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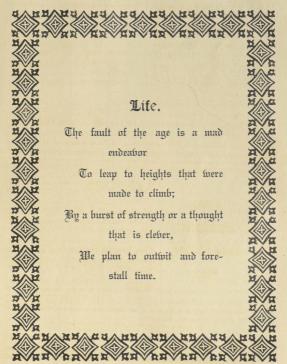
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## The Men of No Home.

GHURRAH boys, roll out!" These words were uttered by a man with a transit over his shoulder and this man no other than thet ransit man, the boss of our survey. It was the customary summons to start for work, and soon the party commenced to gather from the different tents. By this time the boss was out of sight, for although small he was a bunch of nerves and always rushing and bustling along. The leveller and his rodman strolled along more leisurely; and six axemen trailed after, wheting their axes as they walked. The two chainmen brought up in the rear, still quarreling over whose turn it was to carry the lunch basket.

We reached the top of the hill and there, as customary, waited for old Joe, one of the axemen, to predict the weather. Gazing back on the camp ground one could see several canvas tents scattered on a little clearing. The woods protected it from all winds and surrounded it on all sides. Through the trees you could catch a gleam of a babbling brook which served as our water supply for drinking, kitchen use, and farther down as an excellent bath. It was an ideal camping-out spot.

Several years before this the B—— Railway decided it would be advantageous to construct a line which would eliminate one of its heaviest grades. Armed with a telescope, a barometer and a note book, the chief engineer had taken a trip through this country, and from the data gained had decided such a route was perfectly feasible. After a consultation the work had been placed in charge of one of his competent staff, and with the title of engineer-in-charge the latter commenced to make preparations for a survey, technically known as the Preliminary Survey.

In this survey the country through which the proposed railway is to be run is practically honeycombed by transit and compass lines. Starting from a fixed point the transit man turns off an angle in the direction desired; the axemen are sent ahead to clear the way of any obstructions; the chainmen stake out distances every hundred feet, the levelling party follows and elevations are taken every hundred feet and even closer together if any irregularities appear in the ground. Following them comes the topographical party whose work consists in running cross-sections at right angles to the transit lines, taking elevations at close intervals, the direction and velocities of streams, the kind of forests, and such information. In the evening a plan is plotted, to a certain scale, from the data gathered by the transit party. The level

notes give the elevations of various points, and by interpolation the surface of the entire country surveyed can be mapped out. A gradient line is drawn on this profile and if the cut or fill appears too heavy the next day the work will start back at some point along the line and a new one will be run in another direction striking for higher or lower ground as the case may be. After the plans of the country have been made they are submitted to the chief engineer, and if the route is accepted a Trial Location Survey is made.

Perhaps here it might be well to give a little idea of the work and the life on a survey. The work at times is anything but pleasant—but then what position has not its draw-backs? The party are always up at six in the morning and start for work at seven o'clock. Luncheon is eaten in the field. Then after the day out in the open air with an "appetite like a horse" the men return to camp for supper. This duty over they gather around the tent, spin yarns, play cards and do anything to pass away the evening. In winter the gathering around the campfire is one of the most pleasant phases of the survey life. Sunday is spent in fishing, boating, hunting, doing the week's wash, and cutting wood for the week's supply. Perhaps one will object that this is not very religious, but then living so near to Nature inspires a sort of reverence in man that teaches him his duty towards his fellow-beings, and that is an engineer's ethics.

The cook is the man to whom all reverence must be paid. A good cook is really the chief of his party, and a poor one is not long in taking his departure, bad wishes and a few disfigurements being his only recommendation. A number of difficulties often arise in cooking. One camp we were in the red ants were so thick that it was red ants in the sugar, red ants in the pie and everywhere else. It was either a question of throwing the pie away or eating the ants—and strange to say no one ever threw away a crumb.

Another camp is memorable because it was there that Joe lost his "transit" and the great flood occurred. Joe's transit consisted in two pieces of board nailed together at right angles and supported on a broom handle. By first sighting along one board he could get on the transit line and then sighting along the second would give the cross-section line at right angles to the other. Joe had left his transit in the centre of the track for we were just finishing the survey and "trying on" to the main line. The first thing the boss was noticed waving his arms and shouting "assistance, assistance!" We rushed up just in time to see a big freight

train hit the transit which became nothing but a mass of splinters. Of course the boss, with his nervous temperament, was afraid he would be reported for putting obstructions on the track, but there was no cause for alarm, as Joe remarked, "unless the engineer got a splinter in his eye."

The flood came upon us about two o'clock in the morning. The thunder and lightning was terrible and awakened everyone under the canvas. The rain came down in torrents and soon the tent was flooded. John's sonorous music ceased and he reached under his rough pillow for something, determined to die happy. There was a gurgle, gurgle, gurgle and we thought it was all over with John. One of the chainmen who had had good religious training began to sing "Throw out the life line," but just then a flash of lightning revealed to us that our terror was needless and that John was only trying to put his spirits down. The cook was a Catholic and commenced to say his beads, while our old friend Joe, afraid his feet might feel water, which apparently they had not since his first wash when a child, climbed to his trunk—the most ark-like thing in sight. For a time consternation reigned supreme, but in the morning the confusion was soon put to rights.

The chainmen usually furnish lots of amusement, being extremely antagonistic towards each other. "Hie, there, you," I heard one say to the other once, "get off there. This is a surveyor's chain not a cattle train." Then again a favorite trick is to jerk the chain, landing the man on the other end into a brook or a puddle.

The survey meal is uaually a good one. It is healthy work and requires healthy food. Meat, vegetables, and all healthy foods are bountifully served, and last, but not least, prunes are always found on the table. The camper usually sleeps on a bed of brush, which is by no means an uncomfortable one. Spiders, ants, mosquitoes, bugs and fleas make very interesting bed fellows!

It was noted in a previous place that the second survey was called the Trial Location. In this the accepted line is surveyed again, great accuracy being taken. The levels are checked, bench-marks established and curves staked in.

In the Final Location Survey the right of way is cut out. The levels and curves are checked again, slope stakes marking the cut and fill are set and all is placed in readiness for the contractor.

Now comes the change! The ring of the axe gives place to the steam shovel, the cursing of the dago and things incident with construction work. The jolly bunch of surveyors has disappeared, the clean and

happy camp has gone! The mass of Hungarians, Italians and Irishmen have taken the former's place, the shack has replaced the latter. The shelters consist of old blankets stretched on poles, boards fashioned into a rough lean-to, anything in fact to keep the water off of them. Bosses are running to and fro, driving, cursing and driving again. Profanity taints the air, quarrels are frequent, beer is flowing and all is a stir. The steam shovels and the gauge are at work cutting and filling in the roadbed; next come the tracklayers; the bridge and masonry are also at work; the telephone, telegraph and signal corps follow in their wake; and the building crews are erecting the stations and other railway buildings.

In a few years we have, by the process of evolution, the railroad—the most valuable asset to any nation.

Yes, just a few years have passed! Once we viewed this region from a certain hill. Then it was a beautiful country vast in its undiscovered and unutilized resources. Now it is still more beautiful, labor and capital have increased its value tenfold. Farms appear along the road of iron so constructed from ocean to ocean—a link in the chain connecting two great worlds. Hark! there is a shrill whistle and down the track, drawn by a powerful locomotive, passes a train of cars laden with merchandise. Soon another whistle! But this time the train is of another character—it bears human freight. In short it is only another triumph of Science! Engineering may involve hardships, separation from friends and so forth, yet this healthy vigorous life is entrancing, doing good to mankind and posterity is enviable indeed, and after all it is with a feeling of pride that we reckon ourselves among "the men of no home."

R. T. Bowes, '12.



## The Intercollegiate Debate.

The Inter-collegiate Debate between Acadia and Mt. Allison took place the evening of March 28th in Sackville. For thoroughness, conciseness and clearness the debate was unexcelled. The different speakers reflected much credit upon themselves and the colleges they represented. The Mount Allison team, composed of Messrs Guy (Leader), Ruggles and Fitzpatrick, presented the case for Mount Allison in a series of strong speeches, which were logical and well-presented. For clearness of presentation and conciseness the Acadia speakers, Messrs Illsley (Leader), Baker and Home, were somewhat superior and proved an especially well balanced team.

At eight o'clock the Judges, Messrs W. E. McLellan, of Halifax; Dr. McPherson, President St. Francis Xavier; and M. G. Teed, St. John; took their places. Then followed the teams, amid the cheers of the Mt. Allison students and the small bunch of Acadians who had accompanied the team. The question was

"Resolved, That Canada should contribute financially to the British navy rather than build and maintain a navy of her own in accordance with the policy of the late government."

Financial contribution was defined to mean gold, bullion or negotiable papers. Policy of late government to mean: (1) Ships shall be built in Canada. (2) Naval Service Act shall apply.

Acadia upheld the negative and Mt. Allison the affirmative. Prof. Tweedie presided and called upon Mr. Baker to open for the negative.

Mr. Baker, for Acadia, clearly defined the issue by showing that the negative were not called upon to defend the naval policy of the late government in detail, but merely the general principles. This being true, the burden of proof was upon the affirmative. In choosing a policy, we aimed to benefit first the Empire, then Canada herself. The issues were accordingly these: Which policy would best maintain the unity and permanence of the Empire? Which policy would the more increase the sea-power of the Empire? And which policy would be the better for Canada The three speakers would consider these issues in their order.

In answer to the first question, Mr. Baker advanced three arguments;

first, that Imperial unity depends upon local autonomy, which contribution would violate but which the policy of a Canadian navy would conserve; secondly, that racial conditions in Canada make contribution foolish and impracticable, for a united Empire can be gained only by a united Canada; and thirdly, that financial contribution violates the very foundation of responsible government, the absolute control of taxes by the taxed. He quoted constitutional authorities to show that this infringement of constitution principles would lead to disastrous consequences. From these three political arguments, Mr. Baker concluded that the policy of the negative would best conserve the unity and permanence of the Empire. Therefore, from an Imperial standpoint, it was politically superior to financial contribution. Mr. Baker's arguments were convincing, his manner of presentation pleasing.

Mr. Guy opened the debate for Mt. Allison by pointing out that the existence of Canada depended on Britain's supremacy of the sea, and only thus must the question of Canada's naval policy be viewed. The naval supremacy of Britain, so long unquestioned, is now seriously menaced. Germany avowedly is building a powerful navy to contest Britain's supremacy, and the race for naval control is now progressing. In the future only Dreadnoughts and Super-Dreadnoughts will be of decisive value in a great engagement. By giving her cash contribution, therefore, to the British navy, Canada would be strengthening that navy. Germany, too, is building their ships at a faster rate than England. The admirality laid two policies before the colonies, one being that by a financial contribution a single navy with the concomitant unity of training and command might be maintained, and the other being that if a colony desired to have a navy of its own, that naval force should consist of a fleet unit of which the essential part should be a Dreadnought, and that this should be the first ship built. Australia and New Zealand adopted the second scheme, but Canada refused both, preferring a few small ships which would be useless in time of war. Mr. Guy's speech was characterized by clear thinking, and was well delivered.

Mr. Illsley followed for Acadia. He took up the second issue laid down by the negative, and argued that the Empire would gain more in sea-power by a Canadian navy policy than by financial contribution. This he substantiated by three arguments. First, in the far future, Canada simply would not give her financial support to contribution because of lack of national interest. Australia's case proved this

contention. It was backed up by both common sense and experience. Second, in the near future, we could build a navy which would be a valuable addition to Imperial sea-power; valuable in three ways: by establishing docking, fitting and coaling stations for British ships; by protecting commerce against raiders; by forming a nucleus for a mighty navy of the future. In the third place Mr. Illsley argued that contribution would in the near future mean no addition to Imperial sea-power, because the money would merely relieve the British taxpayer, and would not increase the British navy. This contention he supported by statistics and authorities. Therefore, Mr. Illsley concluded, in the near future and in the far future, the Empire would gain more in sea-power by the policy of a Canadian navy than by the policy of financial contribution. Mr. Illsley's speech was a splendid instance of thorough argument delivered convincingly.

Mr. Ruggles, for Mt. Allison, supported the policy of the affirmative, first, because it would mean far more effective aid to the Empire in speed and efficiency of construction. England is equipped to build warships quickly and efficiently, and in the present situation this fact is of vital importance. He then attacked the economic argument of the negative, stating that to build warships in Canada would cost one-third more than in England, and this would be a bonussing of an industry which would prove to be unnatural. He claimed that the wisest policy would be to bonus a mercantile marine. This was what Germany had done, by first building up a strong mercantile marine. Only then did she attempt to construct warships. He supported his contention with numerous statistics, and showed that Germany had wonderfully developed her industries without the warship industry. Maintenance of a Canadian mayy would also be costly, at least fifty per cent, more costly than in England. Canada has big projects in hand, and can ill afford to adopt such a wasteful policy as that supported by the negative. Mr. Ruggles speech was well worked out and delivered in a strong manner.

Mr. Howe, for Acadia, said that his colleagues had considered the vital interests of Empire. He would take up the third division of the case of the negative and would consider the vital interests of Canada herself.

He said that the Canadian problem was the development of the Maritime Provinces, which were actually going behind in comparison with the rest of the Dominion; that the bulk of the Canadian navy would be built in these provinces, and that this would be of enormous economic benefit to the Dominion at large. It would be of benefit because it would bring into these provinces a very desirable immigration of skilled artisans; it would stimulate and restore to its youthful vigor the ship building industry, and extend the scope and prosperity of the mercantile marine; it would increase the output of our coal, iron and nickel mines, and generally develop our natural resources; and it would keep our money in circulation in Canada, proving an economic benefit to everybody instead of an economic loss such as contribution would entail. Mr. Howe has a fine essay and delivered it in an effective manner.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, for Mt. Allison, opened by stating that the policy of the negative broke five fundamental principles necessary to the success of modern warfare, and quoted from admiralty reports ranging from 1902 to 1911 in support of his contention. These principles were: (1) A single, supreme control. (2) One fleet complete in all its units. (3) Unity of control. (4) Tactical manoeuvring. (5) Concentration. He showed that the policy of financial contribution would secure these principles by giving the admiralty a free hand in controlling one great Empire fleet. He quoted from the Naval Act of 1910 in support of his assertion that the first principle was violated by the policy of the negative, and showed the anomalous position in which Canada would be in case of a British war. He also showed that Canadian officers would have no rank in the British navy, and would be deprived of the same strategical principles, and signalling, used by the British navy, neither could the ships of the Canadian navy combine for tactical manoeuvres with the Empire fleet, nor, practically, with one other. Further strategic considerations at this time demand the concentration of the Empire navy in the northeast Mediteranean, and here the navy must be strong. He closed by showing that owing to the termination of the Anglo-Japanses alliance in 1915, it would be necessary to maintain a strong fleet in the Pacific. Mr. Fitzpatrick's speech was clearly conceived, and delivered very effectively.

Mr. Illsley, in closing the debate for Acadia, attacked the arguments of his opponents in a spirited manner. He attacked the German menace argument of his opponents and showed that even admitted it carried no weight because contribution would for many years mean no increase to the British navy. He said that a large proportion of the

affirmative assertions were absolutely beside the point. They dealt with the type of ship which was ruled out by act of parliament. He concluded by showing that the first and third speeches were based upon fallacies and therefore could be disregarded and that the affirmative had not proven their case. Mr. Illsley's rebuttal was especially strong and convincing.

Mr. Guy in closing for Mt. Allison, said that we could trust British statesmen not to use Canadian money merely to relieve the British taxpayer; that as for the autonomy argument, Canada's autonomy would be sacrificed under either policy, and that under either policy ship building plants would be established; that the taxation without representation argument was without foundation. Mr. Guy's rebuttal was thorough and well chosen.

The judges announced their decisions as follows: Mr. Teed, Mt. Allison wins in both argument and presentation; Mr. McLellon, Acadia wins in both argument and presentation; Dr. Macpherson, they tie in presentation but Mt. Allison wins in argument—giving Mt. Allison the debate. After the debate the Acadia team was banqueted at Ford's Hotel by the victors. "R."

## The Ralph M. Hunt Oratorical Contest.

THE Ralph M. Hunt oratorical contest was held on Friday evening, April 18th. The weather conditions being favorable, a large audience of towns-people, college and seminary students were present.

At eight o'clock President Cutten and the contestants took their places upon the platform. After the conditions of the contest had been stated the speakers for the evening were introduced by the President in the following order:—Magner 13', Brittain 12,' Dawson 12,' Allaby 13,' R. Eaton 13', H. Bishop 13' and E. Blakney 13'.

Mr. Magner chose for his subject "The Puritan and Cavalier in American History." He represented the Roundheads as men of sterling character, struggling toward lofty ideals, and living each day for eternity. The Cavaliers had but little regard for the Puritan moral code, and sought freedom from its repression in the pursuit of pleasure and social attainment. But during the troublous times of early American history

both Cavalier and Roundheads developed a pure sentiment of patriotism' and stood shoulder to shoulder in fighting for principles. Thus these types were united in one common endeavour to contribute to the progress of their young nation.

Mr. Magner spoke deliberately and well. His material exhibited careful selection and logical arrangement.

Mr. Brittain's subject was "Martin Luther." The speaker traced the early life and sensitive temperment of the great Reformer. With intense earnestness he sketched his later work, and the triumph of right purposes held by a man whose supreme trust was in the omnipotent God.

Mr. Brittain possesses great personal magnetism and literary ability, and held the close attention of the audience during his oration.

Mr. Allaby also spoke on Martin Luther. He showed that three great qualities united in the character of Luther to insure success, viz., fidelity to true principles, enthusiasm and fearlessness. The speaker's style was straightforward and pleasing but would have been strengthened by a little more energy.

Mr. Dawson followed Mr. Allaby and spoke on the same subject His material and its climaxical arrangement revealed conscientious preparation. His presentation, however, was nervous, which detracted from the force of his oratory.

Mr. Ross Eaton chose for his subject "The Evidences of Design in History." With rhetorical skill he showed the interference of Jehovah in the politics of nations: and that the affairs of men and empires were directed by one God, one divine law, for one supreme eternal purpose.

Mr. Eaton's oration showed extensive reading, careful selection of material, and much independent thinking.

Mr. Bishop's theme was "Martin Luther." He represented the famous reformer as the great apostle for a free conscience, who braved the Roman hierarchy and the German monarchy that he might lift the Church of Christ from the slough of Papal profligacy and make it stand for the pure and holy principles of Christianity. Mr. Bishop's thoughts were clothed in beautiful language, richly embellished with simile and metaphor. He spoke too rapidly, however, for strength to combine with beautiful expression.

Mr. E. M. Bleakney was the last speaker, and in a brilliant oration enthralled the life, character and work of Luther. With language that glowed with poetic sentiment he traced the rise of Luther's star upon the dark night of moral degeneracy and perverted truth, likening it to the rise of the Star of Bethlehem upon the darkest period of Jewish history, when despairing hearts were yearning for the fulfilment of prophesy. The speaker's style was clear, forceful and eloquent.

The judges, Messrs. Roscoe, Manning and Miller declared Mr. Bleakney as the winner, and Mr. Magner second.

Now as one of our leading educationalists has said, the supreme question is not, "did you win, but did you run." All who heard those orations must admit that the contestants ran well; and we extend to them our best wishes for the success that their exceptional talents deserve.

C. A. S. Howe '15.



## O. C. Goucher Declamation Contest.

THE second annual contest, for the O. P. Goucher Prize, took place on Friday evening, April 26th. As is usual at such contests, great interest was shown both by friends of the institutions as well as by the students. All those participating acquitted themselves most credibly.

The first speaker was Mr. W. S. Ryder '15, who gave a selection from Daniel Webster's speech on the Rich and Poor. His delivery showed a careful study of the subject matter. He was earnest and forceful and kept the attention of his audience throughout.

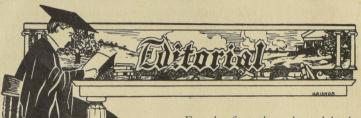
Mr. C. M. Haverstock '14, chose as his subject a portion of a speech delivered by Joseph Howe at Halifax. This was Mr. Haverstock's first appearance on our platform and the audience were agreeably surprised. He has a fine voice and clear enunication and his effort was well received.

Mr. E. Kinley '15, chose as his subject Daniel O'Connell's speech to the electors of Kildare. He spoke in a very natural way, and at times was very strong in his descriptions. He seemed, however, to lack the true zeal and ardour of an Irish orator.

Mr. C. A. S. Howe '15, was the fourth and last declaimer of the evening. Knowing Mr. Howe's debating reputation, the audience had reason to expect something good, and they were not disappointed. He gave "The Homecoming of Enoch Arden," taken from Tennyson, graphically portraying the sad events of that return, dramatically rendering Enoch's prayer and death. His earnest manner added greatly to the effectiveness of the rendition.

The speakers were all roundly applauded showing that their efforts were much appreciated by those present. Dr. Cutten brought in the report of the Judges, announcing Mr. Howe as the winner of the contest.

A. K. MAGNER '13.



For the first time since debating in the present league Acadia lost the intercollegiate debate in Sack-Debate. ville on the evening of March 28th. Mt. Allison is to be congratulated on their victory. That

the debate was keenly contested was evidenced to all present. The showing of our representatives was especially gratifying and the reception they received on their arrival home was proof of the unbounded confidence felt in the team by the student body. Elsewhere in this issue we have attempted to give our readers a brief account of the debate. Debating as an intercollegiate contest is of prime importance. It is really the one college contest in which real preparation for life is in line with the contest itself. That a man should be able to express himself clearly and concisely is a prime asset, and debating both as a final result and in the round of debating preliminaries, tends to promote this object. Hence its importance and the necessity of ever keeping well to the front this feature of our college life. This debate emphasized very strongly an important point. That is, more attention should be paid to the picking of judges. We were fortunate in this case in getting capable judges at very short notice, but the same will not always hold. It is neither fair to the teams which have much at stake, nor to the judges themselves, that they be called in at the last moment. If the matter of how the judges render their decision, whether individually or as a body, is so very important and so much to be emphasized, then double more is the fact of making provision for the judges themselves at some stated time before the date set for the debate.

With this issue of the Athenæum the last regular issue will be sent to the subscribers. The June number will be, as previously, in the form of

a special issue. It will be sent to all paid up subscribers free of charge and to those who send to the business manager their names and the price thereof, of thirty-five cents. There are many difficulties in connection with the publication of a college paper, not the least of which is the financial side. In order to complete our year's work in this respect it is absolutely necessary that all unpaid subscriptions be paid in at once. We ask our subscribers to give this matter their attention and thus aid us very materially.

#### BUSINESS NOTICE.

We are making plans now for a splendid, large June issue of the ATHENÆUM. This copy will contain a full account of the Closing Exercises, Cuts of the various College Teams, etc., and will easily be worth the price of the full subscription. As the expense of publishing this issue is enormous, we earnestly desire to sell a large number of extra copies. The price is 35 cents, sent postage free to any address.

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DURING the month attention has been paid to all the various college activities. Within the last two or three weeks track has received much attention, the men have started on a season of rigorous training. All seem imbued with one idea only, that is, to return from the track meet in Moncton with the track cup. A large number took advantage of the Easter holidays and spent a few pleasant days with their friends and relatives, returning to take up their work with added zeal and enthusiasm. We are now entering on the last lap of our college year. Final examinations are not far distant. It is our wish that successes may be many and failures very few.

#### COLLEGE DRAMATICS.

"A SCRAP OF PAPER."

Much interest has been evinced in dramatics during the year. That interest culminated in the presentation of Sardou's "A Scrap of Paper" on April 16th, under the auspices of the Athletic Association, by the students of the college.

From the moment the curtain rose for the first act until it fell at the close of the last act, the actors held the attention of the large audience assembled. It is needless to say that the audience deeply appreciated the efforts of the players to please them.

In addition to the play proper there were several other features which contributed their quota to make the evening a grand success.

We are sure that the mass singing must have been enjoyed by the majority of those present. At this time we had the pleasure of listening

to the college quartette for the first time. 'That it scored its first success is evidenced by the hearty encoring it received. Between acts we listened with a great deal of pleasure to several selections from the college orchestra.

The cast of the play was as follows:-

PROSPER COURAMONT	. H. H. PINEO, '12.
BARON DE LA GLACIERE	W. P. POTTER, '12.
Brisemouche, Naturalist	M. B. McKay, '14.
ANATOLE, his ward	R. R. HALEY, '13.
Baptiste, servant	A. G. HIRTLE, '13.
Francois, servant of Prosper	R. G. CLARKE, '13.
Louise de la Glaciere	ALICE HAROLD, '15.
MLLE. SUZANNE DE RUSEVILLE, her cousin	. Fraudena Gilroy, '12.
MATHILDE, sister to Louise	MYRTLE VANWART, '13.
MLLE. ZENOBIE, sister to Brisemouche	JEAN McGregor, '12.
MADAME DUPONT, housekeeper	MARY MARSTERS, '12.
Pauline, maid	Josephine Clarke, '12.

#### LECTURE.

On the evening of April 12th we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. John Payzant lecture on Judge J. W. Johnstone. Mr. Payzant very cleverly and entertainingly portrayed the life of the man who had done so much for Acadia and the Province of Nova Scotia. As this lecture proved so interesting and instructive we hope that it may be our pleasure to listen to Mr. Payzant at some future date.

#### PROPYLAEUM.

The members of the Athenæum Society were invited to attend a meeting of the Propylæum Society on the evening of March 29th. A large number availed themselves of the opportunity and assembled in College Hall on that date. After the routine business had been dispensed

with, the President, Miss Welton, called for the programme of the evening, the first item of which was a piano solo by Miss Clarke, '12.

We listened to a presentation of the "Old Maid's Convention," which was much enjoyed by the audience. The costumes, to say the least, were very original. At the close of this clause of the programme a synopsis, by Miss Reid, '14, was read, after which came the Critic's report by Miss Marsters, '12. At the close of the meeting a social hour was next in order. All those who attended were unanimous in saying that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

#### SENIOR "PROP."

The Senior girls had charge of the entertainment of the Propylæum on Friday, April 19th. The programme consisted of three clauses, (1), Synopsis, (2), Our Bequest, (3), "A Posse ad Esse." The synopsis was very entertaining, being given in verse by eleven girls, while the "Bequest" gave much evidence of the benevolence of the Seniors. The third clause, "A Posse ad Esse" presented a picture of the Senior girls fifteen years from now, and also gave some idea of the destiny of many members of the other classes.

The Critic's report brought to a close one of the most enjoyable of the meetings of the year.

#### Y. W. C. A.

The election of the officers for 1912-1913 took place on April 22nd. The result is as follows:—

MISS ZWICKER, '13	President.
MISS COES, '14	Vice-President.
MISS HAROLD, '15	Secretary-Treasurer.
Miss Shand, '13	Corresponding Sec'y.

The delegates for the Muskoka Conference were also elected at the same time, Miss Zwicker '13 and Miss VanWart '13 being chosen.



During the last few weeks baseball has received much attention. The interclass baseball league has been started, the first game being played on April 23rd between the Seniors and Freshmen. The game ended with a score of 11-2 in favour of the Seniors.

On April 25th the Juniors and Sophomores met on the diamond. After a very close and exciting game the Sophomores came off victorous with a score of 9-8.

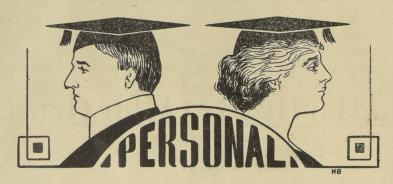
On the following afternoon the Seniors and H. C. A. were opponents. This game was the best yet played. After a seven inning game the score was 4-1 in favour of the Seniors.

On Monday the 29th inst., the first inter-class track meet was held on the campus. The Sophomores winning the meet.

#### BASKET BALL.

MT. ALLISON 25—ACADIA 28.

In the gymnasium at Sackville, on the afternoon of March 28, took place one of the most exciting inter-collegiate contests in basket ball of the season. The play, fast and furious, was a sample of what happens when Acadia and Mt. Allison clash. The Sackville team was fast and well balanced, but were not as steady as the Wolfville collegians. Mt. Allison led at half time but the final score showed Acadia victorious. Score 28-25. We cannot speak too highly of the fair way the Mt. Allison students used us on this occasion.



Howard S. Ross, '92, recently of Sydney, N. S., but now of the firm of Perron, Taschereau, Rinfret and Genest, Montreal, has been appointed a K. C., by order-in-council of the Quebec government.

Ira M. Baird, '02, has resigned the pastorate of the Temple church, Yarmouth, and has accepted a church in Rhode Island.

E. Gordon Bill, '02, has given up his position as teacher in Perdue University, Indiana, and next fall will take the chair of Mathematics at Dartmouth College.

P. W. Durkee, '03, Professor of Engineering at Acadia, has regained his health at St. Agathe Sanitarium, Quebec. We are all glad to know that he has recovered and that he will be able to take up work again.

F. S. Rowland, 08, is Instructor of Mathematics at Columbia University.

G. C. F. Keirstead, gold medallist of 1910, who will graduate at Newton this spring, has accepted a unanimous call to the Baptist church, Windsor, N. S.

R. O. Morse, '91, of Summerside, P. E. I., the compiler of "The Records of our Graduates," visited the college for a week lately, and then went to Windsor to supply in the Baptist church there.

T. S. Roy, '11, has been in Wolfville doing M. A. work. On Sunday, the 28th inst., Mr. Roy occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church at Middleton, N. S.

Geoffrey Barss, formerly of the Class of '11, has just completed his third year in Medicine at Dalhousie.

Hazel Woodman, a former member of '11, is at her home in Wolfville. Miss Woodman spent last year at a ladies' college in the States.

Edgar Archibald, '05, has been visiting his parents in Wolfville. He is still employed at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

L. Charlie Miller, formerly of '12, is attending Normal College in Calgary.

Raleigh Brooks, '11, has been attending the Calgary Normal College, and is now assistant principal at Vermilion. Raleigh is also Scout Master of the district.

D. H. MacQuarrie, '91, pastor of the Canning Baptist church, visited the college the last Sunday in April, and preached in the Wolfville Baptist church. In the evening Rev. Mr. MacQuarrie drew a lesson of life from the late disaster of the Titantic.

Miss Josephine McLatchy, '09, has been awarded the Ives fellowship in philosophy at Yale. Miss McLatchy has the distinction of being the only woman and the only Canadian to win a scholarship at Yale this year.

- W. A. Porter, '11, who has been engaged as bridge inspector since leaving college, spent a few days in Wolfville during April.
- G. B. Reid, formerly of Class of '12, is pursuing his studies at Harvard, where his in also engaged in teaching elementary work in Botany.
- A. H. Armstrong, A. M. Col., '04, and wife (Mabel E. Caldwell) both of the Class of '96, are in charge of St. Christopher's Home for Children at Dobb's Ferry, a suburb of New York City. This Home, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is conducted on the cottage system and is one of the best in America.

Margaret M. Caldwell, A. S. '05, is at Dobb's Ferry, N. Y., acting as stenographer and typewriter to her brother-in-law.

J. S. Bates, '08, has been awarded a Fellowship at Columbia University. John is especially honored as there were only two fellowships granted, the other going to a Toronto University man.

Merl Bancroft, '11, whose address was given in a recent issue of the ATHENAEUM as Jonquiere Lumber Co., is in the employ of the Price Bros. & Co., Ltd., of Jonquiere. Bancroft is at present engaged in

important engineering work in connection with the construction of the Kenogami Mills of that place.

Howard H. Mussels, '10, is at present teaching in Pictou Academy, where he will remain for at least another year.

Frank H. Eaton, '07, is preaching in Freeport.

Rex Eaton, '10, is engaged in the lumber business in British Columbia.

Elmer Read, '05, is teaching languages in Vancouver Academy.

Earle Archibald, formerly of the Class of '09, is in a brokerage office in Boston.

F. G. Hughson, '10, is in a law office in Winnipeg.

Philip Beals is engaged in farming at Aylesford Lakes, Kings Co., N. S.

#### ACADIA SEMINARY.

Miss Adriene Fair, '11, is teaching music in Medicine Hat, Alta.

Miss Fretia Freeman, '11, is at home in Amherst, N. S.

Miss Edith Butcher, '11, is soloist in the North Baptist church choir, Halifax, N. S.

Miss Helen Corey, '11, is teaching music in Kamloops, B. C.

Miss Eva Frodsham, '11, and Miss Marion Harding, '11, are at home in St. John.

Miss Enid Frost is attending the Maritime Business College, Halifax, N. S.

Miss Beryl Dalling is at home in Woodstock, N. B.

Mrs. Dr. Corbett, (nee Miss Mabel McLeod), is residing in Regina. Misses Grace and Gertrude McPhail are at their home in Perth, N. B.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gladys Archibald, '10, to Mr. John Snooks, of Truro.

Miss Ruby Leadbetter, '12, is at home in Swampscott, Mass.

Miss Marion Eaton, '10, is teaching Domestic Science in Halifax, N. S.

Mrs. Frederick Bower (Miss Lena Anderson, '06), is residing in Albany, N. Y.

Miss Grace Prisk, '06, is residing in Wolfville, N. S.

Miss Vera Palmer is at her home in Kamloops, B. C.

Miss Mary Peck, '06, is living in Hillsboro, N. B.

Miss Mary Armstrong, '10, is at her home in Granville Ferry, N. S.

Mrs. Oscar Macallum (Miss Lutie Nicholson, '07), is residing in Delsile, Sask.

Miss Gladys Alling, '13, is attending Lauralton Hall, Connecticut.

Miss Marjorie Virgie, '13, is at home in South Framingham, Mass.

Miss Marjorie Barnaby, '08, is at home in St. John, N. B.

Misses Ethelyn and Ellsworth Christie, '11, are at home in River Herbert, N. S.



We notice now and then an unsigned article in the magazines which come to us. Especially when the article is serious in purpose, we like to know who is responsible for the opinions expressed, as this has considerable to do with the value of the statements made and conclusions drawn.

As might be expected, *The Theologue* deals chiefly with religious subjects. Some of these are of general interest, however. "Browning on Immortality" is one of this kind. The writer quotes Renan. The day in which the belief in an after life shall vanish from the earth will witness a terrific moral and spiritual decadence." He quotes from "A Death in the Desert," illustrating by John the apathy and dull

despair which often oppress without the belief in the life that is to come. After affirming that Browning never "arrived at" but inherited and retained his confidence in immortality, he goes further and uses extracts from the poet which show that the latter's instinct for a future life is confirmed by his assurance that God is All Loving as well as All Powerful.

Some of the most appropriate productions of our exchanges have been the reviews of the conditions and customs at various universities. The Argosy offers a splendid discussion of the history and service of Harvard. It is made more interesting to us by its account of the Canadians who have been students in this oldest institution of higher learning in America. As the writer says, few of us know that the scholastic record is held by a Canadian, Robert Arthur McLeod, Bedeque, P. E. I., who graduated in 1869, with an average above ninety-eight for the four years.

The" Old Ideal" in *Harvard Monthly* is a most interesting defense of "artistic nobility" in present day life, and the writer desires not "multitudinous mediocrity" but "aristocratic excellence." "Without the fact, which modern Radicals so ardently disclaim, because they fear it, life becomes a meaningless, not even amusing, dance of marionettes." Speaking of Socialistic creed "Of all nauseating creeds, this is the newest and most disgusting that whatever is not considered proper is the only thing worth doing, that only the conventionally wrong is right, and that whatever offends is a benefit to humanity." "The Socialist is too busy reforming society to respect it." The production is keen and pointed, if exaggerated, and is no mean plea for traditionalism.

Dalhousie Gazette prefaces the account of the debate with St. Francis Xavier with the following quotations of the Walt Whitman species from "Cincinnati Enquirer."

"If you'd listen to the boosters, as they crow like corn-fed roosters, you would think that he created the whole world.

"Why they say he wrote the Bible, old Bill Shakespeare was a libel, and with Ananias, Milton he has furled.

"Epictetus was a fakir and old Homer a muckraker, to Alexander Pope, they tied a can.

"John Bunyan was a liar, Walter Scott a falsifier—Francis Bacon was a mighty busy man."

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines: Oueens University Journal, The Collegian, Xaverian University Monthly, The Mitre, Normal College Gazette, King's College Record, Acta Victoriana, Brandon College Ouill, The Rocket, Bates Student, St. Dunstan's Red and White.

## Academy Notes.

G ENERAL.—The past month has gone quickly from us, the Easter vacation helping to make April a most pleasant month. There is plenty of work done in the line of studies, but the sports are not forgotten. Basketball and track are being indulged in at present, tennis has been rather backward this year on account of the courts being repaired.

ATHLETICS.—During the Easter vacation the Academy Basketball Team played three games in Fredericton.

The first game was with the Fredericton Y. M. C. A. It was not a good exhibition of basketball, but very exciting, at no time did one team have much of a margin on the other. The first half ended 9-9. The second half was much faster and more exciting than the first. When the bell rang for all over the score stood 19-19.

Foster Howe, H. C. A. '09, now attending U. N. B., refereed this game.

The next game was with the Fredericton High School. It was a good combination of basketball, and was fast throughout, there being plenty of good combination. The first half ended 20-12 in favor of F. H. S. In the second half Horton did better work, and when the hour was up F. H. S, had the lead by three points 27-24.

The last game, which was fairly fast, and the most interesting of the three games was with the Provincial Normal School. At half time P. N. S. had the lead by five points. When time was up the score stood 32-19 in favor of P. N. S.

In the three games the Academy teams scored 62 points to their opponents 78. The Academy's points were made as follows: Porter, 38; Gibson, 14; D. Kitchen, 8; W. Kitchen, 2.

The line up of the Academy team in these games was as follows: H. C. A.—Forwards—Gibson, McKay; Centre—Porter (Capt.); Defence—W. Kitchen, D. Kitchen.

> C. M. Snow, G. B. Blair, F. F. Fowlie.

> > Lyceum Editors.

## Acadia Seminary Notes.

The Seminary Faculty and Students were at home to the Faculty and Students of the University, Saturday evening, April 6th. The spacious dining room, lower hall and corridor, chapel and class room A, were all thrown open and presented a most attractive appearance, decked with bunting, banners and class colors. A most enjoyable programme was rendered and the evening passed very quickly. This is written strictly from the standpoint of the Seminary.

On Tuesday evening, April 30th, the last pupils' recital of the year 1911-1912 was given. The testimony of all who were present is that it was "one of the best," if not "the best" in recent years. The following is the programme:

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	Programme.
I.	CANADIAN BOAT SONG
	GLEE CLUB.
2.	Vocal Solo—A Birthday
	Miss Jennie Prescott.
3.	STRING QUARTET—Selection from LohengrinWagner.
	MISSES FREELAND, HARRINGTON, DEWOLFE, STRONG.
4.	Vocal Solo—a. Armourer's Song
	b. Down Deep Within the Cellar Fischer
	(From Robin Hood)
	Mr. Eldon Henshaw.
5.	VIOLIN SOLO—Romance
	Miss Helen DeWolfe.
6.	TAMING OF THE SHREW
	ACT I, SCENE II. ACT II, SCENE I.
	Dramatis Personae.
	Baptista, a rich gentleman of Padua; Katherine, the Shrew
	and Bianca, Daughters of Baptista; Petrucchio, a suitor to
	Katherine; Hortensio, Gremio, Lusentio, suitors to Bianca;
	Grumio, Petrucchio's servant; Biondello and other servants.
	PRESENTED BY MISS PEARL ANDERSON.
7.	Ladies' Quartet—A Romance

MISSES FOWNES, FILLMORE, SMITH, HULL.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW......Shakespeare.

# ACT III, SCENE II. ACT IV, SCENE I. MISS PEARL ANDERSON.

- 9. Vocal Solo—a. Aria 'Libiamo' from LaTraviata......Verdi.
  b. I Hear You Calling Me.......Marshall.
  Miss Edith Woodman.
- 10. SWEDISH FOLK FROLIC.

#### Names of those taking part in

Swedish Frolic:—Huilota Dykeman, Doris Crosby, Susan Hull, Reita Fownes, Laura Steeves, Hattie Harlow, Carrie Currie, Allene Clinch, Frances Clinch, Hazel Steeves, Mildred Bean, Celeste Cole, Hazel Smith, Blanche Rose, Gertrude Burditt, Hazel Coburn.

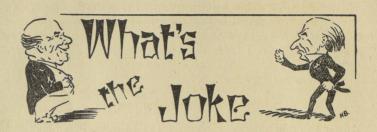
Glee Club:—Jennie Prescott, Reita Fownes, Florence Benjamin, Laura Steeves, Mildred Bean, Florence Snell, Huilota Dykeman, Emma Wry, Hattie Fillmore, Lois Patten, Evelyn Smith, Susan Hull, Clara Macdonald, Helena Laws.

The pupils in the Senior Class of the Seminary number thirty-four. Seven are in the Collegiate Course, three are in the Sophomore Matriculation Course, thirteen are in the Pianoforte Course, or Certificate, three are in the Vocal Course, two in the Elocution Course, one in the Arts Course and four in the Course in Household Science. Three take certificates or diplomas in two courses.

The following will give Graduating Recitals: Muriel Thomas, Claire Macdonald, May Palmer, Lila Strong, in Pianoforte; Edith Woodman, Reita Fownes, Susan Hull, in Voice; Frandena Gilroy, Fay Jenks, in Elocution; Octavia Hayward gives a private view in Arts.

During the present year the number of books in the Library has been increased until we now have more than twenty-two hundred volumes. The acquisition of this year includes works of standard fiction and poetry and a large number of well-selected reference books on a wide range of subjects. Among the latter we notice especially a fine twelve-volume set of "The Building of Britain and the Empire."

In this connection we have to acknowledge the gift, to the Art Section of the Library, of "Lubke's History of Art," in a new two-volume edition. This was given by Mrs. Mary Colubra Colby in memory of Miss Mary E. Graves, and so becomes a part of the "Grave's Memorial."



Proof—(to Mason during the Sophomore parade)—You've got your head in the right place now.

"Farmer" Pineo (in reading room)—I don't think much of the "Bates Student" this month—do you?

John Grant—!!!!!

Stackhouse (discussing the Titanic wreck)—Do you think that you would have stayed on the ship and made no effort to get into a life boat? Bleakney '15—Why, I wouldn't have taken a hundred dollars and drowned on that ship!

Now Ch-rl-- Kn-wl-s he doth delight
To go a spooning every night;
From half past nine till nearly two
They chatter spoon talk, bill and coo.
And now the time is wearing late—
Six hours ago the clock struck eight.
Then in the hall way, (not so light),
He with weak symbols says "Good night."
A little later B-gn-ll roars:
Is that you Charlie?—lock the doors.

Prof. Coit—Can you think of any practical applications of what we have learned in Permutations and Combinations?

Spencer—I think St-ckh-us- uses it to find out how many combinations he can make with all his girls taking four at a time.

Caliban (at shoe store)—Do you know what kind of shoe polish Prof.——buys?

H. E. All-by '13 w.shes to announce that now that spring is here, he will no longer be found in that cozy nook in the library, but more frequently on the spacious verandah at R-bb-r N-ck Inn or Ev-ng-l-n- Cott-ge.

IN SOPHOMORE CLASS MEETING.

Miss Raymond—I nominate Miss Johnson for secretary pro tem. Miss Wortman—I move the nomination cease. Bishop—I second the motion.

G-rd-n R—Will someone please put that motion?

1st Senior—Why is the Athenæum like a girl? 2nd Senior—Because every fellow should have one.



#### Acknowledgements.

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