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The Sanctum.

SO many farewells have been said by those who have gone before us that we shall hardly dare to claim *originality* for what we may now be called upon to say in this connection. But the time has come for the present occupants of the Sanctum to doff the mantel and resign its cares, to others. Amid the joy of being released from what, though it has been pleasant toil, has nevertheless proven somewhat exacting; and the sorrow of severing this last link that binds us to the interests of student life we find but few words in which to express ourselves. To all who have in any way assisted us in our work, we give most hearty thanks. Especially are we grateful to those of our subscribers, who, representing many recent graduates of the College, have cheered us by kind expressions of appreciation. We have not sought to use our privileges so as to win the favor of our friends merely, but it has done us good to know that our

efforts to be faithful to the interests of the Institutions we love and the fellow-students we have tried to represent, have been to some degree appreciated. To our fellow-students we are grateful for the sympathy given us and should feel ourselves more than repaid for all the labor it has cost us to know that in any measure our services have been helpful to them. Still however we frankly confess that even the esteem of these has not been the actuating principle. We have tried to do our duty even in the face of opposition and only so far as this end has been attained, are we satisfied with the record. For our failures we plead guilty and thank our patrons for their kindly endurance. To the assistant Editors and the Secy-Treas: we are much indebted for the cheerful, thorough manner in which their duties have been performed.—Of Mr. Bentley, we can only speak in the highest terms and will not be thought guilty of flattery for saying that in all our dealings with him as Business Manager we have found him thorough in his work, obliging and gentlemanly in the extreme.

To our successors—royal good fellows that they are—we give a cordial welcome and bespeak for them the sympathy they deserve and that will enable them to make the ATHENÆUM all that they desire it to become in their hands. To our fellow-students we wish abounding success and to one and all *we say a hearty farewell.*

THE cover is finished. It is a glad thing to say though not unmixed with sadness.

Behind are the struggles, the trials, the joys, the victories. Before is a future unread and unreadable. The pleasant associations of the hill will never again be ours to enjoy but the snatch of college song and the hearty greeting and the loudly rambles and the sports of the campus and the class-room experiences will flood the memory with light through life. It is so jolly too—this being free! Yes free. No more exams; no more burning the midnight oil; no more of

that driving, brain-wracking study; no more the fear of those sage, acute professors. Free, now, as a bird in the wild-wood.

Is the work of life quite finished then? Ah, this reminds us that hitherto there has only been secured a preparation, partial at best, for that very work: and while it is not too late to atone for past neglect, they are fortunate who have few mis-improved hours to regret and who find themselves issuing from the discipline of college with a physical and intellectual and moral developement fitted to ensure to its possessor a measure of usefulness and success. Such students having found true pleasure and genuine liberty in the unremitting study, the driving routine and the critical over-sight of college will soon discover that the boasted freedom of graduation is only the joy occasioned by attaining a goal which serves as the starting point for a more distant one. The toils of the past prepare for more practical labors.

THE religious work at Acadia has been deeply interesting through the entire year that has just closed. Never before were there so many earnest young men and women in connection with the institutions, equipped for christian service; never before were these forces so thoroughly organized; never before were the professors and teachers more devoted to the spiritual needs of those under their charge; never before was there a stronger religious atmosphere pervading all the departments on the hill, than there has been this year. It will be remembered by those who attended the jubilee gatherings a year ago, that the burden of prayer from almost all hearts in the devotional services was that the power of God might rest upon all the young people who should come up at the opening of the year for study, and it was manifest to all whose hearts were at all impressive as they assembled in the college chapel during the first autumn weeks, that prayer had not been offered in vain; although the special services were confined to the few first weeks in March, yet all through the year the deepest interest prevailed. With the organization of the College Y. M. C. A. special forces were centred upon special objects and though very few changes were made in what already existed, these were infused with new life and several important additions were made. In addition to the monthly missionary meet-

ings held in college hall on Sunday evening, provision was made for a monthly preaching service especially for the students and addressed by neighbouring pastors,—special attention was also given to bible study. Each member of the committee on bible study was left to make satisfactory arrangements for the class of which he was a member. So far the study has been carried on in the students rooms in Chipman Hall on Sunday afternoon and for the Academy students, in the Principal's apartments. This department is capable of still further improvement. A grand commencement has been made but we believe that the study of the scriptures could be made much more interesting and attractive, by being combined with a general service in which all the departments could unite—something on the Sunday school plan. With such teachers as are available in each of the schools, and the quality of material that would be at their disposal, a Sunday school might be organized that should be a model to all the churches in the provinces and the young people who go from year to year to engage in christian service in the various localities would carry much of the spirit of this organization into their own work. Why may not Acadia have a Sunday school in keeping with the secular work done by her? We are sure that the governors are ready to provide convenient class rooms etc., for the purpose, and that the teachers are ready to co-operate as soon as the students are ready for their services.

But something has also been done in the way of benevolence. Notwithstanding the increased expenses in providing for the travelling expenses and entertainment of the visiting clergyman, which, has been borne by the students, the contributions to foreign missions have been fully up to the average, one delegate has been sent at the cost of the association to the College Students' meeting at Northfield, Mass.—two others at their own charges—and for the coming year, it was decided to respond to the request of the Foreign Mission Board and contribute our hundred dollars yearly to the support of Bro. W. V. Higgins, the newly appointed missionary to the Telugus.

Since the forty accessions, through the revival meetings were almost wholly from the lower classes and Academy, the outlook for the College is most hopeful. Trusting that the succession of devoted workers, who have stood for the truth at old Acadia, may be unbroken, we bid those who must now take up leadership, a hearty God-speed.

WILL every *alumnus* during the present vacation act as a self-appointed agent for the college, especially in the way of directing thither any young men anxious for an education? This word is hardly necessary we know. The largely increased numbers that crowd the class-rooms during the last few years have doubtless been largely due to the hearty exertions of the *alumni* and just here will the hope of Old Acadia continue to be for many a long year. No millionaire has yet taken our college under his wing; and it is well so, since the struggle at first for existence and now for enlarged possibilities has brought her nearer to the heart of the denomination than otherwise could have been effected. And the fact of no patron of the George Munro's type having yet appeared means that not one of her friends can afford to lose an opportunity of furthering her interests. If these are indifferent, strangers assuredly could hardly be expected to assume the responsibility. Let everyone who has ever been within her halls exhibit for Acadia, so far as his opportunities admit the enthusiasm of a salaried canvasser. These efforts united in aim, though individually separated, will give the college a support far better, if either must be had alone, than any provincial endowment or wealthy patron's bequest.

We wish here in all modesty to offer a suggestion solely for the ear of our esteemed governors. In every Baptist Association this summer in the science schools and the teacher's institutes of the maritime provinces there should be a speaker—and if a member of the faculty so much the better—to enforce the claims of higher education and either directly or indirectly to press the claims and sing the praises of our institutions. Other universities adopt this method and reap the advantages. A little time and money in this direction could be profitably invested. The travelling expenses of the professors should be defrayed and their interest in the college would no doubt answer for every thing else.

A MISTAKE too prevalent among our college men is to defer till the last year a decision upon their life-work. It is not wise certainly to rush upon so momentous a conclusion with heedless impetuosity. Among the few great questions which meet everyone sooner or later this assumes a by no means unimportant position. For the majority a

calling fitly chosen contains the promise of assured success, but otherwise an omen of unconditional failure. A square peg doesn't fit well in a round hole. Time therefore and abundant consideration should be devoted by every young man to the question: "What shall be my life-work?"

Yet a decision ought to be arrived at and as early as possible in the college course. A common saying is; "There is plenty of time. I have two or three years before the necessity comes of making a final choice." In formal fact this may be all true enough; but counting the opportunities thus wasted which could be made to tell on one's culture for any special vocation, let the student rather say: "I must decide at once as to my profession or occupation, in order that I may while obtaining a broad all-around education, at the same time, be able to converge as many educative forces as possible upon the line of the particular development I especially require."

That this is not mere theorizing every student will be assured of, if he takes a moment to run over a list of his acquaintances, some of whom have had their life-work chosen early, others not till late in the course. He will generally find that the former upon graduation whether they purpose to be lawyers, doctors, preachers, &c., have already, unlike their fellows, obtained quite a knowledge, theoretical and practical, in their special department. This fact speaks for itself.

MR. H. N. SHAW has again appeared before the public in the results of his work. Five of the speakers on Commencement Day were his pupils. We do not mean to say that they had attained the proficiency their teacher could have imparted under the more favorable conditions; for in the rush of studies, elocution lessons not being compulsory, was too often slighted even by those who attempted it at most but two or three terms in the whole college course. Yet notwithstanding these hindrances we think that no invidious distinctions are drawn when it is stated that the speaking of the elocution pupils afforded the very strongest argument in favor of that much-neglected study. This at all events was the popular verdict.

A whisper has been heard to the effect that elocution is to form hereafter a regular part in the curriculum of the Freshmen a year. Such a consummation is most devoutly to be wished. On every hand the comment is heard that Mr. Shaw has done a great deal for the

college as well in the musical as in the elocutionary department. This success—leaving out of view his peculiar fitness for the work—is due rather to his great energy and unremitting enthusiasm than to advantageous conditions which hitherto have assuredly been at minimum. If so much that is praise-worthy can be accomplished amidst adverse and discouraging circumstances, what a grand showing might be effected were elocution established as a regular study of the course.

IT is evident that those who are managing the affairs of the Institution here, are determined that as far as their resources will permit, their equipment shall be such as will insure the confidence and support of all who have sons and daughters to educate. At the closing meeting of the Board of Governors, Prof. J. F. Tufts who resigned the principalship of the Collegiate Academy last year, and who has since been studying at Harvard, was appointed to the Chair of History and Political Economy. To all who knew Prof. Tufts as a gentleman and as a teacher this appointment will be most satisfactory. We understand that the appointment of a tutor in the science department will probably be made before college opens, and perhaps the same addition made to the English department. The professor in each of these departments certainly deserves assistance, and this proposed enlargement of the staff will add materially to the efficiency of the college.

The interests of the other departments also received due attention. The resignation of Miss Wadsworth, Principal of the Ladies' Seminary was accepted and steps taken to procure a successor. It is rumored that the appointment has been offered to Miss Graves who so long and so successfully filled the position previous to Miss Wadsworth. All who have the best interests of Acadia Seminary at heart, will hope that Miss Graves may be induced to return. It is to be regretted that Miss Margeson, a graduate of Acadia and for the last three years, the popular teacher of French and English, has severed her connection with the Seminary. It is to be hoped that a worthy successor may be found for this position also.

A donation of \$300, from the Ladies' Jubilee Offering, was made to the College library and the graduating class contributed \$100, to the same object.

AT a meeting of the rate-payers of the village of Wolfville it was decided to provide a system of water works to supply the dwellings and to provide necessary precautions against fire. Upon several occasions within very few years, what might have been but a trifling fire, has for want of an abundant water supply and proper appliances terminated most disastrously. We therefore most heartily commend this new enterprise and hope that its effects may also be felt upon the hill. True the buildings on the hill, have a fair water supply most of the year, but at times even this is insufficient and there is no special protection against fire. This need not besoo. With a few hydrants conveniently located in the vicinity of each of the buildings, a moderate amount of rubber hose and a good force of water, a fire company might be organized from *the men on the hill*, that would extinguish almost any ordinary fire. May this be among the many improvements so soon to be made at Acadia.

SOME months ago, the following clipping appeared among our excerpts. "Praise is not always sweet, nor is censure always bitter. The moral value of either praise or censure, depends greatly upon the moral value of the person who proffers it. To be praised by some people is reason enough to make one ask what evil one has done; to be censured by them is a mark of honor. When one is praised, then, or when one is blamed, is it not worth while to ask one's self who does it and why?" We believe this doctrine to be perfectly true and are more convinced than ever before, that much that would seem to be honest praise or fair criticism would be seen to be worthless if put to the test of the, *who and why*. Glowing reports of some oratorical or literary effort may emanate from the pen of the one most deeply concerned as on the other hand unfair and depreciating remarks may be the outcome of personal enmity. Of the treatment received from the public press, by the Students of the institutions at Acadia, in the reports given of the various public exercises, it may be said in a general way that no complaint is due and indeed in some cases the most careful attention is paid to the proceedings and very full and fair reports are given—none more appreciative than the attention shown by the representatives of the St. John Sun—but still

cases have occurred within the experiences of some of the present undergraduates and several recent graduates where just the opposite was the case. Two marked instances recur where the greatest injustice was done the whole proceedings in connection with the closing exercises of the Collegiate Academy and several of those who appeared as representatives of the college graduating class were placed in a most unfavourable light. It has not always been clearly known *why* the thing happened, but the *who* or *what* is very generally known. It is quite natural that a beardless youth of some twenty summers, blown with conceit and self-assurance, should seek to air his own cleverness by depreciating the work of mother, and to know that what might otherwise seem an unfair criticism came from such an one, would give very little weight to that effusion and call for very little consideration, but when such a report is sent forth through the columns of an influential newspaper with no signature attached and purporting to be the result of honest judgment, the subject of such a criticism is called to self-defence, especially when the report in question bears the most contemptible insinuations. To those who knew the gentleman as a student at Acadia, no stronger neutralizing force would be demanded in such a case, than the signature of *Mr. Austin K. DeBlois*. He is well known to possess just the characteristics for such business but not oven with an attachment from another university and the cheek to question the wisdom of the President of the College and associate professors, may he expect to exercise his talents (?) in this direction in uninterrupted serenity. The man who will thus vent spite for himself or for some other one in this public yet underhanded way, is meaner than the sneak who deals a blow in the midnight darkness.

EXERPTS.

To command ourself is to exercise the greatest command.—*Seneca*.

He who praises himself will soon find some one to laugh at him.—*Syracuse*.

He that despairs measures Providence by his own little contracted model.—*South*.

There are more shining qualities in the mind of man, but there is none so useful as discretion.—*Addison*.

THE PROSPECT

Methinks we do as fretful children do,
 Leaning their faces on the window-pane
 To sigh the glass dim with their own breath's stain,
 And shut the sky and landscape from their view;
 And thus alas! since God the maker drew
 A mystic separation 'twixt those twain,—
 The life beyond us and our souls in pain,—
 We miss the prospect which we are called unto
 By grief we are fools to use. Be still and strong,
 O man, my brother! hold thy sobbing breath,
 And keep thy soul's large window pure from wrong,
 That so, as life's appointments issueth,
 Thy vision may be clear to watch along
 The sunset consummation-lights of death.

MRS BROWNING.

COMMENCEMENT OF ACADIA COLLEGE AND AFFILIATED SCHOOLS.

ANOTHER year has passed over Acadia's head, and in this time she has been brought more directly before the gaze of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces than ever before. This is self-evident in the greater numbers than usual who this year thronged to the closing exercises. The charms of nature may have lured some hither, but there were far more who came for the learned and dear associations of the place.

The first of the closing exercises was the Baccalaureate sermon, preached in the village church by the President, Rev. Dr. Sawyer, on Sunday, June 2nd, from Mark VI, 2, 3. The preacher reviewed the conduct of the Nazareens, and their attitude to Christ, and pointed out the dilemma in which they were placed at this time, as just what would come to every doubting, skeptical mind under such circumstances. He endeavoured to impress upon his audience, and especially upon the members of the graduating class, the fact that "truth waits for a willing mind." The whole discourse was characteristic of the learned President, and deeply impressed those to whom it was directly addressed.

On Wednesday afternoon, June the 5th, the matriculating essays of the Academy were delivered. The programme 'in toto' was as follows:—

March from Taunhauser *Spindler*.
 Misses Seabourne and Newcombe.

PRAYER.

- Piano Solo, Allegro in F sharp. *Mayer*.
Miss Bessie Harding.
1. Essay,—“Daniel Webster.” Arthur F. Baker, Halifax, N.S.
 2. Essay,—“Wales.” Harry S. Vaughan, Wolfville, N. S.
 3. Essay,—“Rio de Janeiro.” H. W. Lewis, Hopewell Cape, New Brunswick.
 4. Essay,—“Sir Walter Scott.” W. D. Harris, Grand Pre, N.S.
 5. Essay,—“The Negro Problem in the U. S.” J. H. Davis, Truro, N. S.
 6. Essay,—“Water.” H. G. White, Sussex, N. B.
Duet,—“Song of the Mermaids” *Von Weber*.
Misses Nelson and Coffill.
 7. Essay,—“Historic Island.” Miss Faye Coldwell, Wolfville, N. S.
 8. Essay,—“Heroism.” Wallace Scott, Canterbury, N. B.
 9. Essay,—“Lord Francis Bacon.” John C. Chesley, St. John, N. B.
 10. Essay,—“Antafogasta.” Joseph C. Hilton, Yarmouth, N.S.
 11. Essay,—“Nature in Art.” Miss Bessie E. Benjamin, Wolfville, N. S.
 12. Essay,—“Modern Benevolence.” William Creelmar, Clarence, N. S.
 13. Essay,—“John Bunyan.” Percy E. Gullison, Brookville, Nova Scotia,
Vocal Solo,—“Last Night,” *Halvdan Kjeruff*.
Miss Bessie Nelson.
 14. Essay,—“Captain Cook.” Fred. Coldwell, Wolfville, N.S.
 15. Essay,—“Railroads.” M. E. Fletcher, Halifax, N. S.
 16. Essay,—“Trees.” S. S. Miller, Woodstock, N. B.
 17. Essay,—“Julius Cæsar.” Clifford Jones, Wolfville, N. S.
 18. Essay,—“Thoughtfulness.” David Wyman, Ohio, N. S.
 19. Essay,—“David Livingstone.” Fred. C. Harvey, Lower Horton, N. S.
 20. Essay,—“Pictures.” H. H. Saunders, Hebron, N. S.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

ADDRESSES.

Mr. Arthur Baker was the first to speak, his subject Daniel Webster. He first sketched the history of his life, portrayed his almost hopeless struggles for education, referred to his remarkable career as a lawyer, and the fact that he refused to use his eloquence but in the cause of right. Mr. Baker delivered this essay in a clear forcible manner, but was frequently interrupted by those coming in late. This is always the unenviable lot of the first speaker. He was followed by Mr. J. H. Davis, who had perhaps the most practical and interesting subject “The Negro Problem in the United States.” Mr. Davis discussed the Negro himself, his dormant abilities his power to rise and fill important offices and trusts, his growing

importance in the Southern States, both in numbers and in property, the fact that at the present rate of increase in a century the negroes will outnumber the whites. The problem then is how shall we treat the Negro, and Mr. Davis answered it, treat them like men, closing his essay with an earnest appeal in their favour, he left upon the audience a most pleasing impression.

The programme was here varied by a duet, “The Song of the Mermaids,” by Misses Nelson and Coffill. When the audience had finished showing their appreciation of this, the Principal, Mr. Oakes, announced Miss Faye Coldwell as next speaker. Her subject, “Historic Islands,” touched the many islands in the Mediterranean, and the seas, noted by some interesting or heroic instances, such were Cyprus, Malta, etc. This subject was well delivered and distinctly heard in all parts of the Hall. Mr. Scott had for his subject Heroism, and for his heroes, an Englishman a German, and an American, Gordon, Luther, Garfield. Miss Benjamin delivered her essay, “Nature in Art,” in a pleasing manner. It was well thought out and well written.

John Bunyan, the renowned Baptist tinker, was Mr. Gullison's subject: He sketched his life from its early profanity and wickedness, up to where a true christian soldier, he lived as the type of the hero of his own Pilgrim's Progress. Mr. Miller followed; His subject was a peculiar one, but he showed before he finished that he knew considerable about “Trees.” They do serve as beauty marks on the face of Nature, but they are also for use as well as ornament. Trees in a great measure effect the atmosphere, help to keep sterility away from the soil and to prevent freshets. Mr. Saunders was the last to speak. His subject, ‘Pictures,’ showed much study and thought. A very important class of pictures is Word pictures. A thought lighted up by words can convey to our minds a picture excelling that on the most finely painted canvas. Mr. Saunders gave numerous examples from the orators of the past and present, and from the Bible. He finally spoke of the Kindergarten System, and the employment of pictures in those schools as a mode of education and a most successful one. Professor Tufts, Mr. Patterson of Acacia Villa School, and Dr. Hall of the Normal-School, Truro, made appropriate and helping remarks to those about to enter college.

ACADIA SEMINARY.

Wednesday evening was the graduation of the young ladies, and the large hall and three galleries were completely packed. The following is the programme:—

- PROCESSIONAL MARCH.—Misses Harding and Bent.
1. Essay,— “Sydney Smith.” Annie M. McLean.
 2. Piano Solo,—Allegro in A op. 120. Schubert.
Annie O. Margeson.
 3. Essay,— “The Drama.” Ida E. McLeod.
 4. Vocal Solo,—“The Flower Girl,” Beethoven.
Miss Bessie M. Neill.
 5. Essay,— “Folk-Lore.” Parsons.
 6. Vocal Solo,—“Steering,” Cowen.
Rudie A. C. Hill.
 7. Essay,— “Charles and Mary Lamb.”
Mildred J. McLean.
 8. Piano Solo,—Tarantella in A b. Maj. Chopin.
Bessie DeWolf Vaughan.
 9. Essay with Valedictory,—“Shakespeare’s Estimate of Music.” Annie O. Margeson.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

While the opening march was being played, the young ladies marched to the seats reserved for them, and the teachers were seated on the platform with Dr. Jones presiding.

The first essay was delivered by Miss Annie McLean in a clear distinct voice, that could be plainly heard in all parts of the Hall. She treated her subject, “Sydney Smith,” in a manner at once interesting and instructive giving several amusing anecdotes of his life and peculiarities. Both the instrumental and the vocal music were finely rendered, and greatly enjoyed by the audience. Miss McLeod’s essay “The Drama,” was composed and read in a pleasing manner. Miss Parsons, in “Folk-Lore,” considered the many curious sayings and beliefs of the past and present. We are all in a way superstitious, and such expressions as Unlucky Friday, etc., imply to many yet a tinge of superstition.

Miss Mildred McLean’s essay on “Charles and Mary Lamb” was of a biological nature; it was well delivered. The last on the list, “Shakespeare’s estimate of Music,” was certainly the best. Numerous passages

from that author were quoted, showing that he considered music one of man’s greatest possessions. Miss Margeson also delivered the valedictory: in touching language she bade Good-bye, and God-speed to the teachers and students, and hoped that though parted in life they would be ever united in hearts. The motto of the class is “No Step, Backward.”

Dr. Jones next addressed the graduating class in kind and thoughtful words; he said the chief question that we should consider is not how much work a person may have done, but in what manner it was done; not how many books may have been read, but in what degree their thoughts and maxims have been laid to heart. We are the victims of an unsatiable thirst for knowledge, when once we have tasted the cup we wish to drain it to its dregs.

After singing God save the Queen, the audience dispersed. These exercises may be considered ahead of those of any preceding year, this indeed betokens happy things for the future.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLEGE.

Although the early morning threatened rain, the result of the day from the weather standpoint, at least was most charming. One who was present at the Jubilee exercises of the College a few months previous might have been pardoned for predicting a somewhat limited number of visitors but those who thought of it and were present on Thursday morning, must have either concluded that Acadia’s friends are limitless or else that Acadia does not lose her charms.

The New Hall was upon this occasion as it had been during the previous exercises, completely filled.

The procession formed on the grounds at the rear of the College building and marched into the Hall in the usual order. Besides the faculty of the College Governors and Senate, there was the usual number of visitors, prominent supporters of the College and others, seated upon the platform.

At the conclusion of the march which was most excellently rendered by Messrs H. N. Shaw and A. Murray, a chorus was sung by the students and prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph McLeod, D.D., of Fredericton, N. B., after which those selected to speak as indicated by the asterisk, were announced in their order from the following programme:—

ORATIONS

- "Science and Poetry." Henry T. DeWolfe, St. Stephen, N.B.
 "The Canadian Northwest." Edward M. Bill, Billtown, N.S.
 "The Educative Power of History." Hugh S. Blackadar,
 Halifax, N. S.
 "A View of European Politics." O. O. Lyon, Waterville, N.S.
 "Cicero's Political Theory." Judson Kempton, Hopewell, N.B.

Music.

- "The Poor of Ancient Rome." Walter S. Black, Salem, N.S.
 "The Influence of Railways and Telegraphs on the Sentiment
 of Nationality." Archibald W. Foster, Bridgetown,
 Nova Scotia.
 "Virtue by Heredity." Leander A. Palmer, Dorchester, N.B.
 "Oliver Goldsmith." J. Howe Cox, Cambridge, N. S.
 "The Life and Letters of Thomas Carlyle."
 Wilfred B. Crawley, Sydney, C.B.
 "The Inductive Method of Physical Science as applied to
 Social Science." Fred. C. Hartley, Carleton, N. B.

Music.

- "Drusus Germanicus." Mockett C. Higgins, Wolfville, N.S.
 "The Data of Science." Charles S. Lyons, Somerset, N.S.
 "The Motive Power of an Idea." Horace W. McKeuna,
 Kingston, N. S.
 "Plato's Republic." Charles H. McIntyre, Springfield, N.B.
 "The Measure of Civilization." Wellington H. Jenkins,
 Cady's, Queen's, N.B.

Music.

It is not possible, in our limited space, to give a review of each oration, but we are justified in saying that all the productions were of a high standard of excellence. We take the liberty of quoting the opinion of an esteemed *Exchange*:—

"All who heard them were impressed with the high average of excellence, both as to thought and expression. There was not an inferior address among them. This fact is an index which points to a feature of Acadia's work which must be very pleasing to all the more thoughtful of the friends of Acadia. The instructors at Acadia do not treat students as mere receptacles for information, but as embodiments of grand possibilities of development. They are taught to use their minds in independent thought as well as in the mere effort to take in facts and other people's thought."

After the completion of this part of the programme, the following honor certificates were awarded:—

- W. H. Jenkins,—Classics and Philosophy.
 C. H. McIntyre,—Philosophy.
 J. E. Eaton,—History.
 Miss K. R. Hall,—French.
 F. M. Shaw,—Classics.
 R. O. Morse,—English Literature.
 H. F. Warring,—Science.
 C. M. Wordsworth,—History.
 J. E. Barss,—Science.
 H. Y. Coroy,—English Literature and Mathematics.
 J. W. Litch,—Science.

The \$25 prize given by last year's graduating class, for the best series of essays by members of the three lower classes, was awarded to W. W. Chipman, of the junior class, special mention being made of the work of C. M. Woodworth, of the same class.

The sixteen graduates, whose names appear on the programme above, received the degree B. A. Honorary degrees were conferred: Doctor of Science upon Prof. Elder of Colby University and Doctor of Divinity on Rev. C. Goodspeed; M. A. in course was conferred upon Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, of Lawrence, Mass., and the same degree upon A. K. DeBlois, M. A., of Brown University.

In dismissing the graduating class, the President simply requested them to remember whatever of good they had heard from him during their connection with the college, and to strive to forget what was not good.

Rev. Dr. McLeod of Fredericton was introduced as representative of the Free Baptist denomination and while he did not claim to be the bearer of special greetings from that body, he took the liberty of assuring the friends of Acadia both for himself and for the people whom he represented of the most kindly interest in the College.

Rev. Dr. Goodspeed and Dr. Borden, the Dominion representative for Kings Co., N. S. also gave brief addresses. The latter speaker urged upon the young men who gave so much promise of usefulness, the claims Canada had upon them and the grand opportunities she offered for successful enterprises. The exercises closed with *The National Anthem*.

The afternoon was occupied by an important meeting of the Alumni Association. This society which guaranteed \$600.00 toward the salary of the Professor of Modern Languages, last anniversary, redeemed its pledge by placing in the hands of the President, the amount named and at the afternoon meeting a scheme was proposed and discussed, for raising the necessary funds for endowing a chair in the department of Science. It was decided that the society should realize and set apart each year the sum of \$1200, until the amount of \$20,000, was reached, to be devoted to the above named object.

On Thursday evening after the close of the Anniversary exercises, the associated Alumni, and the graduating class of Acadia College gave in place of the usual entertainment, a conversazione, and promue-

nade concert. The Hall, Library, and Museum were thrown open, the two latter being much frequented retreats throughout the evening. The Band of the 66th, Halifax, had been procured, and "discoursed sweet music" in their usual splendid manner, the only draw-back being that it was perhaps a little too loud for the Hall. At a little after 11, P. M., the entertainment broke up, and the couples wended homewards, dispersed, not to meet again perhaps till a like happy occasion next year.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF '85.

JUNE 6TH.

The day has come when tested mental strength Receives, in part, its need of praise. The classic College Hall is filled with welcome guests. All Hearts beat warm with kind and generous thoughts Towards those who now must leave a place lit up By hope in days gone by;—a place made dear As memory's shrine for all the future years.

In thoughtful mood they pass, until their seats In order due are reached. Each orator In turn stands forth before the assembled throng, And gathers courage from approving looks. Each gives, in fitting words and measured tones, His balanced thoughts and strongest arguments On some right noble theme. Well earned applause Bespeaks the worth discerned, and yet will cheer The speaker, as its memoried echoes fall Upon the inner ear through after life.

Time, master still, yields not alike to all The fractioned hour in which to show the spoils, By sturdy effort won, from learning's fields. Not weaker they, nor less deserving praise, Who silent are, since they have also passed The one fair test of mental culture high.

And now the lettered scroll—indicative Of scholarship—is given with vauntless grace, And beaming dignity. A thousand hearts Are stirred with earnest hope and glowing joy At such a pleasing scene, and thousands more Throughout the land in harmony rejoice.

Shall not the Church of God be richer now? What may we not expect from such a class? The world itself shall vastly gain in good If each fulfils the hopes we have of him.

If he who breathes this strain may utter here

The wish of loyal hearts, he thus must speak :
*My every member of this class be strong
 In strength Divine ; be wise in wisdom true ;
 Be known as mirroring One yclept the Son
 Of Man.*

Might he, within the soul of each,
 Breathe one warm word, its meaning should be this :
*Be true to God ;—to Him whose law is just ;
 Whose ruling, right ; whose favor, endless life ;
 Whose nature, changelss love. Touch heaven with
 [thought.*

*No honest work is base. Be each deed done
 In sight of Calvary's Cross. Ask thus : How will
 My work appear before the great White Throne
 When I shall see it as it is, and not
 As now it seems ? No space comes in between
 The soul and God. His smile secures success.*

*Voice truth distinctly, and with wisest words.
 Be strength to weakness. Strength the grandest is
 When used for kindest ends. Grow rich in wealth
 Of noble thoughts and deeds. Prize goodness well.
 Live, toil, and plan as those who know the Day
 Of days is near when God Himself will show
 To earth and heaven the work and worth of all.*

J. CLARK.

Nictaux, N. S.

"THE FUTURE TENSE."

"Tease the Future Tense and plan,
 The full-grown doings of the man,
 And pant for years to come."

The enchantment, the *ignis-fatuus* illusion which draws youth on, eager to attain the years to come, has its meaning and its purpose in the human constitution. Although much that in youth seems real, valuable and almost tangible, vanishes or seems trivial in maturer years, yet the shadowy hand will always be before us, beckoning to a brighter future. We cannot divest ourselves of this idea and maintain the equilibrium of the mind. Take away anticipation of good, with all its illusive accompaniments and despair, which never looks up, at once becomes the sinking weight in the balance. The secret of this onward looking, this restless, "progressive desire," which distinguishes man from the brute, is the hint of his immortality. "How should the worm be content having the germ of Psyche within it?"

This onward look makes us susceptible of a thousand joys and, if not understood, the dupes of as many superstitions.

While hope is joined with the freshness of imagination, the simplicity of belief and entire uncritical enjoyment, the soul revels in the works of imagination, such as the old world tales of Achilles, Hector, and Agamemnon king of men; of august Juno and divine Helen. Hannibal crosses the Alps for our delectation, and Fabius Cunctator keeps him at bay much to our satisfaction. The grand, resistless rush at Marathon of Miltiades, makes the blood pulse more strongly; the sternness of Brutus, the heroism of Regulus, and the undauntedness of Socrates bring up a glow of enthusiasm, and we are as willing to raise these heroes to the number of the gods as were the ancients.

In studying the works of Virgil, those splendors of imagination; the oratory of Cicero, the history of Tacitus or the lyrics of Horace, with what soul outflow we come in contact, and it finds a response in us all; deep in some, more superficial in others. Let us enjoy it all, *consciously* enjoy it. Let the Future Tense alone, so far as enjoyment goes. "I am," "I enjoy,"—let these suffice. The "I shall be," "I shall do," these notes we love to prelude, may pass into silence or sink into a wail. At best, the gilded east at noon-tide will be grey, the misty veil will grow thin under the burning sun.

There is something pathetic in the meditations of the care-tossed man, contemplating his school days:—

"Then be contented. Thou hast got
The most of heaven in thy young lot:
There's sky-blue in thy cup!
Thou'lt find thy manhood all too fast,
Soon come, soon gone! And age at last
A sorry breaking up!"

Though this may be regarded as lingering over mere sentiment, yet it is no altogether useless sentiment, for the soul must keep the pleasant avenues of memory open, and walk in them sometimes, to overcome the warping effects of the sterner aspects of life.

We have, however, something more to do with the future in the present than merely find enjoyment. Important among the many things of which youth is the seed-time, is a cultured, active imagination. A mind incapable of much mental picturing is like a house scantily supplied with appliances for work, the daily labor may be performed, but with torture for the laborer and the waste of much otherwise productive

energy. On the other hand, an active imagination, *cæteris paribus*, gives a broader intelligence, a keener relish for knowledge, a deeper insight into the crystal depths of truth, and a power of vivid expression.

The mind of youth, though callow, is wide-mouthed, and not easily satiated; it gathers up, from many sources, materials for reflection; but it seems that at this point mental vigor sometimes becomes exhausted, and the power of revolving truth in the mind, and seeing its many facets and their relations to other truths, as well as the face first presented, is never acquired to any extent. While the former process is necessary, the latter is indispensable to him who would lay claim to originality.

While high ideals of beauty, courage, fidelity and honor are being cherished, and at the same time in which the mind is storing knowledge and finding out how to use it, there are weaving into the texture of our being habits which will determine the character, whether it shall stem the mid-current of life or sink in its surges. As the coral growing up from the depths leaves behind it a fixed, unchanging shape, so the mind in its progress of growth and discipline comes to assume its peculiar mould. Habits of thought, habits of action, may be broken off, but it is a wasteful process, and leaves ugly scars. The old saw, "that a man is known by the books he reads and the company he keeps," may have some truth in it, but instantaneous decisions afford a far surer test of what we are. "The person who has always to *think* of his manners is seldom polite, and we are apt to suspect him who has to *think* whether he is honest or not." Let us, while the mind is plastic, see what mould it is taking, that there may not be too great a discrepancy between our ideals and ourselves.

'Tis education forms the common mind; just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.—*Pope*.

The great principle of human satisfaction is engagement.—*Paley*.

The faculty of imagination is the great spring of human activity and the principal source of human improvement.—*Stewart*.

Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain.—*Antonius*.

PERSONALS.

W. V. Higgins, B. A., '86, who lately graduated from the Rochester Theological Seminary is under appointment of the Maritime Baptist Foreign Mission Board to the Telugu field in India.

O. C. S. Wallace, B. A., '83, received degree M. A. in course this year.

Austin K. DeBlois, B. A., '86, and who received M. A. from Brown University after a residence of two years at that institution, also received as an honorary degree, M. A. from his Alma Mater. A pension will be the next in-order.

L. R. Shaffner, B. A., '80, is General Auditor in the North Central Railway at Cordoba Argentine Republic.

Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., has returned from the West considerably improved in health and has accepted the Principalship of the Union Baptist Seminary at St. Martin's, N. B.

Miss Mary McDonald, '86, of the Acadia Seminary, has been appointed a Missionary to India, by the Board of the Maritime Baptist Convention.

John Moser, B. A., is at present residing at Canaan Forks, Queens Co. N. B.

Walter K. Barss, B. A., recently paid a short visit to his friends in Wolfville and preached with much acceptance in the Baptist church in the village.

Rev. W. H. Robinson, M. A., is on the way home from California with restored health and to resume work in the provinces.

Locals.

Tra-la-la!

Oh, my! you ought to 'seen us skiting!

O, let him come down!

Conversazione:—A ring round the index finger, and a noose round the dear one's neck.

Dropped asleep in forty-eight hours. Injury? None whatever. A timely fumigation and a leather medal at once restored the time-tired blond to his cheek, and the wonted strength to his feet.

The officers of the College Y. M. C. A. for the incoming year are, G. Percy Raymond, President; W. M. Smallman, Vice-President; J. B. Ganong, Recording Secretary; F. A. Starratt, Treasurer; H. Y. Corey, Cor. Sec'y. The various committees will be announced by the President at the opening of the College Term.

The sports of the Campus received a large share of attention during the spring months. Several very interesting matches of base-ball were played between the different classes in College, and also with the Academy team. On the 17th of May a day of sports was held, and the result was most successful. Several of the competitors acquitted themselves grandly,—all did well. This is by no means the least important nor the least desirable innovation of the year.

At the last regular meeting of the Athenæum Society, C. A. Eaton, N. A. McNeill, C. M. Woodworth, senr., Miss Katie Hall, J. E. Barss, junr., F. A. Starratt, and W. McFarlane, Soph., were elected editors of the ATHENÆUM for the ensuing year. L. B. Crosby was appointed Sec'y-Treasurer.

In behalf of the graduating class, the chief Editors tender their sincere thanks to Rev. J. Clark, of Nietaux, N. S., for the kindly tribute which appears in this issue.

At a meeting of the class '89, a few days previous to anniversary, it was decided to adopt the scheme of *class-organization*, proposed by so many of our exchanges. H. T. DeWolfe was appointed Corresponding Secretary, and J. H. Cox, Treasurer.

Quid dies ferat!! The one shall be doctored, the other left. See top flight Chipman Hall. Expurgated edition.

We have remarked of late one or two instances of extreme fickleness among the worthy gentlemen of '91. Sorry are we to learn that despite the strict surveillance this conscientious organization exercises over its refractory members,—its forts nightly roll-call and timely wool-gathering that some of the green material is still insubordinate. A couple of class-meetings a day, and a good pertinent interview with the Doctor, now and then, would be in every way salutary.

In the way of a personal appeal, we may say, that 'tis all very well to gain a smasher of a reputation, but be mindful to do a little figurin' before you begin. Your own stony auricles are no guarantee that all beneath fair Wolfville's stars are furnished in manner like to yourselves. There is troubles enough and to spare, all 'round you, without you exercising your respective geniuses to hatch more. Go to with your winning smile and beady eye, embrace the nearest gate-post till your large brains grow cool, dismiss a few, say a half-dozen or so, of life's "Dreams," crawl into the old slippers and go to work.

Well, another Queen's birth-day, and the world hurried up still a round higher, and perforce Wolfville toiled after. Of course the boys got there; and the time! From dapper "Shortie" to long "Eternity," of the celluloid, everybody was athletic. Runners ran, kickers tore, jumpers did, cannon-balls flew, hammers hustled, potatoes hastened, (go it, Eddie), our committee travailed, time flew, the earth turned, sun shone, etc., etc. The spectators, too, some of them, joined the melee. Arrows and shafts of wondrous efficiency stung in all quarters, till the air grew sick with sighs and palpitations. "No quarter" was the cry, and the havoc, considering the number engaged, was tremendous; still the fight was fair, the issue is yet unread. Good speed the day. Thanks fair merchant. God save the Queen. Good night.

The Junior!! yes, the Juniors juned. Highwater terminus, bag and baggage gathered round their feet, a goodly brim of straw about their exam.-twisted brains,—twenty embryonic sons of Neptune. Crash came the Pinafore,—her Captain somehow had got excited,—swish, flew blankets and valises; pell-mell scrambled the voyagers; two pulls at the coal-line, then away "o'er the deep blue sea." Dinner with Blonidon,—Eddie's collection couldn't stand the strain; a call at the Snag, a feel up the river, a demoralized nose, smothered ejaculations, hove to on a mud bank. Good night.

Eight bells, cooks turn out. Rain? Oh, no; the Heaven's just let go and came down. A grand day notwithstanding, and the kind hospitality of Parrsboro to boot. Just remove those claw-hammers and patent-leather shoes, they don't look natural.

Three cheers for Jimmy—the crew. A smile, done up in the best of machine oil, sits enthroned upon the nape of his neck; the tank is full; day, tide and wind just to a turn.

"Noel, pass me a card, I want to write," ———, ——— (friends in Parrsboro.) Mutual attempt at the agreeable with the Maritime, Silver Stream's, Edwin Booth, Pilot No. 2, 10 knots an hour, heavy sea, fierce and sudden interest as to the condition of the steamship's bulwarks! Great Village at sunrise! "Lew and By;" a trifle extensive in their ablutions! "Economy" to the fore; morning at Acadia Mines, then westward ho! Five Islands, Partridge Island; a midnight blessing upon Parrsboro and all concerned, and out into the night down the Bay.

Morning,—fog. Captain had sailed everywhere on earth but round Chignecto, and round Chignecto he wouldn't go, with this fog in his eye,—no, not for his grand-mother. "Take a reef in thy whisker, old man, and pray for push." A couple of hour's roll and indecision, when round comes the "Pinafore" and away for home.

Three x three as we round old D'Or; the sun burns through the fog, the exhaust's persistent puff, round the Cape we come, and reach across, where yonder gleams a straggling patch of white, with meadows green, wide-flanked. Home again—or rather wash again. In a couple of days trot us out some refreshments. Come along Morpheus. *Advis.*

Well, the "Village Favourites" no longer are Freshmen,—those who are not plucked. Their first year in college has certainly not been demonstrative, excepting the sad exploit of Douglas—bad boy. "But, gentlemen, ye have abided under the shadow of the 'fifty' quite long enough. Their once ample (enough for two) coat-tails are, at last, quite as scant as modesty will permit; so leave go and hoist your own parasol. Take all advice, even to the carrying of the jackass. In a few ways pattern your immediate predecessors. Be obedient, even as they, and, by all means, never neglect those class meetings. Let your conduct be gallant, but never concentrative. Be most fastidious in your choice of words in the class-room; little informalities often lead to immense difficulty, an apology or something of the sort. If one of you alone thinks he has a voice, assist him to train it—to keep still. Poke your noses into everything, experience will teach anything, from a fool up. Be good to your flesh. Make the class meetings your confessional. Tell there all you know, and if occasionally (say every second time) you get run out, improvise. What you want is a class brotherhood. Go in, say we, for the "brother," but mind the "hood" If you haven't genius scramble on to the talent. Regularly soak your heads in tepid water, it will give the brain a chance to form and prevent cracks. Remember that life is short, even for the longest of you. Improve it. "*Esto sol testis.*"

DEATH.

ARCHIBALD M. FOOT, who matriculated from Horton Academy, and studied for two months with the Freshman Class this year, died of consumption at Milton, Queen's Co., N. S., on 23rd April. All who knew him will cherish deep respect for his memory.

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