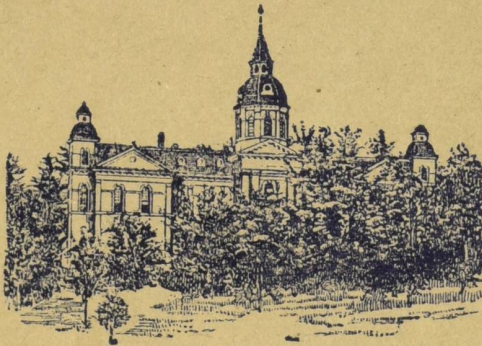


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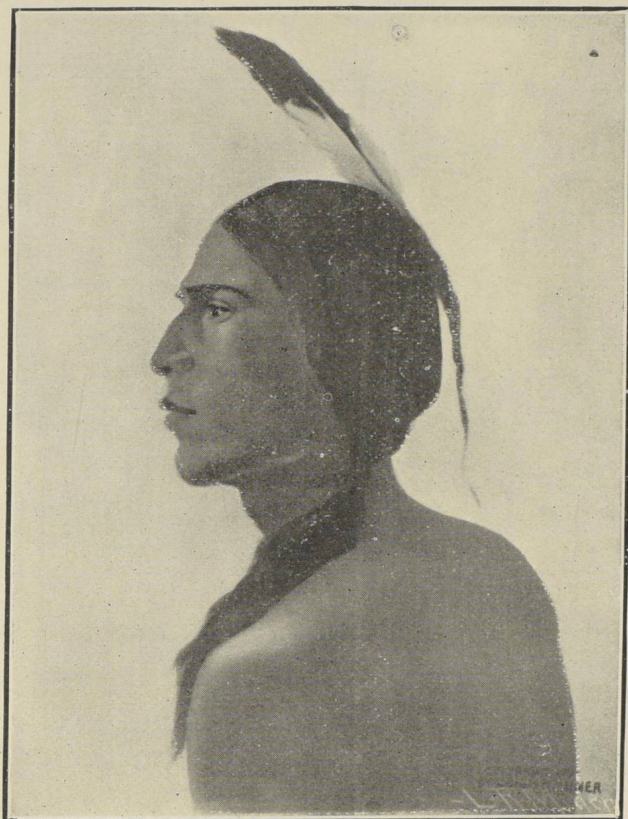
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The Lone Sioux.

Yonder he stands,
And shades his face against the glooming day;
Proud in his height, his blanket tightly draws,
And scans with covert eye the clustered plain.
There bide his kinsfolk and his tribe
Who till the country, furrowing the glebe.
Green grow the crops, the herds are plenteous,
But none of his.
The ancient spirit of his race within him chained,
Drives him to wing the forest fastnesses,
O'er stream, and plain, and seething water crest,
To taunt its denizens—Just now emerged
He stands to view the plain
—The restless winds sweep by, and even comes.

H. E. Vaughn, '08.

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Ad Rempublicam.

HORACE I, 14.



H ship, strange billows bear thee out to sea.
What wilt thou do? The port hold valiantly,
Dost thou not see thy side without an oar.
Thy mast and yard-arms groan as ne'er before?

The cables gone, thy hull can scarce sustain
The imperious ocean's waxing might and main;
The gods which formerly thou couldst implore,
Frail as thy sail, thou canst invoke no more.

Though thou was built of proudest Pontic pine,
In vain thou art of boasted name and line;
For timorous seamen, tossed on many a strand,
To ornamented decks, prefer dry land.

Unless thou'rt doomed for tempest's sport, beware;
For thou art sweet to me, not now a care.
In sailing o'er a nation's troubled seas,
Shun surging waters, circling Cyclades.

Austen A. Chute, '12.

A Trip to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

IT is probable that some in the Province are ignorant of the existence of their Agricultural College in Truro, N. S.

It is certain that many are more or less ignorant of the character and value of the education it offers. With the desire of doing some judicious advertising, the College has at different times invited the ministerial students of Acadia and other colleges to make the trip to Truro in order that they may become better acquainted with the work done on "Bible Hill". About thirty from Acadia enjoyed such a trip last spring. An equal number including four members of the faculty responded on Saturday, April 22nd, to the invitation given for another visit to the College.

We were met at Truro by Principal Cumming and in company with several from King's who had joined us at Windsor proceeded to the College, a mile or so distant.

The Principal in his brisk manner spoke to us in the Stock Exhibition building, outlining the work and growth of the Institution. The leading course takes two school years of six months each. The terms end in April. This course is especially good, for in addition to the distinctively agricultural training, instruction is given in such subjects as Mathematics, English and Business for students deficient in these subjects. Those receiving the diploma for completion of this course may, after a couple of years in larger institutions in Ontario or elsewhere receive the Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. Though only established about six years, the College enrolled sixty two students during the year just completed.

A very popular course is that of two weeks in the winter—the so-called "Short Course". About three hundred farmers, old and young, and farmers' wives too, profited by this course last winter. A course in rural Science is given each summer for the benefit of public school teachers.

With the able assistance of the Farm Superintendent, Edgar S. Archibald, Acadia '05, Principal Cumming exhibited and dis-

cussed representatives of various breeds of horses and of beef and dairy cattle. These are kept on the Farm as object lessons for students, and for the purpose of distributing pure bred stock throughout the Maritime Provinces. The College is justly proud of its stock. The contrast with the average country stock is convincing proof of the need of more intelligent and scientific method on the part of the majority of our agricultural population.

We spent a little time in the College building where we listened to a short discussion of the Brown Tail Moth, the orchard pest now threatening several of our fruit growing counties of Nova Scotia as well as one or two districts in new Brunswick. The College is taking the lead in an attempt to check and if possible destroy these undesirable visitors.

It was a pleasure to visit the stables and the poultry buildings. They are marked by cleanliness and comfort and house fine healthy stock.

By its experiments the College obtains practical and first hand knowledge of important facts relating to seeds and to the success to be obtained in the raising of various vegetable and grain crops. Both men and women profit from the instructions given in dairying and horticulture.

The day's program was completed by the serving of dinner. This feature proved most enjoyable to all after the long morning on the train and about the College grounds. At the close Principal Cumming made a few apt remarks. Considering the gratifying growth of the College we can readily understand his optimism. Canon Vroom and Dr. Chute spoke on behalf of their respective colleges. They expressed their appreciation of the kindness received and their belief that the purpose of the visit would be accomplished. Hearty applause testified that these sentiments were general.

The College is working in the interests of the agricultural classes, upon whom our general prosperity very largely depends. Its influence is constantly increasing and should be further strengthened and extended.

The Ralph M. Hunt, Oratorical Contest.

THE Oratorical Contest this year, which took place Friday evening, April twenty-eighth, excited the usual amount of interest and abundantly fulfilled the usual expectations. Two prizes were offered, the Ralph M. Hunt prize of twenty-five dollars, and a second prize of ten dollars offered by the class of Nineteen-Ten. The contestants were Messrs C. A. Dawson, Junior, and C. A. Britten, L. V. Margeson and T. S. Roy, Seniors. The Judges were Rev. Mr. Miller and Dr. Archibald of Wolfville, and Rev. Dr. Borden of Grand Pre. Dr. Cutten presided.

"Joseph Mazzini" was the subject of the oration presented by the first speaker, Mr. Dawson. The youth of Mazzini, his devotion to liberty, his leadership of "Young Italy" under the motto, "God and the People,"—all were set forth calmly and clearly. And when the speaker told of Mazzini's banishment, his struggles in old age, his apparent failure, but real success, the audience felt with orator the essential heroism and nobility of the great Italian patriot.

Mr. Dawson was somewhat lacking in fire and enthusiasm, but his presentation was marked by a depth of feeling and sincerity of purpose whose effect was lasting. He more than justified the high expectations of the college, and showed himself to be a powerful speaker whose successful future is assured.

Mr. Britten, the second speaker, took for his subject "Conscience," which he defined as that faculty in man which distinguishes between right and wrong. He described the power of conscience, and made a splendid dramatic portrayal of the inward torture of the man who has done wilful wrong. For illustrations, he used the characters of Cain and of Byron's Manfred, the tense description of whose emotions, gripped and moved the audience. There is one remedy for an outraged conscience,—confession. This the speaker showed by an excellent description of the scaffold scene from Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter."

Mr. Britten lost a little by the lack of finish of his oration, but for reaching and holding and vitally affecting the hearts of his hearers, he easily outdistanced the other speakers of the evening.

Mr. Margeson followed with a brilliant oration on "the Basis of National Stability." He traced the causes of the down-fall of the ancient nations. He showed that as long as a people strive after high ideals of integrity and righteousness, their stability is assured. And he closed with an eloquent appeal for that patriotism which has as its essence, the righteousness that exalteth a nation.

A natural falling inflection detracted somewhat from the forcefulness of Mr. Margeson's presentation; but the brilliancy, polish and underlying logic of his oration were exceptional. His essay was regarded by many as the best of the evening.

Mr. Roy, the fourth speaker, amply sustained his reputation as a brilliant orator. For force and elegance of delivery and beauty of expression, Mr. Roy's impassioned oration on "Joseph Mazzini" has seldom been surpassed on Acadia's platform. The speaker's presence was impressive; his voice was musical; his English admirable; and altho his hold on the audience could not equal Mr. Britten's, his eloquence was splendidly effective.

At the close of Mr. Roy's speech, Dr. Cutten thanked the contestants for their excellent work and for the pleasure it had given. To Dr. Cutten's brief remarks let us add what we deeply and sincerely feel: namely, that Acadia has reason to be proud of her orators this year. Their work was not machine made; it was not labored. But its excellencies were of that individual character, which stamped the men as orators, not mere essayists or elocutionists. We congratulate the speakers and extend to them our best wishes for a successful future.

After some deliberation, the judges awarded first place in the contest to Mr. Roy and second place to Mr. Dawson. The decision was loudly applauded.

J. L. Ilsley, '13.

Scientific Exercise

BY WALLACE WELTON CLARK

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SCIENTIFIC exercise is the great body builder of today, particularly for those desirous of good health in every walk of life and more so for the gymnast and athlete who undergo some of the greatest tests of endurance known to the human body, while in the gymnasium or in the fields.

Take the majority of athletes entering Field and College sports; a great many of them take the best care of their physical well being the year round and you may rest assured they never regret it; while on the other hand there are those who commence training but a short time before the season of their sport. If they would form the habit of every day exercise, there is no question but that better teams and more athletes would be found in our modern sports.

No matter how excellent a man may be in a number of major sports, he is much better prepared, if every muscle of his body has been developed by exercise on "Scientific Principles".

How often we hear of heart failure and the lack of stamina which with many other ailments, due to ignorance or carelessness, hinder teams or an individual from making the best possible showing.

The football player may have a colossal form and a heart that at any moment may give up unresistingly when over taxed.

Such a muscular organ of involuntary motion, as the heart, when in a low state is capable of being strengthened and developed by a few moments exercise each day.

The exercises that tend to fortify the muscles of the heart, at the same time play an important part in the development of other vital organs.

Although the proper time to initiate a prescribed physical diet, is when young, the body can be developed by carrying out a daily routine of exercise acting upon the weaker parts and making those parts respond to the will, obeying every governing thought. To obey requires a great deal of will-power and the average body has never learned to obey and is sometimes lazy, indifferent and disrespectful to the mind.

A certain amount of physical exercise excites one's mental powers.

Exercise is like an investment—you expend energy only that you may receive more in return. It is much better to be young at seventy than old at forty and one taking with interest, good wholesome corrective exercise, need never fear the latter.

This system of exercise which will make the body symmetrical, well formed and healthy is to be, in the future, practised more and more by people of every vocation.

DAY ORDER.

Scientific Exercise that will develop Co-ordination and General Physical Culture.

One should be very cautious when first taking these movements and not demand too much of the body, if fatigued or slightly distressed stop; if not, continue and increase the number of times each day with more rapidity. Use your own discretion in this matter.

Ex. I. Leg or balance movements cultivate general equilibrium and equalize the blood pressure.

(a) Stand erect, hands on hips, fingers to front. Raise right leg forward extending foot, same to side and to back. Alternate left and right holding leg as near horizontal as possible and balancing on the other for 5 or 10 seconds.

Ex. II. Neck movements to correct posture of head, as erect carriage.

(a) Clasp hands high on back of head, elbows well back and chin in. Force head forward and back, offering resistance in either direction.

Ex. III. Back and shoulder blade exercises which strengthen the back, correct drooping shoulders and "students stoop."

(a) Stretch arms overhead, keeping legs straight and together, bend forward and back as far as possible.

(b) Stand erect, arms to cross position in line with the chest. Describe small circles with arms back of line of chest.

(c) Drop forward on hands, keeping hands shoulder's width apart and fingers toward front with body rigid and legs together, resting on toes. Bend the arms allowing the body to drop *near* the floor and straighten arms raising body.

Ex. IV. Thorax movements (arch flexion) cultivate respiration by stretching the chest. The muscles of inspiration and expiration are most important, as they constitute the basis of all exercise.

(a) Take an erect position (thorax arched, head up, chin in and legs together) raise arms slowly to side and overhead taking a deep breath, inhale through nose, lowering arms slowly, and exhaling through nose.

Repeat for about 3 or 4 minutes, preferably in the open air.

Ex. V. Waist (lateral trunk movements) strengthen the waist muscles and increase the circulation of the large muscles of the trunk.

(a) Feet apart, hands on hips fingers front, bend from waist side to side.

(b) Feet apart, arms to stretch position, bend from the waist right to left.

(c) Heels together, arms to stretch position, bend slightly forward from the waist and describe a circle with the body from waist up.

Ex. VI. Abdominal exercises strengthen those muscles that support the viscera, improve digestion, etc.

(a) Sit on floor, legs straight and together, lie back and raise the body, holding arms perfectly rigid over legs, as in rowing.

(b) Lie on back arms extended under extremity of spine with hands together, palms down.

Raise and lower the legs, keeping them straight and together, but extended.

Ex. VII. Leg and thigh movements, as running, rope skipping, leaping, jumping and vaulting.

These exercises increase circulation and cultivate elasticity, speed, courage, etc.

Ex. VIII. Slow leg movements diminish the blood pressure and heart-beat, increased by preceding movements.

(a) Raise and lower on toes.

(b) Hands on hips, fingers front, lower and raise body bending knees.



The O. P. Goucher Declamation Contest.

THE first annual contest for the O. P. Goucher prize for Declamation took place in College Hall on Friday evening the 5th inst. The several aspirants were from the Freshman and Sophomore classes, and the brand of Oratory presented was good and at times splendid.

Mr. H. E. Allaby '13, the first speaker choose as his subject a selection from "Freedom of the Press". His delivery was good and he treated his subject in a convincing manner.

Mr. Hovey '14 choose as his subject a portion of Cicero's Oration against Catiline. His theme was indeed a hard one to do justice to but he handled it well and made a good impression. We have heard Mr. Hovey however in better form.

Miss Nowlan '14, in continuing the contest proceeded to relate the glories of Joan D'Arc from DeQuincey. Graphically she pictured the actions of this heroic peasant girl ; how she planned

and how she fought, knowing misery and sure death awaited her. Miss Nowlan seemed to have her subject well in hand and came in for a good share of the applause. The next speaker was Mr. J. L. Ilsley, of inter-collegiate fame. His subject "Daniel O'Connell's speech to the electors of Keldare" seemed a very appropriate one, but for some reason Mr. Ilsley was not in his usual form, and the treat we were expecting was denied us.

Mr. Magner '14 delivered a portion of Robert Emmet's speech, supposed to have been given while under sentence of death. This was Mr. Magner's first appearance on our platform and he acquitted himself well.

Miss Elderkin '13, choose as her subject a selection from Jack London's "Call of the Wild". Her choice was a happy one and her delivery splendid. She seemed perfectly at home on the platform and in Miss Elderkin the co-eds certainly had a strong representative.

The last speaker Mr. Robbins '14 dramatically portrayed to us that famous scene "The chariot race in Ben Hur." The highest praise is due Mr. Robbins for the way he treated his subject. We hope to hear from him again next year.

On the whole the contest was a little better than we had expected. The Judge's decision announcing Mr. Robbins the lucky winner was received with satisfaction by all.

H. T. Reid, '12.

Recent Books.

THE PROPHET. A STORY OF THE TWO KINGDOMS OF ISRAËL.

BY L. O. LOOMER, ACADIA 1903.

THE Prophet is a tale which deals with the life and times of Amos the prophet. The chief interest centres around Ruth, the sister of Amos. One day while in the field she is surprised by a band of mounted horsemen and carried into Edom. There follows an anxious search for her by Amos and Enoch Benarad who is her betrothed lover.

Little is said about the eloquent denunciations of Amos in Bethel. The best feature of the book is the vivid description of the birthplace and early training of the prophet. This is a comparatively new field—and any book that gives us a better understanding of the “Leaders of Israël” will be welcome.


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This history is of particular interest to Acadia men, for here a clear concise yet comprehensive account of the history and founding of Acadia College is given. Certainly the Baptist “fathers” were not wanting either in vision or courage. It seems difficult for us to-day to realize that a Church of England College, would forbid its students “to frequent the Romish Mass or the Presbyterian Methodist or Baptist meetings houses”, or that Presbyterians should deliberately keep a scholar and a gentleman from teaching in a provincial college because he was a Baptist, but so it was. It was because of these slights and insults, that Acadia was founded. Of the men who have honored Acadia a full account will be found in this book.

The binding and printing of the volume are excellent and all who have an interest in the fertile and lovely county of King's will do well to reserve a place on their bookshelf for this informing volume.

In Memoriam.

 OUR old friend Dr. W. N. Wickwire was laid to rest on April 2nd in Camp Hill Cemetery at Halifax. Though not altogether unexpected his passing away has caused deep regret and gloom in a large circle of friends.

The first time I saw Dr. Wickwire was in the winter of 1855, when we were fellow students in Horton Academy.

The next year we matriculated into Acadia College, with a number of other young men. There were in our class during the course, Silas Alward, William Chase, Alfred de Mille, Frederick Hart, who laid down his life in the cause of science at Rio Janeiro, while in the employ of the late Emperor of Brazil, Edward Hickson, A. P. Jones, R. V. Jones, W. H. Porter, T. H. Rand, J. E. Wells, W. N. Wickwire and myself.

The most of us took the full course, graduating in the year 1860. Messrs. Wickwire and A. P. Jones shortly afterwards went abroad, and took a course of medical study in Edinburg. Not long after their return Mr. Jones died, and Dr. Wickwire entered into a medical co-partnership with Dr. Tupper who at that time was practising his profession in Halifax. The medical firm enjoyed a large and influential practice, and was subsequently dissolved on Dr. Tupper removing to Ottawa; Dr. Wickwire retaining the practice, and becoming more and more known as a skilful physician.

Dr. Wickwire during his Academic Course stood well in his classes, he was industrious and ambitious.

Possessing a fine constitution and good physical health, he entered with zest into all the college games and athletic sports of the day. I have never forgotten our long rambles under the frowning cliffs of Blomidon.

He was greatly esteemed by his fellow students for his geniality and open heartedness, indeed throughout his whole life, he was popular in every circle he entered. Later on in life, he

became interested in many business enterprises, he was a Director of the Halifax Banking Company, Vice-President of the Eastern Trust Company, and was connected with other industrial and financial concerns. No citizen of Halifax was better known or more highly appreciated than Dr. Wickwire. Professionally, socially and in all the relations of life, he was greatly and deservedly esteemed.

The members of the large class, who on that June day in 1860 left the halls of their Alma Mater have now all passed away excepting only Dr. Alward, Dr. R. V. Jones and myself.

John Y. Payzant.

Halifax.

MARIANA LOCKWOOD.

Death has visited us during the school term for the first time in many years, and for only the third time in the history of the school. Mariana Lockwood, the only daughter of Dr. T. C. and Mrs. Lockwood, of Lockport, N. S. succumbed to an attack of typhoid, dying Sunday, May the seventh, at noon. Since the shadow of disease fell upon the Seminary it has been our hope and prayer that this pain might be spared us. But God hath some better thing in store for us, we try to think, and we sit still and wait until he sees fit to reveal his kindly will.

Mariana Lockwood was a girl, whom to know was to love and to esteem. By her classmates, she was a Senior, and would have been graduated in June; by the entire student body of the Seminary, by her Teachers she was respected and beloved. Bright, happy, honest, true, sincere, loving and lovely, her untimely departure has saddened our hearts, but our lives are richer and truer for having known her. Our sympathy and prayers are for her broken-hearted parents. May the blessing of God be revealed to them in fulness.

The funeral exercises were held in College Hall on the afternoon of Monday and were attended by the entire college community. President Cutten presided in his simple strong dignified fashion and was assisted by Dr. Chute, who read the scripture, and by Pastor Webber, who offered prayer, while all joined in singing, "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus, Lover of my soul".

The funeral cortege, comprised of all the students in cap and gown, of the members of the Senior Class and other Seminary pupils dressed in white, and of the Academy students, in all numbering more than 400, was led by the College Professors in gown and hood to the station, whence the body was to be taken to Lockeport for interment. Quite, solemn, impressive was the sight and yet how little in the presence of the great mystery of life and death. But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Editorial

ONCE more the magic change is taking place that transforms the "Hill" and surrounding country into a place of such enchanting beauty. Many pens have given us descriptions of remarkable truth and elegance, but all fall far short of the reality. As the dreariness of winter gives place to spring, the brown withered grass and leafless trees are followed by green grassy slopes and graceful stately elms with their delicately tinted leaves, and on every hand the fragrant apple blossoms meet the eye in endless profusion. It cannot be described but we can all revel in the beauty of it and be glad that we are located in such a charming spot.

Doubtless there is an added charm for those who look on these things and are reminded that this is also the spring time of life for them. And many will feel, as have those in the past, that the influence of these beautiful surroundings was not the least of the benefits that came to them from the years lived among them.

There has been considerable interest in the musical side of college life this year. The singing at the games has been quite enthusiastic. Male quartettes have been numerous and added much to the interest of the programmes in the Athenæum Society. One thing has been noticeable, however, in it all. We do not seem to have a distinctively Acadia song which is at all generally known even to the students who have been here longest. Aside from the Acadia doxology we doubt if there is one such song of which one verse is known by half the students. And yet in the new song book published last year there are upwards of half a dozen Acadia songs which a capable music committee considered worthy of a place in this excellent collection. Parodies and the latest popular airs are alright but we surely ought to have some of these other songs to use with them, songs which are brimfull of the true Acadia spirit. If a National Anthem is a good thing in developing patriotism we believe an Acadia Anthem might serve a similar purpose in developing a magnificent college spirit. We are not lacking in college spirit now by any means but there may be room for advancement both in quantity and quality.

Last month we published two photos of the Baptist Church which has now been removed to make way for a larger edifice. The words intended to accompany the pictures failed to appear however. This Church has been so long and so closely connected with the life of the College that the relation of one to the other seemed very intimate. For many years the Anniversary exercises of the College were held in the Church and so it may have had a more particular interest for some of the older students. Its passing however was a matter of interest to all, and while greatly missed, all will be gratified with the prospect of a new Church more nearly suited to present needs.

Exchanges.

THE year's work connected with the Exchange column is completed with this issue. It has been a pleasant duty to peruse the pages of our exchanges. It has meant contact with many other institutions in a very tangible way. There was always a hearty welcome to the inspiration which the ideals, aspirations and the enthusiastic activities recorded in the various college journals conveyed. The literary products of sister institutions during the year were of a high order generally, and it was a matter of regret that space would permit only a passing reference. Inferior articles were not commented on during the year but it is certain that more discretion should be exercised in the selection of articles by some of our contemporaries. A tendency to give place to slang, and, on a few occasions, statements which are capable of indelicate interpretation, was evident. But on the whole the work has been enjoyable and the succeeding editor may look forward to a pleasing task. This opportunity is utilized to express gratitude to our sister institutions for courtesies extended and the pleasure provided by the presentation of their respective journals.

During the year we have been keenly aware that most institutions have an arduous task in publishing their papers. In the Exchange column of our last issue we called attention to the fact that the Editorial staff do not usually have the substantial support of the student body in their efforts to issue an interesting and up to date magazine. Perhaps the following suggestion may be of assistance in such perplexing circumstances. It is a fact that all college sport, as well as debating, have developed to a high degree of efficiency through interclass or intercollegiate rivalry. The incentive is largely, if not wholly, born of competition. We therefore propose that similar competition be arranged for in connection with the college journal. We would suggest making each class responsible for the material of an issue apart from the editorials. Let their work be judged by a committee selected out-

side the student body who would award each class a place in order of merit as in debating. This plan, we believe, would call forth the best in each class, and it would also relieve the editors of much needless exertion. It would also stimulate many to offer articles for publication in the four remaining issues of the year. We feel safe in concluding that the stimulus which has successfully promoted other phases of college life would also effect our journalism if directed aright.

There are meter of accent
And meters of tone,
But the best of all meters
Is to meter alone.—*Ex.*

The St. Margaret's Chronicle gave much pleasure. But one copy has come to hand during the year. We regret being deprived of the privilege of exchanging magazines with the undergraduates of St. Margaret's College. The *Chronicle* is pregnant with the animation emanating from the student life of that institution and its pages give much pleasure.

Argosy has a splendid article on "The College man and National Problems" by W. P. Bell, B. A.

Red and White publishes an interesting and instructive interpretation of Tam O'Shanter by Dr. John Caven. The writer was born in the Land of the Heather and is thoroughly conversant with his subject. He surrounds the poem with facts which make possible an appreciation of it. His article is a rare interpretation and worthy of a careful reading.

We gratefully acknowledge the following exchanges: Normal College Gazette, Collegian, Rocket, Gateway, Xaverian, Signa, Albertana, Dalhousie Gazette, Acta Victoriana, St. Andrew's College Review, McMaster University Monthly, Bates Student.



The Month

DRAWN BY HORACE BISHOP, '13

I sighed as the soul of April fled,
And a tear on my cheek
Told of the love I had borne the dead,
And I signed the cross and bowed the head
And was sad for a week.

With a carol and catch the May came in
With her wonderful way ;
And I secretly chuckled her under the chin
And tuned me the strings of my violin
And was glad for a day.

—*McDonald.*

APRIL has gone and with the beauty and warmth of her closing days has allowed us to forget the storms and winds of her first week. Already coming events,—in the form of Final Examinations—are casting their shadows before and a grave and thoughtful look is beginning to be visible on the faces even of the most frivolous. May is the Janus-faced month of our college year, when we at once look back over our term and review its pleasures again, and anticipate the holidays and our next year of college or business life.

ATHLETICS. The Track Team have settled down into hard and steady work on the Campus and are showing daily improvement. The weekly meets have kept enthusiasm at a high pitch as well with the rest of the college as with the team. Acadia track teams have established a record in the past which we believe will be maintained by this year's team.

The Baseball season is in full swing and is exciting even more than the usual enthusiasm this year. At the time of writing the Juniors head the league.

Tennis is also attracting many devotees. Although our courts are not all we could wish them to be they seem to be kept pretty well filled. The tournament is now being played off.

SOCIAL. The Annual Junior Banquet was held on March 23rd. The President—Mr. Reid and the Vice President—Miss Schaffner received the guests in the College office, which had been artistically decorated for the occasion. During the evening a short comedy-farce was produced by Misses Gilroy, Bates and Marsters and Messrs. Richardson, Young, Barss and Logan. A well-ordered banquet was served at the Royal Hotel, and after the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the party broke up in the “wee sma’ hours”.

On April 11th Miss Florence Connors gave a very enjoyable violin and vocal recital in College Hall. Miss Connors is a splendid artist and an accomplished violinist and we have to regret that the recital was not more largely attended.

On April 24th President Henry L. Southwick gave one of the enjoyable recitals which have gained for him a national if not an international reputation. The talented reader showed at his best in some of the difficult selections which he rendered. President Southwick is always welcomed by a Wolfville audience and always more than repays our hearty welcome.

A recital by the Violin Department of the Seminary, assisted by the pupils of the Elocution Department took place on April 7th and proved to be one of the most enjoyable recitals of the last few years. The violin department rendered several beautiful and enjoyable solos, duets, trios and quartettes, and the pupils of the Elocution Department ably presented several scenes from “As You Like It”.

DEBATE. The Annual Debate between the Academy and the Lower Classes took place in College Hall on April 8th. The subject was a very interesting one.—Resolved that the federation of Great Britain and her colonies is advisable. This debate which is now looked forward to each year with great interest is keenly contested. This year was no exception and the victory by the Academy was a well deserved one. The plan for electing the College team is not the best that could be devised however.



Acadia Past and Present.

THE marriage of J. Austen Bancroft '03 of the department of Geology, McGill University to Miss Poirier took place in Christ Church Cathedral Montreal, on March 11th. Dr. Bancroft made an excellent record while at Acadia and his advancement since leaving here has been rapid. Recent issues of the McGill Martlett contained full accounts of the happy event in which he has just been a principal.

Harold Tuft's of the Class of 1900 is taking the second year work in the Harvard Dental School. Malcolm R. Elliot '08 is pursuing work in the Medical School and not in the Dental School as we reported in a recent issue.

Hon. O. T. Daniels '81 is a candidate in Annapolis County, for election to the Provincial Legislative. J. B. Hall '73 is the colleague of Mr. Daniels in the Campaign. Dr. Hall has recently resigned from the staff of the Provincial Normal School after many years of most successful work. A. L. Davinson '97 is also a candidate in the same county. In Queens County, W. L. Hall '98 is seeking re-election and in King's County, H. H. Wickwire '88.

Among the few Canadians to receive scholarships at Harvard next year are J. Arthur Estey '07, Acadia Rhodes Scholar and more recently on the staff of Wisconsin University Madison; and A. R. Kaiser of this year's graduating class.

The Lyceum.

Of Horton Collegiate Academy.

Editors—W. S. RYDER, S. W. STACKHOUSE, and L. M. BLAKNEY.

GENERAL. In many respects the school life of the past month has been real active. A large number of the students spent the Easter holidays at their homes.

We regret the condition in which the Seminary has been lately placed, and wish to condole. We reckon ourselves very fortunate because of our escape from a like condition.

One of our number, however, Mr. F. C. Gullison, who has been living in a private home, was recently called home, having contracted the fever. Mr. S. P. Muggah, another member of the Senior Class, has also left us on account of illness.

Y. M. C. A. The regular Wednesday night services have been poorly attended. So many outside attractions at this time of year doubtless account for this. There will probably be only two more meetings before closing.

In our Sunday morning Bible Classes, we have been favored with addresses by the Rev. Mr. Smallman, of New Glasgow, and the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Wolfville.

The officers elected for the ensuing school year are:—

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Vice-President—F. Dill.

Secretary-Treasurer—W. Kitchen.

Advisory—James Green.

LYCEUM. This has not been neglected this month. On the night of April 15th we had a very successful mock trial; Our program of April 22nd included, among other numbers, a Junior debate.

On Saturday, April 8th in College Hall, the Academy team, consisting of Howe, Stackhouse and Ryder, met in debate the

Freshmen and Sophomores, who were represented by Bishop, Hayford and McKay. The subject was:—"Resolved that the federation of Great Britain and her colonies is advisable". The College team took the Affirmative, while the Academy supported the Negative, and so well that it was given the decision by the Judges,—Rev. Mr. Miller, Rev. Mr. Dixon and Mr. Davison.

ATHLETICS. Track sports are claiming the attentions and energies of many of the fellows. The baseball team has thus far played three games :—

April 26—Lost to Sophomores, 6-5.

May 6—Lost to Halifax County Academy, in Halifax, 7-3.

May 9—Won over Freshmen, 4-3.

W. S. Ryder.



The College Jester.

EDITORIAL NOTICE.

WE cannot put out a joke column this month for two reasons : first, the Sems, our source of inspiration are home—from fever fled ; second, our sanctum sanctorum, the inner shrine of the College Library has been irreverently thronged with a crowd of curious pilgrims whose visits have frequently interrupted that flow of humour and originalty for which our facile pen has become so justly noted. True, some of these visitors have aided us nobly. For instance, Mr. K-nsm-n's inadvertent question to the co-ed portion of our staff asking why she did not bring someone over the Bay with her elicited the happy response that she had telephoned to Miss E., who had said that she could not come but would send a message to Roy. But such helpers were few. However, we can and do give the Academy Quartette due notice that they will be left strictly alone in this issue. We have hunted through Literary Digests and "That Reminds Me" columns, for

old jokes, as diligently as the treasure hunting citizen searched for the place where Methusaleh hid his birthday presents, but no go. We came across a love story but it was very short: Chapter I, Maid one. Chapter II, Maid won. Chapter III, Made one. We turned to poetry and even got Tennyson's Song of the Brook(s) wrong when we copied it: "I come from Freeports sunny isle; at fishing I'm most clever; tho' men may come and men may go, I sail with Haines forever." When Dr. J-nes asked Cr-w-ll to translate, he read, *Nunc scio quid sit amor*. Well, we know what bother is, and we dread public opinion when this jokeless Athenæum appears, as much as Jim McL-od dreads Meteorology tests. Readers may be glad to hear that the engagement has been announced of Miss Tommy Sk-un-r of Calgary, Alberta, to Mr. Eric M-cD-n-ld of Fredericton, N. B., now en route for London where he is to attend the Coronation. Further, we announce the great debate to be held next Sunday evening: Subject, Resolved that Paradise is between Wolfville and Middleton. Affirmative, Messrs. Haley, '13; negative, Porter, '11.

Puss B-rss got stuck in Philosophy the other day and after a five minutes wait, Dr. Goodspeed asked, "Give it up?" Mr. B-rss (slowly)—Waal, I hate to give it up, but I suppose I'll have to—Dr. G.—Well, I like to see a student hold on, that is, when there is anything to hold on to; Miss M-rst-rs, can you help? Mary.—No sir. Dr. G.—So you're in that negative state of mind with nothing to hold on to. Mr. Yo-ng (from rear).—What's that?

We are in a negative state of mind worse than that. We have no jokes. Soaks like the following would never do. We merely give them as a warning to future joke editors.

1. Calaban (jubilant).—What's the matter with Farmer Rose's new lavender socks?

2. L-ckh-rt is enjoying French of late, especially evening classes.

3. Great noise upstairs. Neighbors rush to house. Family run up. Find Brigham standing on a table in dramatic attitude practicing the minutes of one of those revolutionary Junior class meetings.

4. East-n (in Bible class, comparing Math. questions with those of Miss Th-m-s).

Why, our answers are the same.

Freshman (who overheard).—You must have worked them out together last night.

5. Hostess (telling fortune)—Miss Arch-b-ld, make a selection.

Miss A.—What shall I take ?

Hostess—Oh, a color would do,—Brown for instance.

6. Dr. J-nes.—Is Mr. Cr-w-ll present ?

Class.—No, he's still in St. John.

Dr. Jones.—Is he doing missionary work there ?

No ! Never would we place our stamp of editorial approval upon such as the above half dozen. We should far rather recount how Dr. DeW-lfe in Bible Class asked Mr. Ka-s-r to expound on the following text one day : " Take a little wine for your stomach's sake " ; or how another time Miss C-rb-tt said, " now you know Emma, you will go walking every available night ", and how Miss Oxu-r answered, " Hum ! the available nights are like angels visits " ; or how Wr-ght-n at the Tabernacle said, " If you're a good boy Tommy, you will go to heaven, and have a gold crown on your head. " Tommy.—Not for mine then. I had one of them things put on a tooth once.

Ross E-t-n was kind enough to hand us this item :

Ly-ns.—Hurrah for tennis !

Miss E.—Hurrah for tennis !

Ross.—Hurrah for tennis !

Miss O.—Hurrah for tennis !

All together in the early morning.—Hip—Hip—hoorah for tennis !!

Then there was this one :

Miss St-rr-t (on street).—Say, Mr. R-se have you had your picture taken ?

Farmer : (gazing in studio window)—Yes, and and I thought he'd put it in the studio window, but it hasn't appeared yet.

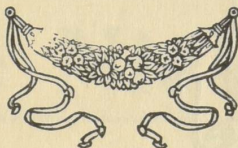
But these are not properly jokes. We cannot get jokes. K-nsm-n says he'll ruin us if we mention his name; and Ray says anything slushy is utterly detestable; so what are we to do?

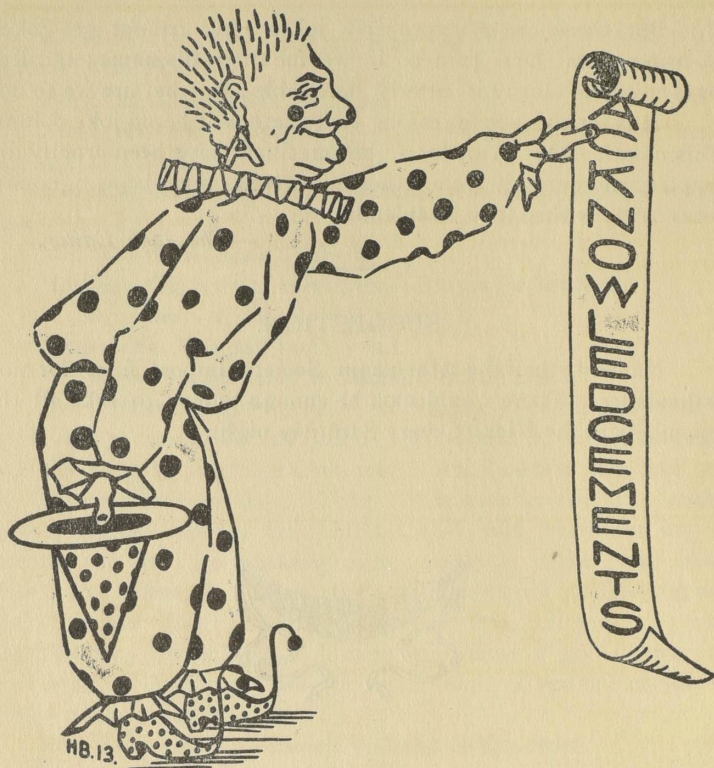
It is for the above reasons that there will be no joke column this month. Our plans for a glorious finale have been cruelly disrupted, and our exit from Athenæum circles must be as ignominious as we wished it to be splendid.

—*The Joke Editor.*

SUGGESTION.

Namely, that the Athenæum Society impose fines for non attendance. There would soon be enough money to take all the members to the Nicklet every Saturday night.





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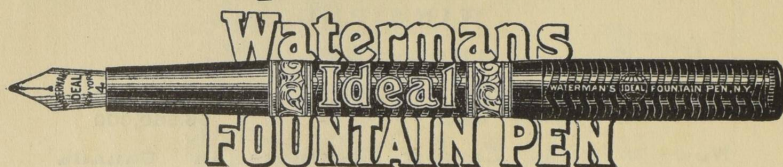
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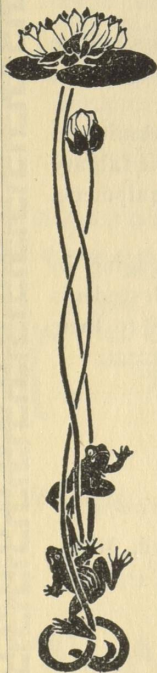
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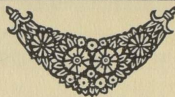
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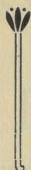
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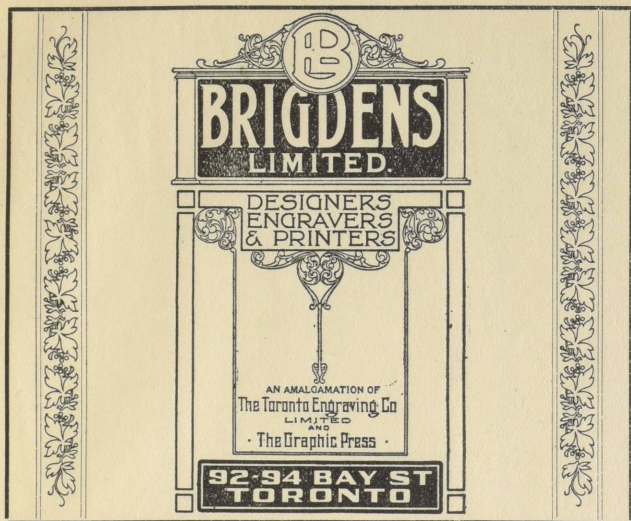
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