORDON PAYZANT BARSS.

"I am very fond of the company of ladies, I like their beauty, I like their delicacy, I like their vivacity, and I like their silence."

Gordon Payzant Barss entered college as a freshman with the class of '06, remaining with the class till graduated. His numerous social duties prevented him making a very brilliant career as a student, yet he doubtless obtained much from his college course. He was active in all lines of Y. M. C. A. work, was a delegate to Northfield in the summer of 1905 and introduced many improvements as chairman of the Bible study committee. Despite the various agencies at work against him in his junior year, Gordon succeeded in linking himself up with

the class of '08. He was business manager of the football team during his senior year and was interested in all forms of college athletics. His advice was freely given in all matters pertaining to the Athenæum Society of which he was a prominent member. As one of the speakers in the Kerr Boyce Tupper contest, he made a very creditable showing. Mr. Barss is at present at his home in Dartmouth.

NORA MCLEAN BENTLEY.

"Mirth, with thee I mean to live."

Miss Bentley entered college from Horton Academy. She will long be remembered as one of the most jolly and best liked girls in college. Her philosophy of life seemed to be not to worry over anything, and to give and to have as good a time as possible. Residing in Wolfville she was thus materially helped in the pursuance of above policy, for her home was ever open to her college friends. Her time being thus occupied we could not expect to find her scholastic record among the first, nevertheless Miss Bentley got more out of her course than many harder students. As Y. W. C. A. president in her senior year she was very enthusiastic in the work, and exercised a telling influence on the society. Miss Bentley is now engaged in teaching in that "mecca" of teachers, the Northwest, and with her enthusiasm for the work and genial disposition we bespeak for her a large measure of success.

FREDERICK ANDREW BOWER.

*"In all thy humors whether grave or mellow
Thou'rt such a testy, touchy, pleasant fellow,
Has't so much wit and mirth and spleen about thee,
There's no living with thee nor without thee."*

"Freddy," at first rather in the back ground, soon began to assert his spirit of leadership and became, during the last year of his course, one of the most prominent figures in college. A conscientious worker and a good student, considering his many other duties, he accomplished a great deal. Into all athletics, but especially proficient as a jumper and a basket ball player; with an active interest in all the societies, Bower during his last year showed yet another phase of his versatility. As secretary of the Choral Club, as business manager for the Albani concert, and as president of the Athletic Society, which alone calls for great activity, he displayed an aptitude for business which must, later,

prove of great advantage to him. Bower will be remembered as an earnest Christian worker, especially in the field of missions to which we believe he intends to devote his life. He is now studying at Colgate University.

ROSS FREEMAN COLDWELL.

"A very gentle beast and of good conscience."

Coldwell, after being for some time in the class of '04, joined that of '06, and was principally known as the "man from Gaspereaux." His habitation was far from the college, and this circumstance, together with his rustic duties, and his own retiring disposition kept him from being involved in many of the various phases of college life. Consequently we knew but little of him. He was, however, a good student, taking the science course in which he showed much ability and a soundness of nature and mind which many a man might envy. There was a rumor that at one time he attended a reception, but for its truth we are not prepared to vouch. However little we may have known of him during his college course, it is infinitely more than what we know of him now. Since graduating he has disappeared and all efforts to locate his whereabouts have met with utter failure.

WILLIAM HAROLD COLEMAN.

*"I want that glib and oily art
To speak and purpose not."*

Coleman was one of the charter members of the class of '06. From the very first he showed himself, when he chose to work, a good student. He did his work easily, and generally well. English was his specialty, and his choice phrases, his elegant periods, his flowery language, even in his ordinary conversation, were a subject of awe, even to the wise sages, known as seniors. This happy faculty he cultivated; he even went to the seminary to have his voice made to fit his flowing eloquence, and at the rhetorical contest in April last he astounded, perhaps even confounded, the judges, and captured the prize. Coleman had but little to do with athletics. The one branch to which he adhered, that is, skating at the rink, he took up at the request of his numerous feminine acquaintances. The many nocturnal visits which he made, in the direction of Port Williams exercised his horse rather than himself. Coleman is at present teaching in the Academy at Mount Allison.

RAYMOND DAVID COLPITTS.

"He was a veray parfit gentil knight."

Raymond was a charter member of '06. Throughout his four years course his life was characterized by his quiet, unassuming manner and he was liked by those with whom he came in contact. He was a good student, graduated with honors and won the silver medal at graduation. He took an active part in athletics, making the college team in basket ball and playing a good game in foot ball and base ball. His interest in the sister institution was above the average college students as he managed to visit the Seminary at least every Saturday afternoon. He did what he could in Athenæum circles and was assistant editor of the college paper in his senior year. At present Mr. Colpitts is in the book business in Sydney, C. B.

WALTER PERCY COPP.

"Sentimentally I am disposed to harmony, but organically I am incapable of a tune."

Copp took his freshman and part of his sophomore years at Mt. Allison. Realizing the mistake he had been making he came to Acadia in the winter of '04, remaining here till graduation. Copp always had a story to tell and generally told it to the satisfaction of his hearers. He also tried to sing and our midnight slumbers were frequently disturbed by the sound of his dulcet voice. He was a good student, completing the work of both Arts and abbreviated Science courses. He was a good speaker, making the class debating team in the senior year and delivering a good address at the Kerr Boyce Tupper oratory contest. He was a strong supporter of college sports, a regular attendant at Y. M. C. A. and Athenæum meetings and served as president of the latter society for one term of his senior year. The class prophecy which fell to his lot was delivered in an original and pleasing manner. Altho' a member of '06 he was closely allied, in sympathy at least, with the class of '07. Copp is taking a course in Civil Engineering at McGill.

WILLIAM THOMAS DENHAM.

"To sleep ! perchance to dream"

"Bill" entered college in the Fall of 1904. Coming from St. John High School, he joined his class in its sophomore year. The burden of college life and work rested heavily upon him, yet both were overcome

in a very creditable manner. As a student, especially in the classics, he ranked high and during his senior year did good work as tutor and assistant instructor in Latin. Possessing a jovial disposition and abundant good nature he was liked by all with whom he came in contact. Though not engaging in athletics to any extent, he was an enthusiastic supporter of all college sports. He was prominent in Y. M. C. A. circles and served as chairman of the executive committee of the Athenæum Society during his senior year. At present Mr. Denham holds a good position on the teaching staff of the Chatham, N. B., High School.

ALICE PHCÆBE DEWOLFE.

"I dare do all that may become a man."

"Kid" entered the class of '06 in the sophomore year, having graduated the preceding year in Seminary collegiate course. Although small in stature, she was by no means small as regards intellect. She was possessed of a sound, logical mind and from the time she entered college until the close of her course could not but be admired for her straight forwardness of speech and manner. She was untiring in her efforts to promote the welfare of the two girls' societies, especially the Propylæum, of which society she was President for the first term of her senior year. In this office she showed that she possessed the elements of leadership. Social life was not her sphere; she was much happier in the wild scrimmage of basket ball, or when engaged in any phase of athletic life, than in the reception room. In fact it was largely owing to her persevering and enthusiastic efforts that basket ball attained the place it held last winter among the athletics of the college girls. She had the honor of being the only lady orator at Commencement, also of being class secretary on class day. Miss DeWolfe is at present at her home in Bedford.

CLAYTON ELWIN GARDNER.

"Let thine occupations be few if thou would'st lead a quiet life."

Gardner entered his freshman year in 1900. He did not return with his class in 1901, but during the next three years did some private study obtaining his grade A High School certificate. He came back to college in 1904 and entered upon his junior year, thus graduating in 1906. During his stay at Acadia he distinguished himself by taking almost every subject on the curriculum. He was fond of a long vacation, never returning until some three or four weeks after

work commenced, and taking at least a week at Thanksgiving and Easter. Gardner was ever happy and consequently popular. He played a good game of basket ball generally making his class team. He was usually present at Athenæum meetings and always did his part when called upon, without shirking. We believe Gardner is taking a post graduate work at one of the American Universities.

HARRY BERNARD HAVEY

*"And the best of all ways
To lengthen our days
Is to steal a few hours from the night, my dear."*

Havey was in some ways one of the quieter fellows in the class; which being interpreted means that he was not in the more boisterous set. Yet he took a zealous interest in the various societies, was always ready to undertake a responsibility, and to carry to a successful completion the business of any committee. During part of his senior year he was president of the Athenæum Society. Havey was a ready speaker, and especially in matters political, was capable of good debating. In the athletic line he appeared at his best as a walker. Indeed only one person in Wolfville has walked so much or so far—and she went with him. Throughout his course he never shirked his college work, and especially in science made a fine record. We understand that he intends pursuing his education at McGill.

JOSEPH E. HOWE

"You are a devil at everything, and there is no kind of thing in the 'versal world, but what you can turn your hand to."

Joe Howe of '03 and '05, through a love for the college and various other loves, disdainfully refused the paltry sheepskin and decided to join the class of '06. Though a member of three classes, Howe was a thoughtful student, graduating with honors in Economics and History. His strong point was athletics. In track sports, he developed into one of the fastest runners and most powerful jumpers that Acadia has ever had, and for four years was the mainstay of the college team. His Maritime record in the broad jump compares favorably with the records in many larger colleges. Howe was a very enthusiastic footballist, but his somewhat attenuated frame made him a little awkward, the result that he was not so successful in this branch of sport as

in track athletics. Always a strong spirit in the societies, in the last years of his course, he did much to direct the opinion of the Athenæum and the Athletic. He is at present teaching football and some classes in the Academy, besides instructing the Freshman in Latin roots and idioms.

CELIA GANONG KIERSTEAD

"A celestial brightness shone on her face"

Miss Kierstead was a member of '06 who entered college after taking the collegiate course at the Seminary. Her "*happy*" disposition, bright smile, and ability to see the funny side of everything, soon made her a general favorite. She had good class spirit and was always to be seen where the purple and white were in evidence. During her junior year she was an associate editor of the ATHENÆUM, and in the last term of her senior year, was President of the Propylæum Society. The honor of being Vice-President of her class also fell to her lot on Class Day. We understand Miss Kierstead is thinking of taking a post-graduate course at Wellesley in the near future.

FARRAR STEWART KINLEY.

"If the nose of Cleopatra had been shorter, the whole face of the earth would have been changed."

"*Stew*" was another charter member of the class of '06, and one of its most valued men. Stew knew everybody and made himself generally acquainted with the affairs of college life. He was a good student, a good speaker and an able writer as shown by his class history and other essays. He was a worthy contestant for the Kerr Boyce Tupper medal for oratory in the spring of 1906 and delivered a fine oration on Commencement Day. He was always prominent in Y. M. C. A. matters and was president of this society in his senior year. Though not a frequent visitor he was nevertheless a great admirer of the Seminary, and an arranged code of signals was frequently flashed from his electric light, or the Y.M.C.A. banner floating from his window. He was prominent in Athenæum circles, attending all meetings and almost always having something to say. Mr. Kinley is now Shepherd of the sheep in Karsdale, Anna. Co.

C. ELTON LEWIS

"Alas! Poor Yorick! A fellow of infinite jest of most excellent fancy."

Lewis was the most original figure in college. After all but fin-

ishing his course in the class of '05, poor eyesight compelled him to leave for a year, when he joined '06. Although a little bit hostile to the faculty and to the ministerial students, Lewis, in spite of these serious defects was always square and open in his dealings, was a clean sport, and, when he tried to be, a good student. He holds the record for pole-vaulting, and can sprint like a deer. As to hockey,—well, we still recollect with feelings of wonder those fearful charges down the rink, those thundering crashes against the side, which the excited Lewis used to make when he played the game. During his senior year in '05, he made the foot-ball team. He was always found at the meetings of the societies, except perhaps those of the Y. M. C. A., and always sat in the back seat. At present he is learning to be a gentleman farmer at the Agricultural College in Guelph, Ontario.

FREDERICK SEELY PORTER

*"He was a scholar and a ripe and good one
Exceeding wise, fair spoken and persuading."*

Porter, though always willing to help out the various teams of his class, stuck to his books in his Freshman year and appeared in public but little. But soon his marked debating ability brought him forward, and he was elected as one of the speakers against St. Francis Xavier, when his forceful speech drew forth much favorable comment. During the rest of his course he continued to declaim, and became one of the foremost debaters in the college. As Editor-in-chief of the ATHENÆUM paper he added alike to its merits and its popularity, by the introduction of the Seminary and Academy departments. To the societies he was always loyal, and especially in the work of the Y. M. C. A., he wielded, by his active labour, and his consistent Christian life, a great influence. Though behind in his work on entering college, Porter, by patient effort, and faithful study not only overcame this disadvantage but finally captured the gold medal in his senior year. He is at present pursuing his education at Rochester Theological Seminary.

ERNEST ROBINSON

"Had I been present at the creation I would have given some useful hints for the better ordering of the universe."

Robinson came to us from the principalship of Kentville Academy,

in order to add to the extensive knowledge and experience of a teacher, the dignity of a degree. Though he was with us only a year, yet he imparted to us at all hours an amount of general information on any subject whatsoever that was most remarkable. Perhaps Robinson's strong point was story-telling. He had more ingenious fabrications of more fictitious characters, whom we were supposed to think really existed, than any man in the college. Though he never neglected it, yet his work in the college played a secondary part to the various political discussions, which he carried on with the wise heads in the town. During the mock parliament he came out strongly as leader of the independent party. His domestic duties somewhat hampered him from getting much into the life of the societies, or into that of the college as a whole, but whenever we met him we found him a most agreeable companion.

MADELINE SHAMPIER

"Wrapt in a cloud of dreams she breathes and moves along."

Miss Champier was really a member of the class of '05, but on account of ill health was unable to write the final examinations of her Senior year, and thus she took her diploma with members of '06. She was a girl of great perseverance; had she not been possessed of this virtue, she would never have won her degree, for through her entire course she was troubled with poor health. This, together with her rather reserved manner, accounted for the fact that she was not generally known in college circles. We understand that she is at present a successful teacher in our Northwest.

RALPH KEMPTON STRONG

"A mind not to be changed by place or time."

Strong graduated in Arts with the class of 1905. During 1906 he filled the position of Demonstrator in Chemistry at the same time finishing the course leading to the degree of B. Sc. In consequence of this he did not possess the same college spirit that characterized him during his undergraduate career; nevertheless, his interest in many things pertaining to college life did not diminish. As a student his previous record was continued, and as an instructor his duties were faithfully performed. Mr. Strong entered Harvard this autumn to pursue a course in advanced chemistry.

DAVID HENRY WEBSTER

"He might have proved a useful adjunct, if not an ornament to Society."

From Cambridge came the "*chicken*." During his Freshman year, though he by no means led the "simple life," yet he had a notoriously simple mind. Even during that same year, he showed that fondness for the Seminary, that longing to be near it, even by means of the back yard, which is so characteristic of fellows from "up the line." But "Chick" broadened wonderfully in his later years. In foot-ball, basket-ball and track sports, of which last he was captain in his Senior year, he became a regular Hercules. As to hockey we need only mention that Webster was one of the famous '06 hockey in its palmy days. In class, with the aid of an inquiring disposition, he managed to assimilate considerable information, and during examination time, he has even been accused of secret "plugging." In the college Webster will be indeed missed, not only in athletics and in the societies, but most of all as a good fellow, a cheery companion, and a true good-hearted friend. We understand that "Chick" is studying medicine in New York.



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Editorials

ANOTHER year has rolled around, and once more students, new and old, are being summoned to class and chapel. Quite a few familiar faces are missing, and many changes are noted in the conduction of both college and student affairs. The president's chair is vacant; the genial giant of the mathematical room has gone to fill a position of new and higher responsibilities; the class of '06 is dispersed; some of last year's underclassmen have not returned; the administration of college affairs is in the hands of a faculty with only a nominal head; and the responsibilities of the various societies rest upon new shoulders.

Dr. Trotter, our late President, is resting quietly at Clifton Springs, N. Y. Much has been said and written concerning his work for Acadia, yet these words only express in part the deep appreciation which the Baptists of these provinces feel for what he has accomplished at Wolfville. The three institutions stand to-day in a prosperous condition, monuments to his tireless energy and unflagging zeal.

A successor to Dr. Trotter will be hard to procure, and the attitude of the Board of Governors in delaying the appointment until the right man is found is commendable. The goal for Acadia has not been reached, a worthy beginning only has been made, and the new president will find that strenuous demands will be made upon his strength and ability. We have no doubt that a capable man will be found, but until then we can only patiently wait, and with the hearty co-operation of students and faculty effectual work can be done and prestige maintained.

The resignation of Dr. C. C. Jones came as a surprise, and brought common regret to all who knew him. For eight years he has filled the chair of Mathematics at Acadia, showing himself a thorough and efficient instructor. He might be called a student's ideal professor. Never pushing the student beyond his strength, always keeping in mind that a proportionate part of the student's time belonged to the other professors, ever remembering that he was in the class room to teach Mathematics, and utilising the hour in seeking to instruct and help, he never failed to have the student cover thoroughly the work prescribed, and that, too, without it seeming a weighty burden. We shall miss him, and miss him not only in the class room, but also on the foot-ball field, where his interest in the play proved a source of inspiration to the team. He has gone to fill the chair of Mathematics and to be Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, from which institution he graduated in 1897 with honors in Mathematics and Mathematical Physics, besides being the winner of the governor's general gold medal. He also took the degree of M. A. from U. N. B. in 1899, while in 1902 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of Ph.D. While we mourn his loss we would at the same time pay tribute to his ability, and extend to him our best wishes in his new work.

His place has been taken by Professor Ernest R. Morse. A graduate of Acadia in 1887, and of Harvard in 1892, he has supplemented his studies by post-graduate work at Harvard and Chicago University. He has had wide experience as a teacher, and he comes to us highly recommended as one successful in the class room, cultured in his manner and thoroughly Christian in his deportment. We welcome him to the staff, and bespeak for him a successful career at Acadia.

Although quite a few have not returned this Fall, their places, as far as numbers are concerned, have been more than filled. The number of new students registered at Acadia is the largest in her history, and the class of 1910 has reason to feel proud of itself, not with that spirit of haughtiness which warrants a fall, but in a humbler manner becoming a freshman. We congratulate you, the class of 1910, on your numerical strength. You are honored in being the largest freshman class in Acadia's history. We congratulate you on your intellectual strength; many of you have come from academy and high school with records of high scholarship. We congratulate you on your athletic strength; the foot-ball field is already showing your prowess. With such a beginning we can hardly measure the end when in the strength of four year's practice you line up for the last time to do honor to the name of Acadia.

You are here with varied purposes and plans. Perhaps some of you may have very indistinct notions of why you are at Acadia. Yet you are here, and the years of your college life stretch out in ways more or less vague, filled with things you know not what. Yet the upper-classmen will be expecting things of you which can be very clearly marked out. College life is a progressive life. As on the battle field when gaps are formed in the front line by the enemy's bullets, ones from the rear step up into the vacant places, so each year when one class goes out the gaps must be filled in by others, and in time the recruiting class must shoulder responsibilities that rest upon the leaders. Acadia will expect you to fit yourself for these responsibilities. Advice is cheap, it costs nothing. Yet when one comes to his Senior year he finds himself interested in the new class for two reasons: first, for the sake of the individuals composing it, and secondly for the sake of Acadia. We want you to become men because you cannot afford to be anything else, and we also want you to be worthy of Acadia because we love her and fain would see her honor cherished and upheld. We have only one word to say, and that is, don't think that influences here will mould you into all that is commendable. There will need to be strong personal restraint and endeavor on your part. Get a firm hold on yourself, and in the strength of determined effort and self control fashion yourself into the form and character of a man.

We welcome you to our college life. Share with us from the first the responsibilities; sacrifice with us in times of necessity; rejoice

with us in our prosperity ; join hands with us in our literary, athletic and religious work ; be an all round man, worthy of yourself and an honor to Acadia.



The new staff, to whom has been entrusted the carrying on of the college paper for the present year at least have one commendable quality—determination. They are prepared to sacrifice both time and energy to make the paper a success, in a literary as well as financial way. We request your hearty co-operation, both in becoming subscribers and in furnishing material for our columns. Everyone has his own ideal of what a college paper should be, but we think we voice the sentiment of the larger number when we say that last year's editor reached nearer the true ideal than any of his predecessors. Yet he only continued in the course that was entered upon some few years ago, which action the present management are disposed to imitate. We may not reach the ideal which is before us, but we shall at least do our best

“Thy purpose firm is equal to the deed ;
Who does the best thy circumstance allows
Does well, acts nobly, angels could do no more.”



Athenaeum Prize Competition

IN order to stimulate undergraduate effort in both prose and poetical writings, and at the same time provide good material for our columns, the Managers of the ATHENÆUM offer the following prizes for literary contributions submitted to the paper by students registered in the College, Academy or Seminary.

- 1.—For the best original story or essay, a first prize of five dollars; for the second best, a \$2.50 L. E. Waterman Co. Ideal Fountain Pen.
- 2.—For the best original poem, a first prize of five dollars; for the second best, a \$2.50 L. E. Waterman Co. Ideal Fountain pen.
- 3.—For the two best “Etchings,” a prize of one dollar each.
- 4.—For the best example of original wit, suitable for publication

at any time in The College Jester Department, a prize of one dollar.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTEST

1. Contributions of class 2, 3 and 4 must be in editor's hands not later than Dec. 15th, 1906. Of class 1 not later than January 12th, 1907.

2.—Only students in the three institutions who are subscribers to the ATHENÆUM shall be eligible for prizes.

3.—Stories or essays must not be less than 1000 words, nor contain more than 2000 words; Articles of class 2, 3 and 4 must be brief.

4.—All articles submitted must be *mailed* to the Editor-in-chief, and must not contain the writer's name, but be signed with a nom-de-plume.

5.—The name of the article, the writer's real and fictitious name enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Prize Competition," which will not be opened until after the decisions are made, must be *mailed* to the Business Manager before the date of closing of contest.

6.—All articles submitted shall belong unreservedly to the ATHENÆUM and may be published at the discretion of the Editor.

7.—The Senior Editors shall constitute the Committee of Judges.

8.—No prize shall be given any article not worthy of publication in the ATHENÆUM.



Obituary.

IT becomes our sad duty to chronicle the passing of Frederick Borden Carr, who died at Centerville, N. B., Sept. 22nd, at the age of twenty-four years. Carr first became connected with Acadia by entering Horton Collegiate Academy in 1901. He matriculated from there in the summer of 1902 and entered college the following Autumn. He has been with us ever since and expected to return this Fall to graduate in 1907. During his sophomore year he recognized the call to the Christian ministry and after some struggle gave himself unreservedly to this work, probably with the idea of entering the field in India. Last Summer after leaving college he undertook the work, as student pastor, at Centerville where his services were highly appre-

ciated. During the summer and in fact during his last year with us, his health seemed to be failing, and typhoid found him an easy victim.

While at college his retiring nature made him few enemies and his christian character was recognized by those who knew him. A hard student, a good friend, a sincere christian has left our ranks to join the life beyond. He leaves two sisters, one at his old home at Portau-pique, the other a missionary in India, and five brothers scattered throughout America. To all bereaved relatives and friends we would extend our sincere sympathy.



Personals.

Victor W. Jenkins is teaching in Sheet Harbor, N. S.

Miss Cora B. Elliott is attending the Gordon Memorial School in Boston.

Miss Sarah L. Elliott is teaching in Brooklyn, Anna. Co., N. S.

Miss Louise Hattie is teaching in Goldboro, Guysboro Co., N. S.

Miss Etta Wheelock is attending the School of Domestic Science, Truro, N. S.

O. B. Read is preaching in Gabarus, Cape Breton.

Handly B. Fitch is farming in Clarence, N. S.

Miss Helen Skene is at her home, Pennfield, N. B.

Walter E. Bradshaw is taking a course in Engineering at McGill.

Fred P. Freeman is preaching at Seal Harbor, Guysboro Co., N. S.

Herman E. DeWitt is working in an office in Montreal.

A. E. Hennigar is attending Baltimore Dental School.

Miss Bertha B. Bartlett is at her home, Bartlett's Mills, N. B.

Fred McAskill is attending Dalhousie Medical School.

Andrew H. Bynon is at his home, Louisville, N. B. Mr. Bynon has been quite seriously ill during the past summer. We hope for his speedy recovery.

W. K. Tibert is teaching near Bear River, N. S.

C. A. Collishaw is preaching in Hampton Village, N. B.

Rev. W. E. Carpenter has charge of the church in Pleasantville, Lunenburg Co., N. S.

Bernard and Rex, Dr. Trotter's two sons are pursuing their studies in Ontario, the former in Woodstock Academy and the latter at McMaster. The long distance between Wolfville and Toledo made it necessary that the boys continue their courses at some place nearer their home. At the above Institutions Dr. Trotter received his Academic and Collegiate training, while Mrs. Trotter was a teacher for several years in the Academy. We wish them every success in their respective spheres of labor.



De Alumnis.

Rev. E. E. Daley, '91, has accepted a call to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Truro, N. S.

W. S. Tedford, '03, and Mrs. Tedford, Miss Dr. Zella Clark, '99, Miss Mabel Archibald, '95, and Miss Carrie Chambers sailed from New York Sept. 29th for India to engage in missionary labors there. Miss Chambers upon her arrival will become the wife of S. C. Freeman, '98.

Rev. Simeon Spidle, '97, is pastor of the Pleasant St. Baptist Church in Worcester, Mass.

Miss Tira Caldwell, '97, is teaching in a private ladies' school in Boston.

Rev. H. A. Morton, '97, is pastor of the Congregational Church in Orleans, Mass.

Rev. W. W. Conrad, '97, has gone to Labrador to engage in mission work under the Presbyterian board.

Rev. I. A. Corbett, '98, is pastor of the church in Bear River, N.S.

Rev. Irad Hardy, '99, has recently accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Milton, Mass.

Miss Etta Elliott, of Clarence, N. S., was married Sept. 1 to Dr. Edgar H. McCurdy, '01, of Blue Hill, Maine. Mrs. McCurdy was at one time a member of the class of '02.

W. H. Longley, '01, is taking post graduate work at Yale.

E. Gordon Bill, '02, and Miss VanWart, of St. John, were married in September. Mr. Bill is on the staff of instructors at Yale University.

Dr. O. B. Keddy, '02, McGill, '06, is practising his profession in Liverpool, N. S.

Miss Minerva Morrison, of Middleton, N. S., and P. St. Clair Elliott, '02, were married Sept. 10th. Mr. Elliott is practising law in Middleton.

Miss Arora McLeod, '03, has been promoted lady principal of Cook's Academy, New York.

Miss Mabelle Fash, '03, has joined the ranks of the teaching profession in Alberta.

Miss Louise Dunham, '04, of Canso, N. S., was married Aug. 30th to Dr. A. T. Fuller of Vancouver.

The engagement is announced between J. Howard Cunningham, '04, and Miss Edith M. Clark, of Bear River, a graduate of Acadia Seminary. Mr. Cunningham has recently entered an engineering school in Wiggin, England.

Frank E. Wheelock, '05, is pursuing a course in advanced physics at Yale.

A. W. Warren, '05, and Miss Viola Maskell of West Jeddore, N. S., were married this Fall. Mr. Warren is a student at Colgate Theological Seminary.



The Month

Now is the season returned when students do gather at this educational centre of Provincial Baptists, and we make no doubt that in the course of time the Freshman as the rest of us will learn to love and revere their Alma Mater.

The college year has opened under most favorable auspices. Seventy-one new students have already registered, sixty-one of whom are in the Freshman class. The incoming class is not only large, but it is of good appearance, and possessed of Acadia spirit. About one-third of the freshmen are taking the science course. The total registration of the college will exceed that of last year.

The formal opening of Acadia College took place in College Hall on the evening of October 5th. The opening lecture was delivered

by Roland P. Gray, M. A., Professor of English Literature. The subject of the address was: "Poetry and the Education of the Spirit." For over an hour Prof. Gray held the undivided attention of a large and intelligent audience.

The central thought of the lecture was that poetry educates and fosters the spirit of man by freeing it and making it self-conscious; and that the spirit of man is thus freed by being led through poetry to appreciate and to interpret truly both nature and man's heart.

The address was masterly in conception and beautiful in language.

Saturday evening, October 6th, was the occasion of the annual reception given by the college Y. W. C. A. to the new girls. The college library was prettily decorated with bunting, red and blue, and presented a gay appearance. After a short time spent in getting acquainted, all joined in the games provided for entertainment. The prize in a guessing contest was won by Miss Enid Tufts. Refreshments were served, after which toasts were proposed. Mrs. (prof.) R. P. Gray responded to "The Faculty Ladies," and Miss Dorothy Manning, '09 to the "The New Girls." Miss May Crandall, President of the Association, gave a pleasing address of welcome to the new college ladies. The evening closed after all had joined heartily in college songs.

The college Y. M. C. A. held its annual reception to the new men in College Hall on the evening of Friday, October 12th.

The evening opened with the singing of hymns from the Acadia song book. Also were we favored with two selections by the Acadia Quartette. Refreshments were then served, after which Brice D. Knott '07, President of the Association, delivered a hearty address of welcome, and outlined the various aims of the Y. M. C. A. He was followed by Dr. R. V. Jones in a characteristically sane and humorous speech. Other speakers were: J. C. Peacock, chairman of the Bible Study committee; Rev. L. D. Morse, pastor in the town, and J. A. Estey, captain of the foot-ball team.

The prospects for a successful year in athletics are very encouraging. The campus is in excellent condition, and for several week

Acadia men have been rushing the ball on the gridiron. Captain Estey has a husky lot of fellows, and before this issue comes from the press we shall probably know the results for the season.

A piano has been placed in Chip Hall !

We are informed that this piece of munificence is the gift of Rev. E. M. Kierstead, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology at McMaster, and formerly Acadia's Professor of English Literature and Moral Philosophy.

Indeed are we deeply grateful to Dr. Kierstead. For a long time the Hall has lacked the civilizing influence of a piano. Now we have one, and again do we thank Dr. Kierstead for his splendid gift.



The Lyceum of Horton Academy.

EDITORS—T. S. ROY, G. A. BARSS, W. KINGDON.

THIS year promises to be a prosperous one to Horton Academy. Work commenced on Sept. the fifth with an attendance of about fifty, which has now been raised to sixty-seven. This attendance is much better than that which we had at the same time last year, and is very nearly equal to that of the year before last which was considered somewhat in the nature of a record year. We have also several more students in view for the present term, and the prospect of large additions after the Christmas vacation. We find that the sphere of our influence is broadening. This year we have two students from Jamaica, and two from the Gaspe peninsula, as well as several others from parts remote.

In fact our reputation is growing to such an extent that we are in danger of *swamping* ourselves. Our present capacity in the Academy Home is limited to the accommodation of only 38 students, so that it will readily be seen that we are compelled to board a very large proportion of our students in town, and from these we get very little revenue. It does not seem surprising under existing circumstances that we should come out with a deficit each year; nor does it seem reasonable to expect anything else until our capacity is increased to accommodate all our students, and we cannot but believe that such an increase of capacity would still further enlarge our influence, and so bring in a still larger attendance. It would seem reasonable to expect that, if the funds of the institutions could be lavished on the Academy, to the same extent as on the Seminary, our attendance would be equal to that of the Seminary and our deficit would be no larger than theirs. It does not seem to us right that our quarters should be so cramped and commonplace when the Seminary, whose usefulness can be at least no greater than ours would be under like conditions, can enjoy a building so commodious and beautiful as at present.

Our class-rooms also are too small to accommodate our classes. The college has this year diverted one of our rooms to its own use; so that we find ourselves hard put to it to provide space for our work. Our chapel room is so inadequate that, at our opening exercises some of our

boys have to sit in the next room with the door open between. We have no reading room, nor have we any place properly suited for that use. These conditions are not right, and it is exceedingly improbable that the Academy will ever pay while laboring under difficulties so serious.

In spite of these drawbacks, however, we are able to do good work in all departments of our life. Our victory over the Wanderers football team, though the newspapers gave the credit of it to Acacia Villa School at Horton Landing, shows that we still play the game; the classification of our students is in general good, and the work is progressing very well; the religious life is healthy and prospects point to a successful year.

BOATES MEDAL FOR ORATORY.

The Boates Gold Medal for Oratory is a new feature, and must have the effect of directing more attention to that very important accomplishment.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 8th, the members of the Y. M. C. A. in connection with the School, gave an informal reception to the new boys to enable them to get acquainted with one another. Our Principal, Mr. Mersereau, gave a very interesting address, and Mr. Allen, the Captain of the Football Team, gave a talk on athletics, which was also very interesting, and in which he told the advantages gained by them in school and in every day life.

Then followed one or two comic scenes. One of these was named "The Bad Side of Academy Life," and it illustrated the difficulty the boys of the Academy were in when their buttons came off and their clothes got torn. Then two or three of the teachers gave a shadow-graph, which was very amusing.

After several songs and readings had been given by different members of the school, apples were passed among the boys and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

A pleasant time was spent by all.

ATHLETICS.

Horton Academy is taking a greater interest than ever in football this year, and judging from the good work done by our team at Halifax, and in the practices against the college, we feel that there is a bright prospect before us

During the month of September we practised among ourselves. Without this playing the team would not have been prepared to come up against the Wanderers, as soon as they did. Now that the college has reopened we practise three times a week with the Acadia team. These games are interesting to watch, as good playing is done by both sides.

We feel that our success in football so far is due, in a large measure, to the energetic way in which Captain Allan and the teachers have worked with the team. The players also deserve credit for the way in which they have turned out to the practices. Most of those who have made the team have had to work hard for their position. As it is not wise to boast at the beginning of the season, we shall wait for results, knowing that the H. C. A. will do its best in the coming games.

WANDERERS VS. H. C. A.

On the morning of September twenty-eighth, the H. C. A. team, together with a number of the other students, boarded the early train for Halifax. As this was an excursion train to the exhibition, we found very few vacant seats so that many of us were obliged to stand. We occupied most of the time, however, by singing college songs and giving our yell, so that it did not seem long before the train had landed us safely at North Street station. Having given the Academy yell once again, we started for the Carleton House, which we reached shortly before ten o'clock.

At half past three the H. C. A. lined up against the Wanderers. This being our first game of the season, and as the Wanderers were playing eight of their first team men, we were by no means confident of victory.

The best playing during the first half was done by the Academy. Our halves and quarters did excellent work, and our scrim was able to push its opponents. Several good punts were made by the Wanderers, which were returned by Colburne. About the middle of the first half, the ball which was being scrimmed near the Wanderers goal line, was heeled out to Len Eaton who quickly picked it up and carried it over the line, thus making a try for the Academy. As our side failed to convert a kick for goal, the score at the end of the first half stood 3—0 in our favour.

The second half was even more exciting than the first. The Wanderers played a much faster game, and their forwards did better work. They made several good runs down the field, but were unable to make a score against us. The boys who were not playing thought it a good plan to yell occasionally. The cheering seemed to give our men fresh spirit for they soon carried the ball up the field, where it remained in play until the whistle was blown for time. The Academy came off the field victors. Score, 3—0.

The line-up of the teams is as follows :

Wanderers.		H. C. A.
Torrie	Full	Colburne
Schwartz	Quarters	Lounisbury
Bourne		L. Eaton
Harris	Halves	McLeod
Carruthers		Sack
Schaefer		Faulkner
Graham		J. Howe
W. Dwyer	Forwards	Thurott
Sturmy, (capt.)		Bagnall
Wilson		Robinson
Hart		Mersereau
Swenerton		Lingley
Turner		Geldart
F. Dwyer		C. W. Allan, (capt)
Baillie		F. Howe

The Pierian

(of Acadia Seminary)

EDITOR :—GRACE PRISK, '05.

Editorial Note and Comment

THE plan which was tried as an experiment during the last four months of last year, by which the Pierian Society became responsible for five or six pages devoted to a chronicle of Seminary life, is to be continued for the present year. The written edition of the Pierian will, however, be maintained. Thus the more formal side of school life will appear in the ATHENÆUM, the more intimate side in the Pierian. We hope to enlist the enthusiasm of all the girls in the school in behalf of both departments.

The School year has begun well. The registration to date is the largest in our history, about 180, of which number nearly one half are in residence. The prospects for large accessions to our numbers for the winter term are very bright. After Christmas not a single vacant place will there be in the Seminary. Nor shall we have room for one college girl. We hope that 1906-1907 will be in many ways a record year.

All the departments open strongly. If the time-honored question were put in Pierian as to "what's the matter with the new teachers?" the answer would be, "They're all right! *They're all right!*" Already has it become necessary to provide for an additional teacher in piano-forte and voice. We expect the new teacher to be on the ground by Nov. the first. Also in the Elocution department provision has already been made for an overflow.

The much enlarged Physical Culture Programme meets with favor. Miss Muzzy, both in gymnasium and on the campus, evinces her mastery of the work as well as her ability to secure the best physical results.

A step in the right direction is the establishment of a bookstore in the Seminary, where books, stationery and music can be secured at most reasonable rates. Miss Cameron, our Librarian, presides at the receipt of custom and innumerable questions.

Thanksgiving Recess is now past and Christmas will soon be here. Some girls do not find time to count the days. Some do. To which class do you belong?

This year the Freshman Physics required in Sophomore Matriculation is taught in the Seminary. Miss Jackson rejoices in the addition of some valuable apparatus.

We hope to have a long *alumnæ* column next month. Send in information concerning former graduates and undergraduate students.

We have no joke column. Look elsewhere.

THE Y. W. C. A.

President, Florence A. A. Eaton; Vice President, Mary L. E. Richards; Secretary and Treasurer, Mary E. Calhoun.

This year has opened with bright prospects for the work of our Young Women's Christian Association. Out of eighty resident pupils over seventy have joined our association. The meetings are well attended and have been very helpful. Miss Goodspeed coming to us with experience in Y. W. C. A. work has proved herself an ardent worker. We have earnest and eager words from all and anticipate a successful year.



Current Happenings.

The "Old Girl, New Girl Reception" was held on September 15 in the Gymnasium. A series of Pageants had been prepared and were conducted by the Sultan of Timbuctoo. Prominent among these were Samantha at the Fair, The Gold Dust Twins, Everybody Works But Father, and Foxy Grandpa.

After the pageants were presented all the company, led by the bride and groom, marched round the gymnasium after which they joined the new girls and teachers in the game "jogging along." A delightful and happy evening was spent by all.

The Teachers' "At Home" was held in Alumnæ Hall on Friday evening, Oct. 12. The idea of Autumn prevailed in the tastefully decorated hall and in the adjoining class room. In the former maple leaves, whose colors seemed more gorgeous by the electric light, formed the chief decoration. One unusually beautiful spray hanging opposite the entrance door, gained the attention of many of the guests who remarked upon its exquisite beauty. The contrast of light and shade was very marked. In the class room thorn berries took the place of the maples in Alumnæ Hall. A large number of guests were received and all enjoyed a pleasant social evening.

After the guests had departed from the Teachers' Reception the ushers were surprised by a visit from several of the young men. These, however, refused the urgent entreaties to meet the teachers and attempted to escape the way they had come. Finding the entrance door barred from outside they seemed undecided as to their course of action but help came to them in their perplexity as the matron graciously opened the back door through which they escaped, sadder and wiser.

On the evening following the Teachers' Reception, Alumnæ Hall was again brilliantly illuminated, this time in honor of the teachers and pupils of the Academy. The guests were received by the Principal and Vice Principal, and Miss Eaton and Miss Walker, of the class of '04. The hall seemed to be a large bee hive so great was the murmur of voices. When the buzz of voices was at its loudest all were suddenly attracted by the sound of the piano. Those who were in the class room adjoining and corridor came back into Alumnæ Hall and while Miss Brown accompanied them, all sang the familiar airs of old songs. The evening was ended by singing the National Anthem.

We are anticipating a delightful evening on the second of November when the Teachers' Recital will take place. Perhaps our hopes are not unmingled with curiosity as this will be the first appearance before a Wolfville audience of all the teachers taking part. We know we shall enjoy this recital and expect College Hall will be well filled.

On the evening of November 23, Henry L. Southwick, Dean of the Emerson School of Oratory, will give a recital in College Hall which will consist of miscellaneous readings. Dean Southwick will be warmly welcomed by those who heard him last spring read Richard III. We know he has a delightful programme arranged for us and we trust

that all who can will not fail to hear Dean Southwick, for we can assure them an evening of enjoyment.



Personalía.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxim have gone abroad for a year of study and work. They were accompanied by Miss Annie Murray and Miss May Woodman. Miss Woodman graduated in pianoforte in 1905, Miss Murray in vocal culture in 1902. All join in wishing them a pleasant and beneficial year.

Miss Hortense Spurr, a graduate in collegiate work of the class of '06, will return to the Seminary in a few weeks to continue her musical studies.

Miss Nellie Elderkin and Miss Grace Prisk, both of the graduating class of 1906, have returned to the Seminary for this year. Miss Elderkin is taking up special work; Miss Prisk the musical course.

Hearty congratulations are extended to Miss Gladys Whidden who was married to Mr. Ralph Jones in August last. This is Miss Whidden's second certificate in domestic service.

We clip the following from the Halifax Chronicle of Oct. 19 :

SPRINGHILL, Oct. 17—The marriage of Miss Edna Cooper, of Springhill, N. S., and Allan Duncan Hunter of Providence, Rhode Island, was solemnized in the Baptist church Wednesday morning, Oct. 17 at half past nine o'clock.

The ceremony which was performed by Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst, took place under a floral wedding bell. The bride was attended by her two bridesmaids, Miss Ina Cooper, Class '02, sister of the bride, and Miss Edith Spurden, of Fredericton, Class '04. The groom was attended by his friend, Mr. Benjamin Rogers of Springhill. Miss Annie Purdy, Class '96, presided very acceptably at the organ, while Mr. Hants Hunter and Mr. Will Cooper acted as ushers. After the ceremony a large number of guests partook of the dainty wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, McFarlane street. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter took their departure on the C. P. R. for Providence, R.I., where they will make their future home. We extend heartiest congratulations.

The sympathy of the class of '06 together with the old girls and teachers is extended to Miss Alice Jones of '06 on the death of her sister, Miss Susie Jones, a former pupil of the Seminary. Miss Jones was endeared to us by her gracious kindness and quiet helpfulness.



A Trip to Blomidon

The morning of the 22nd of September dawned fair and clear, and this was a cause for great rejoicing to the many anxious Sems who, long before sunrise, had been gazing out of their windows scanning the sky. For if the day was fine we were to go to Blomidon, have lunch on the beach, and return late in the afternoon.

Nothing was left to be desired as far as the weather was concerned; so about half past nine we set off in five big buck boards. As we drove away the Seminary yell was given and then we were off.

Everybody enjoyed the drive over. We laughed and sang, and when one of the girls looked at her watch and told us it was twenty minutes of one we could scarcely believe her.

We reached our destination about half past one, and after much discussion a place to eat our lunch was settled upon. The baskets were opened and all did full justice to the good things which had been provided for us.

As soon as lunch was over those that wanted to climb the Bluff set out. It was a long, hard pull, but with the aid of trees and sticks we at last reached the top, and there felt rewarded for any hard work which we had had getting there. A most beautiful view lay before us. We could see over five different counties of Nova Scotia and the blue waters of the Basin of Minas.

When all were tired of looking we began the descent, and when we reached the foot found the teams awaiting us. On the way back we sang every song that was ever published, reaching the Seminary about half past seven when each and every one of us declared that it had been one of the most enjoyable days she had ever spent.



Music Festival.

The first meeting of the Choral Club took place Monday evening, Oct. 15. The attendance was large, more than 100 registering. Many more are expected. This first rehearsal was most enthusiastic, the members most responsive, at which Professor Emery expressed his pleasure.

The chief work planned for the Club is "Elijah." Frederick Martin of New York, without doubt the greatest singer on the concert stage, has already been secured as soloist. This alone should guarantee success. Edward Strong, tenor, of New York, has also been engaged on Mr. Martin's recommendation. Other soloists will be announced later.

Special selections for ladies' voices will be included in the second concert. The third concert will compose compositions, largely from Gounod, including "Gallia" and excerpts from the "Redemption" and "Faust."



The Acadia Jester.

"Love's Labor Lost."

Up to the present time all that can be understood of the Freshman yell is something like this :

" We are curios right from the Zoo,
We were caught in the jungle too,
If we can never rise to be men
We're going back in 1910. "

The Freshette's version :—

Pretty girls, witty men
Make the class of 1910.

M-l-l-ry—Well, what makes you think that Miss W-ckw-r- is very prominent socially.

H-pk-ns—Why, because every day is *Collin(s)* day with her.

Hayden—Hello, Goudey, glad to see you back.

Goudey—Thanks, Percy, thanks.

Hayden—Just back from Perdition, ain't you?

Goudey—No, no, Purdue.

MORE GAMES OF CHANCE.

Somebody says that Miss Cr-nd-ll has tossed a *Copp(er)* for McK-nn-n.

SOME "IFS."

If Goucher and Dickie wish to come down to breakfast in their lounging robes and slippers, or Hutchinson in his shirt sleeves, or Read in his sweater, we might suggest that they wait until the other students have vacated the dining-room, as most of us wish to eat our breakfast without *unnecessary* reminders of a lumberman's camp or Turkish bath house.

If the underclasses will kindly observe the order for retiring from the chapel exercises it will save unnecessary rebuke from the platform.

If the Freshettes wish to pass exams, they will have to show proper respect to the Faculty ladies.

SOPH-O-MORE.

Once upon a Sunday weary, when the wind blew bleak and dreary,
As the Sabbath throng came crowding from the Temple door,
While I stood there nearly fainting, just ahead I saw one waiting,
Someone with a smile was waiting, waiting at the outside door.

"'Tis a Sophomore," I muttered, "*Hunting* there outside the door
Only this and nothing more."

Ah, so well do I remember that time in last September
When he hovered daily 'round a *Rose*-embowered door
How there came a time of sorrow, when he wished there were no
morrow,—

Now in hope that in some measure he has found another treasure,
At her door she leaves him waiting, waiting there for something more,
Murmuring sadly, "Never more."

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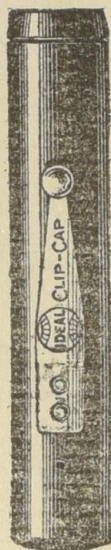
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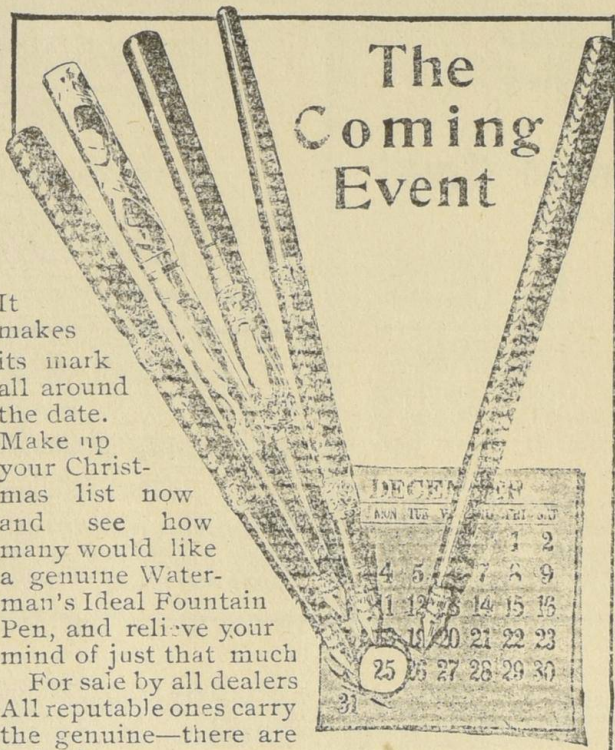
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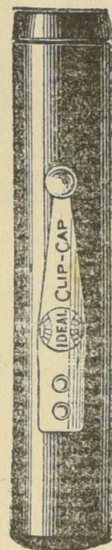
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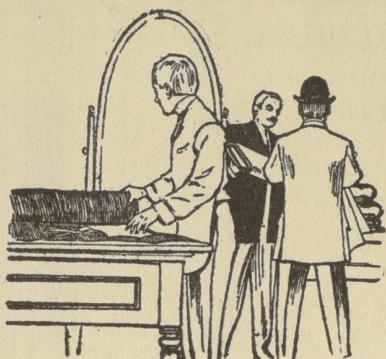
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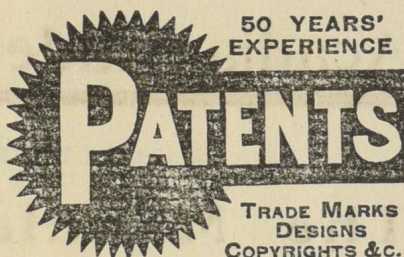
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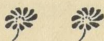
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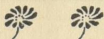
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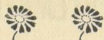


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