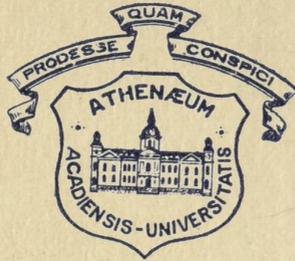


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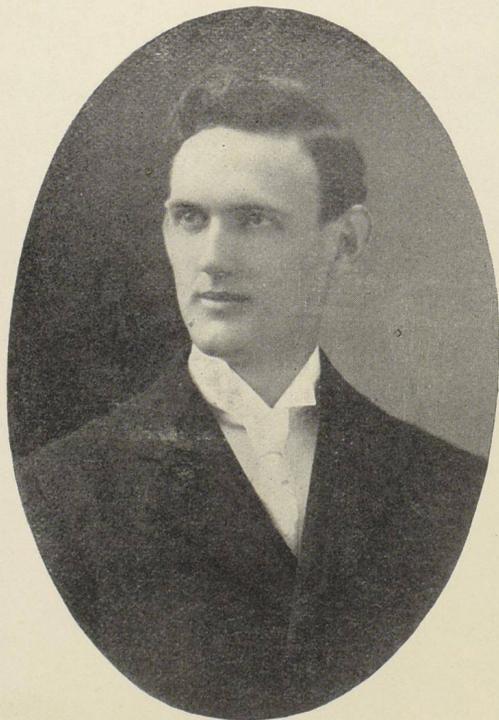
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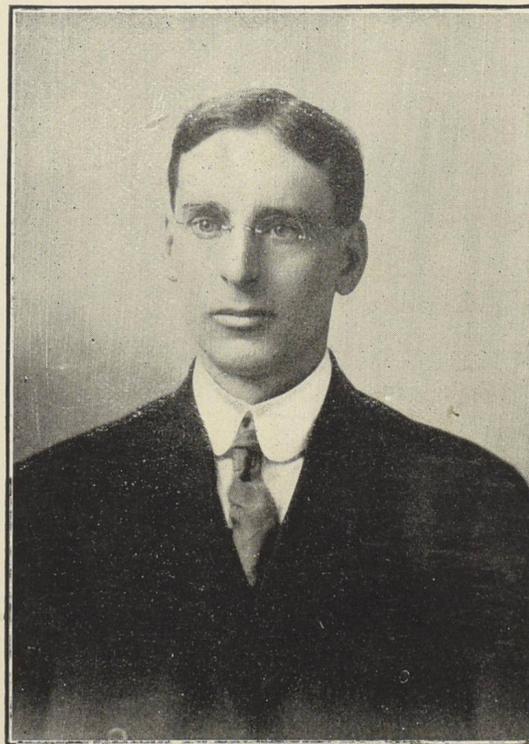
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NO man lives without jostling and being jostled. In all ways he has to elbow his way through the world, giving and receiving offense. His life is a battle, in so far as it is an entity at all. Be patient but be persistent in the right. —Carlyle



EDITOR'S NOTE:—It is the purpose of our staff to procure for each issue of our paper a standard article from some of Acadia's most distinguished graduates. The following by Dr. Chute is the first of the series.

The Value of a High Ideal in College Life.

THIS heading is not particularly attractive. It is like unto a shop window with little in it to invite entrance. It seems to give intimation of more preaching than young people usually care to be detained with. It may even be suggestive of the visionary, the dreamy, the impractical.

And yet every one must in some degree be a seer of visions and a dreamer of dreams, if much that is valuable is to be accomplished. What at first glance appears but remotely connected with practical ends may have most to do with furthering them. Successful men of every station work according to provident plans,

from the carpenter in the shop to the king on the throne. Unchartered movements bring us nowhere worth while, and prevent us from being helpful to our associates.

An ideal is that which as yet exists only as an idea. It is not with us as a thing realized, but only as a thing hoped for. Being on ahead it draws forward the one who cherishes it and controls present doings in the direction of its own realization. It is, so to speak, the ship's fixed destination, whichever way the currents run or the winds blow. The man without the reguancy of a high ideal in his life, be he College man or any other, is a fit subject for consideration or rather for blame. The mechanic needs it and the student, and the MAN needs it whether mechanic or student or anything else, for there is one obligation common to all, aside from the incidental occupation, and that is the duty and privilege of being good men, such men as God would have, no matter whether artisans or ministers of state, ploughmen or preachers. Here is one class of men for law, another for medicine, another for teaching, another for applied science, and so on. But these several pursuits are just so many different spheres wherein to reach after the one common end. The ultimate and fitting product of all thinking and acting is character, pure and honorable character. If our activities do not culminate in that, they then fall short of the proper terminus. Every person must seek that for himself, by the essential means, whatever his transient calling or surroundings, and at the same time unselfishly aid his neighbor in acquiring the very same, for there is no attaining the highest for ourselves without devotion to the chief interests of others. It is not much, after all to be eminent as a physician or artist or statesman, if not in possession of a character justly commanding the admiration of the community at large. The best of people feel, and the judgment is sound, that the man of poor character has thus far failed, irrespective of business or professional achievements. He has run without getting toward the goal, and has the while hindered others from making the desirable progress. He has lived only in life's lower hemisphere. Every person must long for something better than he now is, and be striving to reach it, else he is not fulfill-

ing his mission. The sphere of College life affords splendid opportunities for individual usefulness and growth, and he who would afterwards be of highest service in the world outside must be bent while at College, upon turning these opportunities to right account, or he will give no forecasting of profitable living when College days are gone. If there is not a devotement on the part of the student to the purpose of which we are here speaking, steady devotement as the College bell rings the hours in and out, then there is reason to fear that his Commencement Day will not be for him the commencement of a career of blessing to the world among whose busy workers he takes a place. What men are in the College period they are likely to be thereafter.

But suppose that the young man as he goes to College has before him nothing short of this ideal of being a good man, not negatively so, but positively and aggressively, of being what he ought to be and doing what he ought to do, then what effect will this have upon him in the ongoing on his College course?

It will surely be a great spur to him in what is worthiest. It will serve as a daily stimulus, and give patience and persistence in his studies. In every field of activity there is a good deal to discourage the toiler and cause zeal to flag. The road to scholarship, like every other road worth travelling, is not always an easy one, and some are handicapped by poverty or by absence of early advantages or are not quick in acquirement of learning. Hence a large cost must frequently be paid for victories in the line of what we hope to make much use of as means of promoting our main ambition, so that we are half inclined now and again not to keep up the required outlay. Having put the hand to the plough there arises a thought of turning back. But bethinking oneself of the worthiness of the goal in mind at starting, and remembering too that the longest road is covered eventually by diligent advance, little by little, fresh incitement is obtained in the undertaking and the loins are girt anew for ascent of the hill. It is when profoundly convinced that there is something on ahead well worthy of sustained exertion that difficulties are confronted with stout

heart and progress is made upward while others lie sleeping in some pleasant arbor.

Good starters are in crowds; good finishers are seen here one and there another. The poor finishers have lost their appropriate intention if they ever had it. Many an apple-blossom does not get to destination in an apple. Continuance in well-doing is only secured by thrusting aside numerous things inimical to what is supreme. What a difference there is in the movements of people. It is observed by the very strength of their advance that some are going somewhere with definite designs; and it is as easily known that others are moving aimlessly by their ready response to diverting influences. The most trying callers are those who have nothing to do, and who seem to regard those upon whom they call as equally unemployed. You are not very communicative to these persons of leisure, it may be, and the adjacent clock is half an hour fast, but these facts are of no avail for your relief. Tried in temper, you preserve your equanimity at recollecting that growth in the grace of patience improves character, so that even the trying interruption may contribute toward the ultimate thing for which you pray and labor. But the interruption ending at last, you spring to the task reluctantly dropped, more eager than ever to be other than as a leaf blown hither and yon by every gust of wind. Pertinacity in holding to a high ideal is worth more to a student as a student than brilliant powers. In these days when College organizations and the social side of College life are so much in evidence, the right ideal is especially essential to keep the train moving at sufficient speed along the main line and not to have it side-tracked any more than consists with the furtherance of the general aim.

Then adherence to the high ideal not only stimulates, but it restrains. It goads and it checks. A thousand voices are ever calling aside from the main business. Wrong pursuits vie with the right for adsorption of time and energy. What may be gainfully employed, when held in suitable subordination to what is highest, becomes a bane by usurping the first place. College life tries many a young fellow more sorely than he has ever before been

tried. At College he likely finds himself with greater freedom than has formerly been allowed him, and if not carefully on his guard the larger liberty will be used injuriously. He may fall into such habits and participate in such irregularities of conduct as must leave both himself and his friends considerable to recall regretfully. The devil is at College as well as at the homes where students come from. There is no fence around our Hill at Wolfville that shuts the devil out any more than there is about the farms and towns which the boys have left behind. Indeed Satan, seems to regard a College as an exceptionally fine stand for his business. There are marvellous possibilities of magnificent service for mankind in such an assembled body of young people, so that the prince of darkness is there particularly vigilant and energetic. The College is sometimes blamed that certain young persons turn away from its halls worse off morally than when they arrived. But equally sad to tell, some stay at home and descend, do they not? The young fellows have at College, as at home or anywhere else, the responsibility of choosing for themselves, and if they choose the evil, which is always making its appeal, rather than the good, which is ever within reach, and make the choice in opposition to wise counselling, then certainly the blame must lie at their own door. The need therefore, that students should adopt high ideals and cling tenaciously to them, contrary to all efforts of the tempter, is as clear as can be. Thereby they are restrained from going whither the wrongly-disposed would decoy them. If the College were a devil excluded haven, as anxious parents wish it were, then it would furnish small opportunity for moral and spiritual development. Efforts should of course be ceaseless to have it that kind of a haven and none should choose to walk in dangerous ways. To run into temptation is to make sure of defeat; to meet manfully the temptation we would fain have gone clear of, is to triumph. Battles make good soldiers, and storms good seamen. Temptations are rarely looked upon as anything but openings for wrong doing; but it is worth much to a young fellow to get in mind that an unavoidable temptation is an opportunity to do right. The devil may get big defeats and many of them.

in the College boarding-house, and on the College campus, and in the College Societies, and everywhere about the College, defeats really worthy of being celebrated in shout and song. It may appear like independence and manliness to be unbound by the restrictions of virtue. But be not deceived. Bondage to righteousness is the perfection of freedom.

The high ideal also governs choices as to companions and diversions. We may mingle with people in friendly fashion and still be sundered from them in the matter of their ignoble ambitions. All should be ready to go with others for mutual advantage, but not for participation in sordid engagements. Those who go off by themselves to enjoy their religion are likely soon to lose the small supply of religion they take with them. Taint is not avoided by merely avoiding the tainted. A tide of blessing flowing forth from ourselves into the corrupt world in the best way, indeed the only way of keeping the evil from flowing into us. It is one thing to be among people to improve ourselves and them, however, and quite another to join them because we want to participate in the improper things they follow. The one who would deter us from reaching our worthy end, from pressing toward our lofty ideal, ought not to be chosen for a friend at all, because a friend in true sense no one can be unless disposed to assist us Godward. The wisely selective course in respect to companions, and to things to be done and to be spurned, can only be taken by those who not only have a right ideal, but who strongly move onward to have it actualized. Many an exemplary College man can testify that such an ideal has duly controlled him again and again in the play-times when so much evil is apt to be thoughtlessly wrought.

It does not take long to discover that a noble ideal recedes with the progress made toward it. That is, it becomes still higher and worthier with our own improvement. We come not to where there is no more to reach after, for climb as we may, new heights allure us on. What a shame, then, for any not to be broadening and expanding, not to be steadily advancing in the truly educative process while professedly acquiring an education, not to be going forward toward that completeness of conformity to the Divine

mind which the man with the true ideal is yearning to attain unto. He who is well on already in what is choicest is the one who discerns the shortness of the distance thus far traversed, as compared with the leagues that await the covering of his feat, and who all the more on that account is eager to get as far as possible before the shades of night close in. This is the finest sort of person to know, to have fellowship with, and to emulate. And this one is what he is, you will find, by virtue of allegiance to the Redeemer of men, who alone is competent to hold the reins of government in any human life and make all experiences turn to the enrichment of a human soul. Only that student is on the right track who aspires to full surrender unto such leadership; and in him is forcibly demonstrated to fellow students and friends the inestimable worth of an exalted ideal during the College days.

A. C. CHUTE, '81.



“Too Late.”

THEY had quarrelled and parted. The man went out from one old world into another. Resolutely, he closed the door on all his past. For a moment he stood. His firm chin grew more firm. Then, far from any who could call his name—a new man in a new world—he buried himself in his books. The woman staid behind. Her heart was dead; but her eye was steady, her hand unwavering and with set lips she said, “My child shall live as I would live.”

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A man sat at his table. The world looked in and said, “Prosperous, clever; but—and it shuddered as it passed on—so bitter, so hardened. I wonder why it is. The man was reading, he never rested. He told himself that “Those that had the time to rest had not the brains to work.” A door opened below and the sound intrudingly broke in upon the silence. A man ran lightly up the steps; walked quickly down the hall, and at his step, now near, a door swung open. Light, warmth and cheerfulness seem-

ed to flood the hall. A woman stood in the door. A woman's heart gave welcome to the man it loved. Together, a moment they stood. Then eager feet came pattering over the floor and a baby's voice cried, "Daddy! Daddy!" A moment more and the door is closed. The man still sat in his chair. Through the half-open door he had seen the welcome home. A quick pain stung his heart—a sickening dread crept over him—tears came to his eyes, but came no further. He picked up his book and bade "his weak emotions perish." He held his book; but read not. He was back in a wee happy home. It was evening. His wife sat opposite him. In her arms she held his child. The fire-light played over her. She smiled and as she smiled he wondered, "Is this Heaven?" Heaven? He started. It was another evening. The eyes now resolute looked into his and lips unquivering said, "Such is a living death. Go, that we both may live." Slowly, painfully came the thoughts—my wife, where is she? my child, now five years old, where is he? Has she forgiven all—my wife—could she forget? Would she try again? He would be kind—he had learned kindness now—would she forget? The fire burned slowly out; the book unheeded fell from his hand; he arose and went out in to the night.

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The man's step grew lighter. At each familiar spot, his pulse beat wildly. Hope filled his heart. The trees, the flowers, the sunshine promised well. His lips could scarce keep back a song. He paused a moment at the gate—in the distance stood the house. "His Heaven" he used to fondly call it and now, outside, his foot a moment lingers. A moment only and he enters. The walk seems so familiar—the house—it's changed. Did Mary have it changed? A dread steals over him. A merry girl ran from the house and at the sight of him, she paused. Then timidly she asked, "what can I do for you, sir. "Oh! Mrs. Moore, is she not here?" He trembled as her face grew sad. She paused, looked searchingly and said, "Poor Mrs. Moore, she left us here

last January. A bad cold, sir. She never seemed to live much after the little boy went, sir."

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Awed by the tragedy, the villagers watched by the grave. "He came but yester-night—and now he's dead—on her grave too." Their hearts were warm with sympathy and as they laid him to his rest, they said, "I wonder why it was." 1911.



Seventeen Years Ago.

Sweeter than gardens of roses
Came the breath of the orchards below,
As we stood at the turn of the road that day
And gazed ahead at the far-away,
Seventeen years ago

Seventeen years—so the clock says,
Methinks 'twas a lie it told:
Times whirring wheels have raced through the night,
Or the hands have skipped the years from spite,
In their haste to declare us old.

To-day from the East to the Sunset;
From the South to the endless Snows,
We have gathered once more an unbroken band,
For one brief hour sit hand in hand,
Shall we meet again—God knows.

One hour and then to return
Where our lots in life are cast;
We shall gird ourselves for our tasks anew
And our hands grow strong with the work they do
Unflinching and true to the last.

Henceforth, again our ways part,
Scattered, dispersed and strown,
O'er earth's wide fields new scenes among,
Like a handful of grain by Destiny flung,
We shall fare till the day is flown. *Isaac Crombie '92*

At the request of the committee the above was written for the Class of '92 Reunion by Crombie, but the writer thinking it did not do justice to so auspicious an event did not send it until after June 1st. A copy is being forwarded to each member of the class, that so choice a poetical gem may be enjoyed by him.

Reunion of the Class of '92.

AT 10.30 p. m., June 1st, thirteen members of the class which graduated from Acadia in eighteen and ninety-two met in the dining room of the Acadia Villa Hotel, to hold their first reunion, since leaving the Halls of Acadia. Any danger of misfortune from the supposedly unlucky number was entirely obviated by the fact, that six members of the Class had with them their wives, to grace the gathering. Another feature which added much to the pleasure of the occasion was the presence, with their ladies, of four former instructors of the Class. These were Professors Jones, Tufts, Wortman and Caldwell.

After full justice had been done to the repast, President Illsley called the following toast list:—"Our King," "Our Alma Mater," "Our Professors," "Our Class," and "Our Ladies," to which the guests heartily responded. Then followed one of the most interesting features of the Reunion. A Class meeting was held, in which the Class roll was called. As the name of each one was called, one or more of his classmates told of his career since graduation. The rehearsal of the doings of the members since Graduation Day, the varied reminiscences of the good old college days, the renewing of old acquaintanceship, and the mingling together of classmates and former teachers was most pleasant.

The continued interest of the Class in their "Alma Mater" was shown by the decision to mark the occasion of this "Reunion" by the endowment of a scholarship, subject to the co-operation of the members of the class, who were not present on this occasion. It was decided that this should be a permanent annual scholarship of the value of twenty-five dollars, pledges to be redeemable in three instalments. It is gratifying to know that the responses received, make it an assured fact, that in the Autumn of 1911, the Class of '92, scholarship will be presented to the University.

A resolution was also passed to the effect, that the Class will hold another reunion in eight years, on the twenty-fifth Anniversary of their Graduation.

It is interesting to note that this reunion was the outcome of the casual meeting of three members of the Class. In the discussion incident to this coming together, the fact was noted, that though seventeen years had gone by since the Class had graduated, every one of the twenty members of the class was still living. This, with the realization that the Acadia spirit is not as strong as it should be in the Class of '92, and the possibility that if the reunion of this class was a success and proved to be a good thing for '92 other classes would take up the idea of holding frequent reunions, resulted in a call to a reunion, with the happy outcome noted above.

The experiment proved to be satisfactory, and it is greatly to be desired, that reunions of the classes which make up our "Alma Mater" may become very general, believing that they will prove as helpful to Acadia in the years to come, as they have to Harvard and other noted Universities in the past.

FRED. E. COX, '92



The Y. W. C. A. Conference at Muskoka.

"There's a place called Elgin House
By a shining lake
And we will hold it ever dear."

Here was held the first summer conference under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., of Canada. This place far away on Lake Joseph, one of the most beautiful of the Muskoka lakes, proved an ideal place for such a gathering, for here, far from the noisy, bustling, hurrying world we could spend a few days in which, quiet and undisturbed, we might draw close to the warm, throbbing heart of Nature and its God.

The conference which was held from June 26th to July 5th, was a great success. Many had wondered if this experiment would prove successful and if the convention would be as helpful and enjoyable as the international one which has been held at Silver

Bay, N. Y., for many years, but as the busy days went by all delegates felt fully convinced that the Dominion Council had indeed been wise in its decision to sever all connection with the American conference. So encouraged was the "Council" that it was decided to have another conference at the same place next year.

Two hundred and fifteen delegates were present, many city organizations and several colleges being represented. McGill University sent thirteen delegates, Toronto University twenty-six, Victoria (Toronto) twenty-four, Queens eight, McMaster five, McDonald School of Agriculture (Guelph) two, U. N. B., two, Mt. Allison, four and Dalhousie one. It was a blessing and inspiration just to come in contact with these bright, jolly girls, who although full of life and College spirit seemed eager to learn more of our Master and his glorious work.

The days were full and overflowing as the following schedule for each day will show: Breakfast, 7.30 a.m.; President's conference, 8; Bible study class, 9; mission study class, 10; address, 11; dinner, 12.30; afternoon free for recreation, tennis, bathing and launch trips; supper 6; lecture 7 p.m.; delegation meeting, 9.30; house quiet 10. One afternoon a very enjoyable "At Home" was given to the McGill and Maritime delegates by the girls of Victoria College, Toronto, and the next evening all the college girls present were guests of the Toronto University girls. Perhaps the most enjoyable of the social affairs was a launch trip on the beautiful, shining waters of Lake Joseph, given by the jolly McGill girls. Thursday afternoon, July 1st was devoted to the college "stunts", when the delegates were supposed to do their share in amusing and entertaining the assembled crowd.

Three Bible study classes were conducted, one by Rev. Mr. McGregor on "Mark and its teachings;" one on the "Acts of the Apostles" by Prof. Russell, of Guelph Agriculture School and one on "The Early Prophets and their work," by Prof. Gilmour of "McMaster." These were found very helpful and instructive and many of us who had perhaps been careless in our study of God's Word were led to see new beauty in this Book of all Books and

resolved to devote more of our time in perusing its pages where we could come into closer touch with our Saviour and Friend. Several reasons why the Bible should be studied were given by Prof. Gilmour. 1st the study of the Bible is effective in a liberal education; 2nd this study helps in our religious life for it reveals the great heart of God and His willingness to help and strengthen: 3rd this study enables us to be of service to others. "We can never be of much service unless we are masters of the Bible."

Very instructive mission classes were conducted and several missionaries who have labored in different parts of the world gave very interesting and inspiring addresses. One class studied "The Moslem World," another "The Conquest of India," but perhaps the most interesting study was, "The strangers within our Gates," for here we learned of the great needs and work in our own beloved Canada. The missionaries present were Mrs. McLaurin, (India), Miss Bell, (Africa), Dr. Jean Dow, (China), and Dr. Gould, a medical missionary who has worked for eleven years among the Mohammedans in Palestine. Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Toronto, gave some fine reasons why the study of missions should be of interest and profit to all christians. First the study of missions gives us history, geography, social customs, etc., of foreign countries and is second in importance only to Bible study; 2nd the study of missions fits us to take our place properly in the church and to pray our "Lord's Prayer" intelligently for only then can we honestly pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as in Heaven;" 3rd the only request given by Christ during His last forty days upon earth was "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Surely we should be willing and anxious to carry out the last wish of our dearest and truest Friend. 4th it is just as important to study the work of the modern apostles of those mentioned in God's Word for they too are His children who have consecrated their lives to His service.

Several helpful addresses were given during the convention by men of different denominations, Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa; Dr. Graham, of Toronto; Dr. McKenzie, President of Hartford Theo-

logical Seminary; Rev. Mr. McNeil, Toronto; Canon Cody, Toronto; Prof. Gilmour, McMaster. Many beautiful and inspiring messages were given by these speakers, all of whom tried to help us to obtain a truer and better knowledge of God. Canon Cody gave two very helpful addresses on "The Authority of Christ" in which he emphasized the divine nature of Jesus. Rev. Mr. McNeil, whose address of last year we all enjoyed so much gave a very fine lecture on "For me to Live is Christ." This he said should be the ideal of every Christian. This means to have Christ as the hub, the centre of our whole life. All through life we must receive from Christ and give to needy humanity.

An address given by Dr. Graham of Toronto was greatly enjoyed by all. He chose as his text, "Follow Me" Matt. 9:9. His main point was that Christ sees something worthy even in those whom the multitude passes by in scorn. The people could see in the twelve disciples only plain, rough, common fishermen, but Christ saw men who would shake the world by their marvellous power. Such characters as Paul; the woman who anointed Christ, and in fiction Sydney Carton and Jean Valjean, prove that God alone can see the heart and true worth of an individual. Remembering this we should be kind in our judgments and criticisms, we must be quick and ready to cheer and comfort the needy and lonely-hearted and be Christlike in every thought and deed.

Some facts emphasized during the convention were: the great importance of prayer; the great need of kindness and sympathy towards all; we are all co-laborers with God and must be careful of our influence; greater interest should be shown in God's work and Word. God alone knows of the deep heart searchings, of the renewed consecration of hearts and lives, and He only can tell what will be the result of the seed planted during this first Canadian conference.

All too quickly the week passed away and on Monday morning

July 5th, amidst cheering and College yells, a happy crowd of girls joined in singing:

Elgin House
On the silver sea
Some other day we'd like to sail
Back again to thee."

S. M. D. '10.



A Glimpse of Night.

There's a blue deep sky
And the clouds go by,
With their soft white folds to view ;
And they pass along
On the breezes strong
And heighten the deep of the blue.

And they veil yon star
Where such myst'ries are,
While the winds their wisper sigh ;
But they hurry on
Toward the purple dawn
O'er secret of earth and of sky.

And in striving mass
They, with fleeting, pass
Swift across the vault of sight,
O'er the trackless way
Where the planets play,
And pass on their path to the night.

1910.

Northfield Echoes.

COME with me, dear reader, to the north of the State of Massachusetts. Here in a retired spot on the slope of the Connecticut Valley, near where that river leaves the state to form the boundary between New Hampshire, and Vermont, we come upon a quiet, well ordered village overlooking in the valley below one of the most peaceful of scenes. Across the valley on the farther side the land slopes back and upward to magnificent heights whose sides are forested down to the valleys. Northward the river seems to issue from mountain recesses above which mountain peaks and ridges rise in majestic grandeur. The only sounds which seem to disturb the peaceful quiet of this sequestered corner of the universe are those which originate with the trains which hourly thread their ways up and down the valley along its parallel slopes.

A short distance back of this village, the name of which is given to us as East Northfield, we are surprised to come upon what at first appears a military encampment—tents pitched everywhere in shady nook and corner. Here are several acres of gentle slope, amply beautified by numerous fine trees, standing in clumps and singly, amidst which here and there stand nearly a score of fine buildings. These are the grounds and buildings of the Northfield Ladies' Seminary. All this, we learn, is the gift of the sacrifice and unselfish interest of one of the noblest men whose lives have blessed their day and generation. These grounds contain the remains of the man of sainted memory; and, as we ascend the hillock known as Round Top, and see the two modest marble slabs standing side by side upon its summit, our heads we bare in reverence which deepens when we read upon one the name of D. L. Moody. The other marks the resting-place of his wife.

But what and wherefore is this great gathering? We are informed that it represents the delegations from the great majority of colleges of eastern North America, besides numerous other delegates who represent schools and academies, all come up for the

one purpose—the Northfield Student Conference of the Y. M. C. A. A more friendly, congenial and cosmopolitan lot of men it would be impossible to find in convention. Everything gives such promise of a thoroughly pleasant time we decide to remain throughout the convention period of ten days.

Our next concern is to secure lodging. We are specially interested in Acadia; so we decide to stay in their tents, which are two in number, situated in a pleasant location alongside the McGill tents and only a few steps from Marquand Hall where we are to partake of refreshment three times a day. Close at hand stands another tent occupied by the delegations from Mount Allison, The University of New Brunswick, and Dalhousie, whose combined numbers just equal our representation, a matter for congratulation and justifiable pride on Acadia's part.

In the evening a regular pandemonium of yells arises. From all directions are heard complimentary yells to colleges which reply in a similar manner with their yells. This is continued almost up to midnight.

The Acadia few muster courage enough to attempt to apprise the convention of the fact that some of her sons are present. Accordingly, a tremendous roar arises from the Acadia tents as the college yell is given. The other voices are hushed for a moment; but almost immediately comes in surprise the answer "Who's Acadia? Who's Acadia? Who's Acadia?" Utterly taken aback the Acadia few relapse into silence to ponder on the gross and dense ignorance which exists in the world.

Did someone say that the Northfield Convention was a picnic? If so, it may be concluded at once that that person never was there. Although there is some play it is far from being *all* play. With but little variation Sunday or week-day—except, of course, that on Sunday there are no sports—the daily program is a varied and extensive one.

The afternoon is given up to sports, bathing, or anything else to which the fancy might incline. In the line of sports there are daily tennis and base ball matches. Swimming and bathing are

much indulged in, and the facilities for this form of sports on the river are unparalleled.

After supper at 7. P. M. the strains of song summon us to the twilight meeting on Round Top. Here for an hour we are inspired and moved to better resolutions by the appeal of some hero of the cross.

At the end of this profitable hour, in the gathering shadows we betake ourselves to the Auditorium for the evening platform meeting which begins at 8. P. M.

Some of the speakers at this Conference are among the best platform men the world can produce; while other prominent personages, such as Dr. Grenfel, are known more by their lives than by their power of oratory. Such are the men after all whose words are remembered longest.

This account would not be complete without saying something about the field day sports and celebration night. The former is much the same as our intercollegiate track meets. Excitement runs high and there is apparently no lack of enthusiasm in the various contests nor of interest in the outcome. The sports are held on a level piece of ground of ample size in front of Marquand Hall. On the side of the field toward Marquand an abrupt ascent of ground several rods in extent provides excellent seating for quite a large number. All sports are carried off in the afternoons; nothing is allowed to interfere with the morning exercises.

The "glorious fourth" is always duly celebrated in characteristic American style.

But by far the most interesting proceedings of the convention take place on celebration night. This is usually the evening of the Fourth of July. The different delegations, variously uniformed and decked out, are seen approaching the Auditorium through whose doors they pass to seats assigned them inside. The whole interior is decked with banners, flags and standards galore. Our Canadian hearts swell to see the folds of the Union Jack united with those of the Stars and Strips around the platform and conspicuously draped on either side. When the delegations have all become seated compliments in college yells are exchanged for a

space of several minutes when the Fourth of July address is given.

At the close of this there is read the program of the evening which consists in receiving from those delegations entitled by numbers to give them, their, college yells, songs, or even "stunts," as the case may be. An incident highly gratifying to us Canadians occurs when the McGill men go in a body to Harvard's delegation and take away therefrom Dr. Grenfel whom Harvard has requested to go over to be honored by them and whom, once they have him, they refuse to return. This is a lesson to the other delegations who do him honor, for he is thereafter duly returned in each case. These exercises are brought to a close by singing the national anthems of Canada and the United States. All now pass out to witness the firing of the immense bonfire pile, which is fully one hundred feet high. It burns for hours while hundreds of college fellows disport themselves around it running, leaping and otherwise wildly performing in the broad glare of the grandly luminous pile; and in the background hundreds more stand enjoying the scene. Finally, tired from the day's activity, we retire at a late hour to sleep as we never slept since childhood.

The benefits derived individually and directly by the delegates to this Conference, and indirectly by those in the colleges represented cannot be estimated. And we should like to see the college as a whole—not the Y. M. C. A. only—take a deeper interest in this matter, so that each year our representatives to the conference may increase in number and may include at least one of our best athletes. Our request would be for men of such qualifications as will bring our college into prominence and who at the same time will be capable and likely to bring back to us some of the richness of blessing, the nobility of ideal, and the breadth of christian outlook to be obtained at the Northfield Conference.

JAS. O. STEEVES '10.

Our New Professors

SIDNEY F. PATTISON.

THE appointment to the chair of English Language and Literature has rested upon Mr. Sidney F. Pattison, of Rochester, N. Y., a son of Dr. T. Harwood Pattison, formerly professor of Homiletics at Rochester University, whose theological treatises are well known in our constituency. Professor Pattison took his B. A. from Rochester University and in 1907 the degree of M. A. from Harvard, having specialized in Rhetoric and English Literature. He was for ten years professor of English in the University of Colorado and comes to Acadia with excellent credentials both as a student and teacher. We are glad to welcome him to our midst feeling confident that his classes cannot but be most pleasant and instructive, and we bespeak for him the cooperation of the entire student body as well as the friends and patrons of Acadia generally.

HENRY ERNEST WILLIAMS.

The opportunity afforded by the erection of the Carnegie Science Hall for extensive scientific study has necessitated an addition to the personnel of the science faculty. Hence it is that we will in future have an associate professor in the department of Chemistry. After a diligent search the board of governors located Mr. Ernest Williams, of Quincy, Mass., and chose him for this position. Mr. Williams was graduated from Quincy High School in 1905 and took the degree of A. B. from the college of Liberal Arts, Boston University, in 1909, and subsequently pursued a special course in chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was assistant to Professor S. C. Newell, in the Chemical Laboratory of Boston University and comes to Acadia with abundant preparation and experience to fill the position to which he has been appointed.

Editorials

THE opening days of a college year are filled with expectancy and anticipation. There is, perhaps, no period of our lives so permeated with an enthusiastic appreciation of success as our "College Days." We cannot for moment harbor the thought of failure. Yet, if there is one thing we learn from the records of those who have preceded us, as well as from an examination of our own experiences it is that failure is a possibility. Life at Acadia is a battle, and a battle which each one must fight for himself. No one can procure a substitute. No one can live in the shadow of some one else's attainment.

With the spirit of a battle, there naturally arises one of competition. We must not only struggle but we must surpass. Such an idea if properly controlled is not only legitimate, but productive of great good in the individual's life. If we desire the power which some one else possesses we shall not acquire it through envy nor yet by merely *wishing* we had his force. We must study his process and by emulation and independence pay the price for it and claim it as our own. The outstanding cause of failure is a contemplation of success, without any subsequent effort to achieve. We paint the longed-for virtues as pleasant and attractive pictures. That is always admissible. Types of nobility are an inspiration to any soldier. But we must remember that while these things are attractive and beautiful in theory, they are determination and self denial and even pain in practice.

But competition has also a dangerous side. In it we may be led to exhibit a sham for a reality and for a striking appearance pay the price of real worth. As a modern writer has said "The true competition is the competition of the individual with himself—his present seeking to excel his past." This competition must stimulate growth. It must reveal to the college man the fact, that his life is "an investment of untold possibilities," which if properly developed may prove a mine of illimitable resources, and inestimable influences.

During the month that has just passed, one fact has probably been pressed home upon us—the necessity of conscientious effort and application. To make this year a rich and harmonious experience we must accept no other alternative than real hard work. In choosing our electives many of us are guided by the desire to take the easiest possible course. Few of us may be permitted to choose our own work. In our eagerness to escape hardships we forget that real hard work is a blessing and that its very distastefulness is a challenge to us to do our best. By resistance it brings into play our finest powers. Whatever task confronts us, whether easy or difficult, from which we cannot honourably withdraw, must be needed. Herein lies our commission. Emerson says “Every man’s task is his life-preserver.” Let no one complain then because of difficulties. Let us rather consider ourselves fortunate that, in this life, we cannot make a way without industry.

If we wish to make our work effective we should adopt a plan. There is surely a fascination in mapping out a campaign, in making careful preparations so as to accomplish our purposes. One feels a certain stimulus in seeing the thing laid out clearly before him in black and white. But in our satisfaction over our projected scheme, we are apt to make an error in Emphasis, and lay too much stress on the plan. The perfection of the plan is of no value whatever if not followed by real effort. Men who can make good plans for themselves and their neighbors are plentiful but men with the power and persistence to carry them out are rare. Every neglected plan must have a weakening effect upon character.

With the opening of this term Acadia is ushered into a critical period. The resignation of Dr. W. B. Hutchinson has left us without a President. This means added labor and responsibility for the present members of our Faculty, as well as an opportunity for a closer and co-operative union between the students and Professors.

We believe that during the two years in which Dr. Hutchinson acted in the capacity of President he did all in his power to advance the interests of our institutions. We trust that abundant success may follow him in his chosen profession.

It is with keen regret that we chronicle the resignation of Roy Elloit Bates as head of the English Department, while with us Professor Bates had a full measure of the Acadia Spirit. He won our confidence and admiration by the fine qualities and superior ability which he evinced both as teacher and author. With health fully recovered we are sure that true success must crown a brilliant career.

Elsewhere in our columns we have introduced to our readers Professor Sidney F. Pattison, the successor of Professor Bates and Henry Ernest Williams, instructor in general chemistry. The Athenæum takes this opportunity of conveying to them its sincere greeting. We know that their relations with us will be both cordial and inspiring.



Obituary.

REV. SAMUEL McCULLY BLACK, M. A. D. D.

IT becomes our sad duty to record in these pages, the passing of one of Acadia's most eminent and loyal sons, the Rev. Samuel McCully Black. Dr Black was born in Amherst Nova Scotia on January 28th 1846. In this lovely spot his youth was spent and here he received a thorough preliminary training in the County Academy. 1868 found him at Horton Academy where he spent two years of careful study in preparation for a college career. He was graduated from Acadia as a member of the class of '74. Proceeding to Harvard he spent two years in hard study and finished with a theological course at Newton. After his return to Nova Scotia he held pastorates at Berwick, (Where he was ordained.) Liverpool, Westport and Kentville. He was a very thoughtful preacher and possessed extraordinary power of expression. His sermons were masterpieces and at one time he delivered Acadia's Baccalaureate Address. In 1890 he was called to the editorial chair of the Baptist Denominational Paper. This arduous and

influential position he had filled until his death, to the utmost acceptability of all. We feel that the denomination has lost a mighty pillar and our Institutions a loyal friend. To the bereaved wife and family we extend sincerest sympathy.

NELSON A. RHODES.

Nelson A. Rhodes died at his home in Amherst, Nova Scotia on Thursday Morning September 30th 1909. He was in the sixty fourth of his age and to all appearances was in his usual good health. The death was very unexpected and the Maritime Provinces mourn the loss of a great industrial leader, a public spirited citizen and a humble and devout christian. Although not a son of Acadia Mr. Rhodes was so closely connected with our interests, that we feel to call him one of us. He superintended the building of our College and also the New Carnegie Science Hall. For several years he served as one of Acadia's governors and in this position was "faithful even unto the end" for at the time of his decease he was preparing to go with another member of the Board to select a President for the college. The work of his hands still stands in our midst as a fitting reminder of his eminently unselfish and helpful life.

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The Month.

What visionary tints the year puts on,
When falling leaves falter through motionless air
Or numbly cling and shiver to be gone.

—*Lowell.*

With the ushering in of October, in all the glory of her gorgeous coloring, comes the return of the Students of Acadia—the return of former students, and the advent of the expectant Freshman, now to receive their first impressions of life at "Old Acadia."

Hearty are the greetings of the friends of former days, and sad the regrets over those who have not returned. The number of these however is not large, and with the new students, the enrollment is about the same as last year, in the vicinity of two hundred. With the advantages of the new Science Building and the increased room the outlook for a good years' work is very promising.

Y. M. C. A. The first Social function of the College year was the Reception given by the College Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening, Oct. 8th. This was a very informal gathering to enable the new students to get acquainted with the students body, and to spend an evening of good fellowship together. As the evening was fine there were large numbers present from both College and Academy. Games, readings and Gramophone selections, with plenty of Gravensteins, added to the evening's enjoyment.

G. C. Warren, the President of our Y. M. C. A. gave the new students a cordial welcome. He was followed by the Chairmen of the committees on Bible Study and Missions, and by the Presidents of the Athenæum, Athletic, and Science Societies, who made it clear that a well-rounded college course, means participation in the Literary, Athletic, and spiritual life of the College. College Songs, Yells and the Acadia Doxology, brought the evening's program to a close.

Y. W. C. A. The members of the Y. W. C. A. of the college, on Saturday evening, October ninth gave an informal reception to the "new girls" who have recently entered Acadia's halls.

The reception was held in the library whose studious aspect of wisdom and learning was exchanged for one of brightness and mirth, by means of banner decorations and brilliantly colored Autumn leaves.

Miss Sadie Dypeman, President of the Society and Miss Mary Porter, Vice-President, received the guests at the door.

Among the guests present, whom it was especially pleasant to welcome were Mrs. Pattison, wife of our Professor of English,

and Miss Latter, Travelling Secretary of the "Student's Volunteer Movement."

The entertainment for the evening was "progressive games." After an hour or so was spent in good-natured rivalry over these, refreshments of ice-cream and cake were served.

Then toasts were heartily proposed and responded to, followed by merry songs, which brought a most happily spent evening to a close.

ATHLETICS. Interest in Athletics for this month, amongst the students, centers on the Campus where Capt. Camp, and "Coach", Howe are busy getting the Football Team into shape.

With a strong Team in the Academy, and a good Second Team, the First Team has been getting a lot of hard practice, and when the time for the Intercollegiate games arrives, Acadia's chances for holding the Trophy another year will be bright.

On Saturday afternoon the 16th of October, the Crescents of Halifax, strengthened by our DeBow and Morton, played Acadia here, the game resulting in a tie, 3-3.

Although superior in weight, the Crescent forwards were held by the Acadia "scrim", and the game showed that Acadia has a fast, strong, well balanced Team.

On Thursday evening, October 14th, the Students had the privilege of hearing Dr. Porter lecture in College Hall on the prevention of Tuberculosis.

Dr. Porter is representing the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and is well qualified for the position. He pointed out that on account of the prevalence of the disease every one should do all possible to check its spread; that it was not incurable; but that a proper and generous diet, with plenty of air and sunshine would effect a cure in many cases.

At the close of the Lecture a vote of thanks moved by Dr. DeWitt and seconded by Rev. R. F. Dixon was tendered Dr. Porter.

The Pierian

Of Acadia Seminary.

ATTENDANCE. The Full Term, 1909, began September 8. The number of registrations is the largest in the history of the school, *one hundred and six* having entered as resident pupils. Of this number forty-four have been in residence before.

Geographically the pupils are distributed as follows: Nova Scotia 68, New Brunswick 31, Prince Edward Island 1, the remainder coming from Quebec, British Columbia, Maine, North Dakota, and New York. Twenty more pupils are expected to enter for the work of the Winter Term. The problem of housing becomes, accordingly, somewhat pressing. It is likely that the house now occupied by Principal DeWolfe will be fitted up and used as a Seminary Annex.

TEACHING STAFF. We note several changes in the Teaching Staff. Miss Julia McIntyre, Seminary 1906, a graduate also of the Lillian Massey School of Household Science, and for two years teacher in the Macdonald Consolidated School, in Albert, N. B., takes the place made vacant by Miss Bool's resignation. Miss Mabel Davis, of Haverhill Mass. for few years teacher of voice in the Conservatory of Music, Halifax, takes Miss Merson's place in the Vocal Department. With Miss Davis is associated Miss Daisy Arnold of Wickford, R. I. She is a graduate of the N. E. Conservatory of Music. Miss Helen Hammond, a graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory has charge of the Physical Culture in the Seminary and is associated with Miss Goodspeed in Elocution. Miss Blanche Sproule is registered trained nurse.

Owing to the large number of pupils seeking instruction in Music Mrs Percy Woodworth has been appointed to assist in Pianoforte. Mrs. Woodworth was for several years the head teacher in Pianoforte in the Seminary and is accordingly, finely qualified to do excellent work. The Department of Music has now, without doubt, the strongest staff in the history of the School.

SOCIETIES. The following officers have been elected by the Pierian Society, and the Y. W. C. A.

PIERIAN SOCIETY.

Gladys Archibald, 1910, *President*.
 Annie Chambers, 1910, *1st. V. President*.
 Clara MacDonald, *2nd. V. President*.
 Marion Simpson, 1911, *Secty—Treas.*

Y. W. C. A.

Annie Miller, 1910, *President*.
 Elsie King, 1910, *V. President*.
 Florence Lewis, 1910, *Secretary*.

The Y. W. C. A. of the Seminary has united with the College Y. W. C. A. to send Miss Helen Bancroft of the Junior Class in College, Seminary 1907, to represent the two societies at the Quadrennial Meeting of the Student Volunteers of America to be held in Rochester in the latter part of December. Much profit is anticipated from the Societies' participation in this series of meetings.

In this connection we may speak of the pleasant visit from Miss Latter, Field Secretary for the School and College Y. W. C. A. of Canada, and the helpful address given us by our own Missionary Mrs. Archibald, now enjoying a well deserved furlough.

IMPROVEMENTS AND NEEDS. In the next issue we shall give a somewhat detailed account of the changes and improvements achieved and contemplated to bring the equipment of the Domestic Science Department to the level of its opportunity. No better teaching in Domestic Science is done anywhere in the Maritime Provinces than here at Acadia. The equipment should be made and will be made adequate.

There is need for enlarged library accommodation, for a Y. W. C. A. Room, for increased facility for teaching music, and practice rooms, for a *Fine Arts Building* to provide for all these needs.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL. The Violin Class is the largest in the history of the school. The Mission Study Class will begin after the Thanksgiving Recess, the study of Africa using the text book, *Christus Liberator* by Ellen C. Parsons, the class will be conducted by Principal DeWolfe.

Some of last years class are taking studies in College, Miss Lewis, Miss Gladys Clarke, Miss Josephine Clarke, Miss Gilroy, Miss Schaffner and Miss Hubley. Miss Mary Calhoun is again in the Seminary taking the Teacher's Course in Domestic Science. Miss Ethyl Wheelock and Miss Nellie Morse are teaching Domestic Science, having secured in virtue of their graduation from the Seminary a Teacher's license enabling them to teach Household Science in the Public Schools of Nova Scotia. Miss Ella Vance is teaching at Ollalla, B. C. Notices of other members of the class of 1909 will appear in our next issue.



The Lyceum

(*Of Horton Academy.*)

EDITORS—P. F. MURRAY, W. H. FRED A, F. E. GULLISON.

The Academy opened on the eight of September. Although all did not arrive on time, there were many glad hearts and smiling faces to cheer again our familiar haunts. The missing gradually found their way back and at the present time there are one hundred and twelve students enrolled.

The Academy Home has been much improved by an addition containing eighteen double rooms built during the summer vacation. Besides the advantages of an enlarged interior there is a marked improvement in the external appearance of the building.

The interest in the Lyceum quickened among the students as the last year was closing is again evidenced in the interesting meetings held this term. There is every reason to believe that the society will prove a help to all.

Y. M. C. A. The Y. M. C. A. promises to be a success this year. The first meeting of this society was held on

the 15th of September with a large number of students present. Many of the newcomers showed their interest in the work by joining heartily in the proceedings of the meeting. The regular weekly gatherings are largely attended, and we are looking forward to a banner year in this phase of the work.

ATHLETICS. The prospects for football are very encouraging. Of the men who played last year about half are back and we are looking forward to a successful season. Our team has been greatly handicapped by losing Mr. Howe, both from our half-line and as coach, because of a broken shoulder, received in a practice game at the first of the season. No games have as yet been played but arrangements are now being completed with outside teams.

SOCIAL. On Saturday evening October 2nd the faculty and students of Acadia Seminary were "at home" to the faculty and students of Horton Academy.

The evening was spent so pleasantly among friends new and old that when The National Anthem was sung many had to be reminded that the time for departure had arrived.

NOTE.—It cannot be denied that the "cads" looked well at this reception, especially those who wore white gloves.



"As you like it."

THE FRESHMAN.

Should you chance to meet a fellow, with his cheeks a flaming
yellow,
And his hair touched up with sulphur green or blue,
With his raiment torn and tattered, with his hat all smashed and
battered,
And a swollen nose quite badly out of true,
It would be a foolish error, if you fled from him in terror,
Altho the sight must fill you with amaze,
Tis but some youth who's earning at Acadia's seat of learning,
His way to broader vision through a haze.

Dr. Chute (in Soph, Bible class to W-ls-n coming in late)
Do you see a seat Mr. W-ls-n?"

W-ls-n: "Ocht yis, but tha'ir all filled."

It was decided at the athletic meeting of October 9th that the socks for this year's football team would need to be several sizes bigger in the feet than those of former years. The new men on the team evidently possess great understanding.

B-k-r,- "I grew quite a mustache when I was at camp last summer but it was so light complected that you could scarcely see it."

Freshman Yell.

Niger, iger appilator!

Half past alligator!

Rim Ram Culligator!

Chic waw daw,

1913 rah rah rah,

As a joke this needs no explanation but as the freshmen fail to grasp its intricacies we would suggest the following as more suited to their understanding,—

Ha ha hee,

Who are we,

Freshmen just arrived, you see,

Goo, goo, goo!

Who are you?

Everything to us is new!

Rah rah rah!

Ree ree ree!

We're as cute as cute can be!

Bring a dish!

Bring a spoon!

We will make a racket soon!

Hoppity happity hum!

Watch us suck our thumb!

1913 Yum! Yum! Yum!

It has been proved by actual experiment that a certain fresh-

man does'nt take to the water, as an "alligator" should.

H₂O. man.

Let it be known to every sem.
 And to co-eds one and all.
 That Hrb DeW-lfe kissed "Mary Ann"
 In modest old Chip Hall.

Prof Hartmann (with much emphasis in Jr. & Sr. Philosophy class,)—"When you embrace a man be sure it is a *man*."

Ten fearless Freshmen started out so fine,
 But F-st-r lost his temper, and then there were nine.

Nine courageous Freshmen smoking at the gate,
 But the Sophomores captured B-ll, and then there were eight.

Eight brave Freshmen, on the way to Heaven
 But Bl-ck walked home with a small Freshette
 And then there were seven.

Seven doubting Freshmen were in a wild old mix,
 But Foster scared, forgot just How(e)
 And that left only six.

Six shrinking Freshmen, the last ones left alive
 But they found that L-n was eaten, and then there were but five.

Five timid Freshmen coming through the door,
 But H-l-y tripped and bumped his nose
 And then there were four.

Four scared Freshmen out the sights to see
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Three trembling Freshmen, who knew not what to do,
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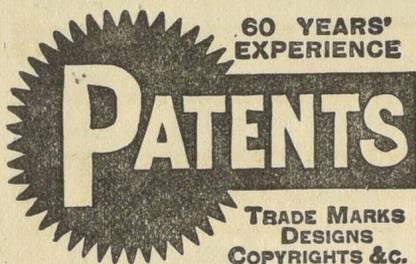
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