

For the Christian Messenger.

The Alumni Meeting.

The Anniversary at Wolfville is a period now looked forward to with pride and pleasure by almost the entire Baptist community...

But another source of enjoyment has been recently added at the Anniversary,—for it is then that the Associated Alumni of Acadia College have their annual gathering...

The meeting for the transaction of the business of the Society, was called to order on Thursday afternoon, the 5th inst. The President, in opening the meeting, expressed his gratification that so many of the members had assembled together on that occasion...

The report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary, from which I gathered that within the year a number of alumni of the College had joined the Society...

The second—was meeting a short time after the adjournment, at the social repast laid out at the village house, and as union reigned supreme before, so no jarring note occurred to disturb the concord of this meeting...

the pudding be in the eating, certainly mine host had no reason to complain of the verdict passed upon his judgment as a caterer, or his skill in the abstruse mysteries of the Cuisine Art. Suffice it to say, that even fastidious city palates were satisfied...

The members from Nova Scotia, were especially gratified at meeting the Rev. Budd Demille, who had come all the way from St. Johns New Brunswick to be present at the Alumni Anniversary...

Again the ponderous rap of the Vice brought each member to a stand still, while he cruelly placed a most effectual extinguisher on the glowing eloquence of their numbers by ruthlessly announcing that the time for adjournment had come...

But if the meeting of Thursday lacked the peculiar charm and grace to be imparted by the presence of female beauty alone, the third act of the programme made full amends, for when the Society met on Friday evening in the body of the spacious Baptist Meeting house, to listen to the oration of the Rev. Dr. DeWolf...

That these re-unions are in a high degree calculated to foster the interest of the Alumni in their Alma Mater, and induce their active cooperation in extending the advantages of the College and Academy was self-evident to all who were privileged to attend the recent gathering...

The sustenance of a Professor's chair by the Alumni may be considered by some too great a burden to be placed on shoulders so young; but their is an elasticity and vigor in youth that maturer years cannot boast...

AN ALUMNUS.

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Christian Love.

"LET LOVE BE WITHOUT DISSIMULATION."

The following straightforward remarks on this subject will commend themselves to our readers. We copy them from our cotemporary the Canadian Baptist.

Lord Bacon commenced his excellent essay on "Simulation and dissimulation" as follows:—"Dissimulation is but a faint kind of policy or wisdom, for it asketh a strong wit and a strong heart to know where to tell the truth, and to do it: therefore, it is the weaker sort of politicians that are the greatest dissemblers."...

- 1. We should as Christians understand our rights distinctly. We have a right to speak to—not often about an offender. If he does not take our kind discharge of Christian duty in a good spirit, then, he is to blame, and he lays himself open to censure.
2. We should understand that our rights, and obligations are very often connected together by the Creator. It is our duty, our privilege, to speak to our brother, and there leave the matter, unless we have to carry it into the church. Christian love must be without dissimulation—This sin injures not merely the dissimulator, but also the supposed offender.
3. It is impossible to carry out church discipline, or to have a healthy church where a dissimulating policy is pursued. This annihilates

Christian confidence, on which co-operation must be based. Hence ministers should specially set their faces against this sin. For God's sake let us be honest with each others souls, for we watch over each other in love, and let love be without dissimulation.

True piety will ennoble a poor, and fill him with a scorn of meanness, and with a generous self-forgetting, for the good of others, which cannot be mistaken. And the source of the opposite spirit cannot be mistaken either—it is from beneath, no matter how apparently pious those are who manifest it.

Fallen Angels vs. Unfallen Angels.

Our American neighbours have no scruples in applying the facts of divine revelation to themselves, and making comparisons between them and their own position in relation to their southern—we had almost said, brethren,—enemies, they call them.

The Zion's Herald, Methodist paper has drawn the following parallel between their position and the rebellion by which "the angels who kept not their first estate, left their own habitation." It would be a somewhat difficult task we imagine to prove all that would follow from admitting the comparison to be a just one.

The revolt in the former case was from a government a little more perfect than that of the United States. Such presumption we hardly think calculated to raise the unfallen angels in the estimation of Christian men, or bring about a change in the minds of the "rebels" and make them love the Union. The following is the article to which we refer:—

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day."—Jude 6.

Let us notice, 1. The character of this rebellion. 1. God's law, which was holy, just and good required a loving obedience. This they attempted to nullify, being too proud to obey their rightful Ruler.

2. They seceded from heaven and attempted to set up a Confederate government of their own; resolved to rule or ruin.

3. Their first rebellious attempt was to take the capital, hurl the rightful Leader from his seat, and raise their leader to the eternal throne.

4. Failing in this, they resolved to take all the new territory of earth that God had just added to His dominion, and reduce its inhabitants (another race), to perpetual slavery.

5. Having commenced their depredations, they demand to be let alone. "Let us alone. What have we to do with Thee, Jesus of Nazareth?" &c.

6. Finding their task a hard one, they proposed a compromise. (See the temptation in the wilderness.)

Let us consider, 11. The end of this rebellion. 1. God, the rightful Ruler of the universe, has undertaken its overthrow

2. For its accomplishment He has sent His hosts into the field, marshalled and led by His Son.

3. He has furnished them with arms. (See Eph. 6: 13-18, and 2 Cor. 10: 4.)

4. He has proclaimed liberty to the captives, and provided means for their escape from their oppression.

5. He has directed them to follow a guiding star in their escape from bondage to the land of freedom, and though Satan has a fugitive slave law, and though he sends his bloodhounds in pursuit of the fugitives, and though some are captured and sent back to bondage in the form of backsliders, yet, thank God, myriads have escaped and enjoy freedom. "For whom the Son makes free, is free indeed."

6. The object of this contest is nothing short of the overthrow of the devil and all his works, and the restoration of this world to freedom and to God. (See 1 Cor. 15: 24, 25; Dan. 7: 27; Rev. 11: 15.)

REMARKS.

1. We learn from the subject that the devil is the great author of secession and slavery.

2. None can remain neutral in that cause. "He that is not for Me is against Me."

3. We see from the side we take in the contest, whose cause we are interested in, and whose servants we are.

4. We may learn our fate if we are finally found in arms against God and His cause. The prison and the chain are already prepared for the rebel leader, and all who persist in following him must share his fate. (See Rev. 20: 11; Matt. 25: 41.)

5. Freedom is offered to all who will abandon his cause, and submit fully and sincerely to the Son of God. "Let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

—We are glad to have received the communication on another column, on the Anniversary of this Association, more particularly because it is an indication of the warm feeling which exists in the hearts of those who are resolved at least once a year to rally around their Alma Mater. We doubt not that year by year there will be a constantly increasing interest in these gatherings, and that in future years these comparatively small

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