

interesting topics that lie before us in the proceedings of the day.

We trust then we are fully justified in asserting that the twenty-five years of great anxiety and of incessant toil—of large and self-denying sacrifices—of contributions and donations of every amount, from the bequest of thousands to the widow's mite,—of the long continued and devoted services and prevailing prayers of our departed FATHERS, and the no less united and effectual efforts of her friends and Supporters who still remain, that Acadia College stands as a distinguished monument of the patriotic zeal and self-sacrifice of the Baptist denomination, second to no other in the Provinces in usefulness or respectability.

From no other Seminary of learning, may we confidently believe, has proceeded, according to the period of its existence, a larger number of well educated young men, to supply the wants, to fulfil the trusts or to adorn the various ranks of Society. Young men, many of whom, under the greatest disadvantages, have, with the most praiseworthy perseverance and assiduity, devoted themselves to the acquisition of a sound and liberal Education, have from year to year gone forth from the Halls of Acadia College, to whom her friends may point with the highest satisfaction, as those who must take a prominent part in the future fortunes of our rising country.

As one who is not far short of forty years, has been connected with the denomination, who has taken an humble part in all its earlier educational proceedings, and who feels an equal interest in all that concerns its welfare, although compelled by advancing years to relax his active co-operation. He who now addresses you, would say in the language of the inspired penman "Thank God" for the past "and take courage" for the future. His manifest favor and blessing has hitherto rested on our labours. The prayers of the Fathers of our Institutions have been largely answered to their children, in the signal success which has marked our progress, and, in the frequent effusions of His Holy Spirit on our youth; many of whom, although resorting thither only for the acquisition of temporal good, have departed from them in possession of the "pearl of great price."

With such results before us, need we for a moment doubt the sacred nature of our cause, or entertain a fear as to its final success? Cheered and encouraged by the triumphs of the past, and relying with humble confidence on the blessing of God, on our future labours, let us exercise the faith and follow in the footsteps of THE FATHERS AND FOUNDERS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Rev. Dr. Pryor having been assigned for the subject of his address "The Departed," said that there had already been so much of the ground connected with his subject taken up that he was unwilling to occupy the time of the meeting, by a recital of the memorials of those who had been removed. It was more especially the young departed, that he conceived he should be expected to notice. But here he felt that it would occupy so much time to notice the individual traits of those who had been removed to another world by accident or disease, that he could not trust himself to recall the sad remembrance. He therefore in a few touching sentences, alluded to some names of those who have been snatched away from posts of usefulness and promise, and as there was so much still on the programme to place before the audience, he would, he felt, be consulting their desires as well as his own, by abstaining from further remarks on this joyous occasion.

The Rev. Dr. Tupper on "Educational Difficulties in former times," gave a number of incidents in his personal experience, indicating how almost impossible it was in his early days, to secure even an ordinary amount of common schools instruction. The contrast between the former times and the present was most striking. We have had in the Letters of our venerable friend, some of the same kind of information concerning those times, and such as he remarked must from the nature of his subject be reproduced in his address. We shall therefore not find it necessary to place a full report of it before our readers, although it was an important feature in the celebration, and tended greatly to enhance the privileges offered to the young men of the present generation.

We find it impossible to give the whole of our report, or even an abridgement of it in our present issue, and shall therefore reserve the remainder till our next.

ACADIA COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY.

On Friday morning, after a meeting of the Governors of the College, a procession was formed of the Faculty, Governors, Graduates and Students of the College, and the Principal, Teachers, and Adult Students of Horton Academy, and proceeded down the beautiful slope of the College Hill to the Woltville Baptist Church. There a large congregation had already assembled, so that it was with difficulty that accommodation could be obtained for all. After the preliminary exercises two Orations were given by Under-Graduates—Mr. E. M. C. Rand, subject, "Conditions"; and Mr. H. H. Bligh on "Changes and Results." Each of these in-

dicated careful cultivation and literary taste of a superior order. There were unmistakable indications of originality and genius in these compositions, which will doubtless develop themselves in each gentleman making his mark in whatever sphere he may choose for the employment of his talents.

The Orations by Graduates were on "The Infinitely great and the Infinitely small," by Rev. W. H. Porter, A. B., and "Energy indispensable to success," by Rev. S. Richardson, A. B. The Degrees were then presented in duo form, and others announced to be conferred, in course, of which official notice will be given.

Besides these, Honor Certificates were given to several students belonging to other classes, indicating that besides the ordinary curriculum they had pursued extra studies in Classics, and attained a superior degree of excellence in them. We failed to obtain the names of these young gentlemen.

The regular exercises being completed, Dr. Cramp, the President, announced that eight young men had already matriculated, and several others were expected to form a new class to enter College at the commencement of the next Term. He said that an interesting feature in connection with one of these persons was that he was a son of Rev. A. S. Hunt, a former graduate. This was, he believed, the first instance of a son of a graduate entering Acadia College. He had pursued the course in the Academy and would now commence his College course.

Another announcement was made, that the Governors had appointed Mr. Robert Von C. Jones to be a fourth Professor. The three Professors—being all graduates of Acadia—now comprise a representation of the three provinces combined in our Convention in sustaining the College:

Professor DeMill from New Brunswick. Professor Higgins from Nova Scotia, and Professor Jones from Prince Edward Island.

Rev. Dr. Pickard of the Sackville (Wesleyan) Collegiate Institution, congratulated the President, Dr. Cramp, on the evidences of scholarship he had witnessed, and on the clear indications of prosperity around him. Although they had experienced many trials during the past twenty-five years, yet, with the warm sympathy of so many friends it could but go on and prosper. He believed in extending education to the utmost limits, and heartily sympathized with the efforts being employed at Acadia College. He felt that although he was laboring with another body yet they were engaged in the same cause, and he was glad to have the opportunity of expressing his sympathy in the great work of promoting education.

Rev. Dr. Pryor had been exceedingly pleased to see the students who had received the Honor Certificates. He knew them to be well deserving of such distinction. His early associations had been called up by the exercises of the day. He described the first building used for the Academy and remarked on the great changes that had taken place since that day in the character of the people and the appearance of the village. He spoke of the gratifying fact before the assembly that the three provinces had each a representative in the staff of professors and presided over by a representative of Great Britain. He thought that the positions attained by graduates of Acadia shewed that the Baptists were conferring great benefits on the Province by raising its educational character and standing. He believed that every attempt to promote education should meet with favor from all other bodies. Wherever such efforts were put forth benefits must follow to all. Other institutions should not be looked upon as rivals but as co-workers.

Dr. DeWolt Professor at the Sackville College delivered a most eloquent address and referred to some names who had been fellow-students with him, particularly that of Isaac Chipman, and was glad to see his father Rev. W. Chipman still among the venerable men surrounding the Institution. He felt it a great privilege to have known the fathers and founders of this institution and also to have had the opportunity of meeting on the present occasion with its supporters and friends.

Rev. A. D. Thomson spoke briefly, and the meeting closed with the National Anthem and Benediction.

HALF CENTURY MISSIONARY CELEBRATION.

The following is the list of subjects for papers and addresses, at the recent memorial services of the Baptist Missionary Union, held at Philadelphia.

- 1. The Early History of our Missionary Organization, with biographical sketches of the founders. Rev. Dr. Stow, of Boston.
2. The Growth of the Baptist Denomination in the United States during the last half century. Rev. Kendall Brooks, of Fitchburg, Mass.

3. Development of the Benevolent Principle in our Churches as illustrated in the various departments of Christian activity. Rev. Dr. Babcock, of New York.

4. Educational Institutions of the Denomination, Collegiate and Theological. Rev. Dr. Ripley, of Massachusetts.

5. The Literature of the Denomination, including authorship, books and periodicals. Rev. Dr. Crowell, of Illinois.

6. Influence of Foreign Missions on the Churches at home, showing in what ways their character and development have been modified thereby. Rev. Dr. Bailey of Indiana.

7. Providential Lessons of our Missionary History. The Assistant Secretary.

The Missions, with their retrospective and prospective aspects. The Corresponding Secretary.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace writes that since his last note, he has baptized six more rejoicing converts, and that the prospects of Zion in his field of labor are hopeful.

NEWS SUMMARY.

THE R. M. Steamer China arrived with our English Mails on Sunday afternoon in the unprecedented short passage of eight days. She brings no news of any importance. As the Armistice between Denmark and the German Powers, negotiated by the London Conference, will not end until the middle of this month, nothing in the way of hostilities has taken place. Whether the endeavors of the Conference to effect their termination will ultimately succeed, seems still very uncertain. Present appearances would rather tend to a contrary conclusion.

The British Government have concluded the case of the steam rams built by the Messrs Laird, by purchasing them for the British Navy, at a cost of £225,000.

Agricultural operations in Great Britain are still proceeding very satisfactorily.

The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount from eight to seven per cent.

Advices from the South give very little information of any interest as regards the armies now in the neighborhood of Richmond. Grant's army, reduced by the heavy losses incurred in the late sanguinary battles, has been largely reinforced. It is doubtful to what extent Lee has been similarly strengthened. Both armies are in such a position that a short time must produce the most important results.

Notices, &c.

ERRATA.—The acknowledgement of the Treasurer of Acadia College of the bequest of the late Mrs. Hester Dickie, for founding a "James Stevens" Scholarship, should have been Two Hundred Dollars, instead of "One," as appears in our last.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—The time for the assembling of the Western Association at Paradise, is this week, on Saturday, June 11, not 2 o'clock, p.m. We were not present last year and did not observe the change of time.

Baptist Anniversaries.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The WESTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at Paradise, Annapolis County, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday, June 11th.

The CENTRAL ASSOCIATION will meet at Chester, on Saturday June 18th.

The EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at Truro, on Saturday July 2nd.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at Harvey, on Thursday July 14th.

The WESTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at St. Andrews, on Saturday July 21st.

Colchester Sabbath School Convention.

A Quarterly Session of this Convention will be held on Friday, June 24th, in the Baptist Meeting-house, Brookfield.

At 2 P. M., the Convention will meet for the transaction of business; after which the Schools of Brookfield and Forest Glen will engage in exercises appropriate to the occasion.

At 7 P. M., there will be a public meeting, when an essay will be read and addresses delivered.

A full attendance of Delegates and friends is solicited.

T. H. RAND, Secretary.

Truro, May 26th, 1864.

Colchester Co. Quarterly Meeting.

The next Colchester County Quarterly Meeting will (D. V.) be held with the Baptist Church in Brookfield, commencing with a Conference, on Saturday, June 25th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Pastors will meet in the chapel an hour previous.

As this meeting is appointed for the week preceding the Eastern Association, a general invitation is extended to all ministering Brethren, and others interested, in passing through this valley of Bacca, to make it a well.—Isaiah LXXXIV. 6.

T. H. PORTER Jr.

Brookfield, May 10th, 1864.

Letters Received.

G. V. Rand, 30th. Rev. T. H. Porter, Jun., 25th. W. A. Morse, 30th, \$4. per B. H. Parker, Esq. Rev. P. F. Murray, 30th. H. C. Upham, 30th;—1861 pd. Jos. M. Freeman, 17th, —100 would cost \$2.50. G. Spidle, 30th, \$1. J. McDonald, 1st. E. B. Murray, Hance Mills, 25th. W. H. Harris, Esq., 7th, \$4 50.

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