

evenings good Catholics were edified by the sight of cardinals, princes, prelates and others washing and kissing the feet of strange looking pilgrims, with whom they meanwhile recited various prayers in concert. Of the genuineness of this ceremony there can be no question. A man who has been in Italy two months knows dirt when he sees it, and I can certify from the testimony of two senses—seeing and smelling—that there was an abundance of the genuine article upon the feet of the pilgrims at *Pelligrini*, and by no means “clean dirt” either. The saints’ feet upon this occasion certainly stood in such desperate need of washing, that I at once became a convert to the doctrine of the binding nature of the ceremony upon at least Italian Christians. After the feet washing the pilgrims were supplied with a substantial meal, the distinguished feet-washers serving as waiters at the repast. It is one of the conditions of admission to the privileges of the ceremony, that each pilgrim should have come a distance of at least sixty miles, and judging from the way the fellows eat they must have fasted all the way. Take them all together, they were as rough a looking lot of lazzaroni as can be found anywhere in the papal dominions, and if the performance of disagreeable offices is a passport to heaven, those who attended on them will certainly be found occupying high places in the celestial world.

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A Relic.

Our late friend the Rev. Richard McLearn, was appointed at the last meeting of the Central Association to preach the Introductory Sermon this year. But a few weeks after, he was taken ill, and continued to sink until he was removed to another world, there to partake of the joys he had so often dwelt upon here, and with which had so frequently comforted others.

Shortly after his death, a member of his family discovered the following paper in his Bible. From some conversation he held with a friend, soon after the annual meetings, concerning the subject he intended to bring before the Association, we have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that this is the outline of what he intended to be his sermon.

We have thought it highly appropriate that it should be published, so that although he is taken to a higher sphere of employment where no physical weakness places restraint on him, yet that being dead he may yet speak and we may profit by his thoughts.

His early preparation for such an exercise is an example well worthy of imitation. We give the fragment in its unfinished form, believing that the very incompleteness of it, will render it more acceptable to those who knew our brother, than if we attempted to fill up what seems to be wanting, to connect the thoughts suggested.

“Teaching them to observe all things,” &c.—MATT. xxviii. 20.

“Jesus and the resurrection.”—Acts xvii. 18.

The resurrection of the dead. Thoughts which cluster around it. Proved by the resurrection of Christ, confirmed by infallible witnesses. Now in Galilee on the Mount of Ascension, he asserts his Divinity. He, between two worlds, gives his promise, “Lo! Jesus with you.”

It was then and there he gave his commission, “Go teach.” Teach before conversion, before baptism, and teach after baptism. Some things to be taught before conversion, some things after. Christianity is a system of light and intelligence. Different from pagan systems. Different from papal system. Freedom of thought, not regulation and cultivation of thought.

The text relates to teaching after believing and baptism. *All things*. It is supposed that their knowledge is circumscribed. They may know many things, but be ignorant of the gospel system. There is a wide field of knowledge to be explored. They must be taught all things, and according to their capacity.

Is there not a defect in our practice? Do we not hurry into the Church doubtful cases? Do we not depend too much on the ordinance? Do not cases indicate it? There must be a defect in the teaching after believing. The garden; the unsightly appearance. The farm; the fences broken down.

The teaching should begin with parents in infancy, who are supposed to be already taught. The common School. Perpetuated in the Sabbath School. Extended to the Bible Class. The class for religious instruction. Like a class meeting. Catechising. The duty of the minister, an overseer. He cannot do all; he takes the oversight.

Everything is to be taught,—humility, patience, perseverance, self-control, submission, progression.—ALL THINGS.

What a character does the minister sustain! What an indispensable agent. The representative of the Saviour. How arduous his work! A self-sacrificing man. He has vowed, and cannot go back. He is immolated on the altar.

“Who is sufficient for these things?” says the aged, who has struggled with poverty and deficiencies. “Who?” says the young man. Who? says the convert, desiring the work of the ministry.

“Lo! I am with you,—always—to the end of the world. Your reward is not here. It is on high. Such—Manning and Harding, and Dimock, and Munro,—and such the youthful Bently.

“Servants of God well done.”

The Religious Anniversaries.

THE opening of Spring is commonly chosen as the season for the Annual gatherings of religious communities. In England the May meetings have become one of the Institutions of the land. In the now distracted States the Anniversaries of the different Christian bodies are celebrated about this period. We regret to say that the present disturbances have compelled our neighbours to suspend their annual gatherings for the present year. We rejoice that in this province we are able to participate in this centripetal power, and that during the present and coming weeks the representatives of the Churches throughout the land will assemble to take a glance at the way by which they have been led, to encourage each other, and, as far as may be, those on whose behalf they appear, in pursuing the work to which they have been called by the great Captain of their Salvation. “No man liveth unto himself.”

While these meetings are being held, the ministers and some of the brethren must be absent from their ordinary positions in the Churches. These interruptions of the routine of services performed by these brethren, in many cases, may not be without benefit. Opportunities are thus afforded for other brethren to step forward and give words of exhortation in such meetings as may be held, and to feel, that although the pastors may be absent for a short season, the Great Shepherd is ever-present; so that having the Master, they can for a time spare the servant, and that while a recruiting process is going on among those away from home, the hosts remaining are lifting up their hearts to heaven for a blessing. The benefit thus becomes diffused throughout the churches, and all participate in the joy which animates the heavenly hosts. “There is joy in the presence of the angels,” &c., Luke xv. 10.

Baptist Churches are not alone in being deprived of their ministers about this season. The Methodist Conference of Eastern British America will hold its meeting at St. John, N. B., about the last week of the month, to change the stations of its ministers, placing them in localities such as may seem most suitable to the wisdom of the President and assembled ministers. The Presbyterian and Episcopal Synods also demand the attendance of their ministers about this period.

Brethren, let us rejoice that there are evidences of the approach of Christ’s Kingdom, and let us believe that whilst we are offering the prayer taught by our Saviour to his disciples, “Thy kingdom come,” he is ordering all things by the counsel of his own will, so that we may say with the Psalmist, “The Lord reigneth: let the earth rejoice.”

Examination of the Horton Academy.

The past week has been one of interest at our Educational Institutions at Wolfville.

The Term in the Horton Academy closed on Thursday. The examination held on the occasion in the presence of a large number of friends afforded great satisfaction.

The proficiency of the Students was tested, and a review of their studies taken, which shewed that the present condition of the Academy will favorably compare with any former period of its history. The Teachers appeared perfectly at home in their work, and shewed by the rapidity and variety of their questions, that they had no lack of material to bring forth for those who had been reaping the benefit of their labors. The Principal directed the whole, giving to each class only the time allotted to it; still there was not sufficient to pass over the whole ground prepared.

In the Male Department there were 60 or 70 Students present (there have been upwards of 90 a part of the term), about one third of these were probably over twenty years of age and some near thirty.

The Female Department had nearly an equal number, probably (although this is rather a delicate subject to speak upon) of about the same ages. Several of the Students were from Halifax, but the number was in a smaller proportion than from any of the other counties of the province.

The following programme will give some idea of the course of exercises:—

- Morning Session.*
- Music, “The Mountain Bugle,” Chorus.
 - Prayer.
 - Greek Classes. Junior Arithmetic. Latin Reader.
 - Music, “Market Chorus,” Duet. (Misses Doe and Beckwith.)
 - Geometry. Virgil.
 - Music, “Somerville March.” (Miss Neary.)
 - French Classes. Algebra, (Female Class.)
 - Music, “Hark! the Goddess Diana,” Chorus.
- Afternoon Session.*
- Arithmetic, (advanced class). Geography, with Drawing Maps. Mental Arithmetic, (Junior Class.)
 - Music, “March from Moise,” Duet. (Misses Rand and S. Shaw.)
 - Rhetoric, (Female Class.) Reading and Derivation of Words.*
 - Music, “Love, Pleasure, and Mirth,” Galop. (Miss DeWolf.)
 - Trigonometry and Surveying.
 - Music, “Land of our Fathers,” Chorus.
 - Latin, (Female Class.) Algebra, (Male Class.)
 - Music, “Delhi Galop.” (Miss L. Wickwire.)
 - Natural Philosophy.*
 - Dialogue, “Gustavus Vasa.”
 - Music, “The Greek March.” (Miss B. Shaw.)
 - Original Essay, “Painting.” (Miss A. Shaw.)
 - Original Essay, “The Captive’s Return.” (Miss I. Eluer.)
 - Music, “Polka Nationale.” (Miss M. Barss.)
 - Dialogue, “The Town-Meeting at Grab Town.”
 - Dialogue, “Discretion the better part of Valor.”
 - Music, “Sultan Polka,” Duet. (Misses L. Lawrence, J. L. Chipman.)
- Addresses by various gentlemen.
- National Anthem. Benediction.

* Classes omitted for want of time.

The spacious Hall was filled, every inch of space where the seats were not placed, and the platform in front, was occupied by persons standing.

At the close, the Rev. Dr. Pryor congratulated the Principal and the friends present on the accession of the Female Department, and on the flourishing condition of the Institution. He referred briefly to the great interest he still felt in the Academy; to the associations it revived, and the pleasure of meeting so many old friends again. The Rev. Mr. Cady of Portland, St. John, N. B., J. W. Barss, Esqr., and the Rev. George Armstrong, addressed the meeting, the latter at some length on the future prospects of the Institution, and the denomination principally concerned in sustaining it.

We might say much more by way of expressing the deep interest all appeared to feel in the work of education, in praise of the music, both vocal and instrumental, and in commendation of the teachers, but we should still be unable to do full justice to them or ourselves. The Principal intimated that unless any change should be announced, the Academy would resume its work on the 20th of July. The National Anthem was then sung in full chorus. Dr. Cramp was called on to pronounce the benediction, when Teachers and students were released from their duties, and the latter, with their parents and friends, left to radiate in all parts of the province.

A much larger number is expected after the vacation. Fifteen of the students have matriculated for the coming year in the college.

The Anniversary of Acadia College.

Friday the 7th inst. was the day appointed on which to celebrate this festival, surrounded by so many pleasant and interesting associations.

The morning was somewhat cloudy, and a few drops of rain indicated how dependent we are on the smile of the material heavens for the brilliancy of all human celebrations. Only just enough of moisture fell however, to prevent the inconvenience which would otherwise have arisen from the dust, and to call forth the prudence of the fairer portion of those in attendance. The friends gathered from the immediate vicinity, as well as many from a distance, some time before the hour named for commencing. The meeting-house was well filled.

At 11 o’clock the procession was formed at the College, preceded by the Marshall with gilt baton.

2nd. Students of Horton Academy.

3rd. Principal, Rev. T. A. Higgins, and Teachers of the Academy.

4th. Students of Acadia College.

5th. B. H. Eaton and D. F. Higgins, Esqrs., Tutors of the College.

6th. Rev. Dr. Cramp, President, supported by Rev. Dr. Pryor, ex-President, and James DeMill, Esq., M. A., Professor elect.

7th. The Governors of the College, Christian Ministers, Scholarship-holders and other friends.

On arriving at the Meeting house, the Procession formed into open column, as far as the President, who advanced to the platform accompanied by the Professors and Governors; among those present were Rev. Dr. Pryor, of Cambridge, Mass. Rev. S. Robinson and I. E. Bill of St. John, N. B., James Parker of Biltown; S. W. DeBlois,

of Wolfville, D. McN. Parker, Esq., M. D., and Chas. Tupper, Esq., M. D. and Rev. Thomas A. Higgins. Other Baptist ministers also were present, from St. John, N. B., Yarmouth, Halifax, Truro, Londonderry, Windsor, Cornwallis, Chester, Sackville, Weymouth, Tusket, Bridgetown, Hillsburg, Aylesford, Milton, and Rawdon.

The following is the order of the Exercises, after prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

Music.

ORATION BY UNDER-GRADUATE.

The preaching Power; or, the Work and its Issue—William H. Porter.

ORATIONS BY GRADUATES.

Expediency—John Moser, A. B.

Music.

The Herald of the Cross—Charles H. Corey, A. B. Chameleon—Robert L. Weatherbe, A. B.

The advantages of Education to the Christian Minister—Rev. Isaiah Wallace, A. M.

Music.

Inaugural Discourse, by James DeMill, Esq., A. M., Professor of Classical Literature.

Music.

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts was then conferred on Mr. Wm. H. Porter; and Master of Arts on Messrs. John Moser, Chas. H. Corey, Robert L. Weatherbe, Revs. Isaiah Wallace, and Robert L. Porter.

The President informed the audience that the Governors of the College had also conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor in Divinity on the Rev. Charles Sparden, M. A. of Fredericton, to which they deemed him fairly entitled by his scholarly attainments and long-continued services to the denomination.

The Orations were, as all who are acquainted with the gentlemen by whom they were delivered may believe, of a very high order, and gave evidence of the value of high intellectual, moral and religious cultivation.

The President briefly addressed the Graduates, and offered to them such counsel and encouragement in the use of their acquirements as might render them a blessing to the church and the world.

The Inaugural Address of Professor DeMill was a masterly piece of eloquence on the nature of Collegiate Education, with the reasons for its adoption, and the high position such a course of training and development of his faculties presents to a Student. Especially was this the case to those in expectation of a life of devotedness to the work of the Christian ministry. The religious fervor pervading the address shewed that the Governors had been wisely directed in the choice of the new Professor, and the diversified talent displayed by him, exhibited no small degree of credit to the College of which Mr. DeMill is an alumnus. Mr. DeMill offered a warm tribute of respect to those who had by their own efforts surmounted the difficulties of acquiring learning, and had made for themselves a place to which others more highly favored might well aspire. We doubt not that the sequel will abundantly justify the appointment, and the Students, to the number of about thirty or forty who will assemble next Term, will find themselves surrounded with advantages not to be lightly esteemed.

The Anthems performed by the Choir, accompanied by Mr. G. V. Rand on the melodeon, some of which were quite complicated and difficult musical compositions, gave general pleasure and satisfaction.

The Anniversary Exercises were closed by singing the National Anthem in full and hearty chorus; and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. I. Robinson of St. John.

The Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

The Associated Alumni of Acadia College also celebrated their first anniversary on Friday last, by a social repast at the Village House. The dinner was such as would have done no discredit to the city of Halifax. The tables, besides being supplied with great variety and abundance, were ornamented by rich vases of flowers. About 60 or 60 gentlemen, Alumni and their friends, sat down to partake, and were well prepared to do justice to the substantial. They shewed that a public dinner needs nothing in the shape of intoxicating drinks to produce a generous sociability. After the appetite for material food had been fully satisfied, the President, J. W. Johnston Jun. Esq., introduced the feast of reason and flow of soul by a brief address on the character and objects of the Association, shewing that those who rejoiced to call Acadia College their *Alma Mater*, were desirous of forming a bond by which they might still retain connection with her, and from year to year meet to renew those pleasant recollections of former times which every student delights to recall.

A few sentiments had been prepared and would be submitted to the meeting and re-