

see. (Matt. 2: 17; 3: 3; 16: 14. Luke 4: 27. Rom. 9: 25.) The name Naphtali becomes Nephthalim; Zarephath, Sarepta; and Haran, Charran. (Matt. 4: 13. Luke 4: 26, Acts 7: 4.)

There is also an inconsistency in the spelling of some *New Testament* proper nouns. Thus the Greek names of three somewhat prominent persons, *Markos, Loukas, Timotheos*, are sometimes properly spelled, Mark, Luke, Timothy; and at other times are Latinized into Marcus, Lucas, Timotheus. (Col. 4: 10, 14. 2 Tim. 1: 2; 4: 11. Philem. 24. Rom. 16: 21.)

These are some of the instances of discordant spelling in the proper names of our Common English Version; and they may serve to show how desirable it is that a feature thus unpleasant and perplexing, and yet needless, should be removed. And as we have now become familiar with the Hebrew names of the Old Testament, the most suitable course would seem to be, to preserve their form throughout the Bible, except where we have corresponding English names, like Eve and Job.

In the Revised New Testament this principle has been carried out; so that the Isaiah of the Old Testament, is Isaiah in the New; and Noah, Hosea, and Korah of the Old Testament, are the same in the New. In this respect, then, while in other versions the benefit has been long enjoyed, intelligibility and consistency have now been secured in the Revised English Version of God's holy and Precious Book.

AQUEDES.

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ANNIVERSARY OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

DEEP interest attaches to the recital of conquests gained in the battle field, and the bestowment of honors won on behalf of one's fellow countrymen. The traveller who has been on a voyage of exploration, and has traversed unknown wastes, or reached the summit of lofty mountains, or penetrated deep forests on the sides of hidden valleys, is received with honor when he returns to tell that he has succeeded in ascertaining where a new lake gathers the surrounding rills, and sends forth the first stream of what becomes a mighty river, to enrich the habitations of millions. When such a person comes to tell of his toils and successes, he is greeted as one who has added to the amount of human knowledge, and has increased the extent of man's domain. Those who have achieved success in commerce too, and have acquired the means of scattering blessings on the less fortunate, are honored with the appellation of 'merchant princes,' and are deemed worthy of being placed in positions of responsibility and trust. No less are those students worthy of honorable notice, who, plodding on day by day in the fields of knowledge, for four, five, or six years, gather up therefrom the results of what has been accumulating in the minds of those who have gone before them. These hold in possession what will fit them for deeper researches in Divine and human learning, and into the laws by which this world and all its millions of men and things are governed.

The occasion which completes such course of study is hailed by the friends of educational improvement, and they are pleased to assemble to witness the bestowal of the honors earned.

The Anniversary of Acadia College on Tuesday last was one of these occasions, and at an early hour, notwithstanding the threatening of unfavorable weather, a large company assembled in the Meeting house at Wolfville. At about 11 o'clock the Marshall appeared on the College grounds, and formed the Students, the Faculty, the Governors of the College and Graduates, numbering near one hundred persons, into a procession, and marched them into the village. Arrived at the meeting house, they formed into open column, and the President, Professors, and Governors advanced to the platform, the students following and occupying the reserved seats in front.

The following is the order of the proceedings:

Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.
Music, "The Lord is King."

ORATIONS BY UNDER-GRADUATES.
Idiosyncrasy, Mr. James F. Morton, Wilmot.
The Inner Life, Mr. Thomas S. McLean, Bras d'Or, C. B.

Music, "When the Lord shall build."
The Unknown, Mr. George E. Tufts, Albany.
The Unconditioned, Mr. O. E. Cox, Canning.
Music, "Jerusalem, my glorious home."
The Patriot's Vision, Mr. Albert J. Hill, Sydney, C. B.
Development, Mr. Leander S. Morse, Nictaux.

Music, "Behold what manner of love."

ORATIONS BY GRADUATES.

The Feudal System, Mr. Edwin D. King, A. B., Onslow.

Obsta Principis, Mr. Israel A. Blair, A. B., Onslow.

Music, "Calm on the listening ear."

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Music, National Anthem.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Pryor.

It would be invidious to make any comparison between the orations of the Under-Graduates of the present, and those of former years, but we believe it will be admitted by all who have had the opportunity of hearing them, that in their character and especially in their delivery, those of the present would not suffer at all by such comparison. We do not hesitate to pronounce them in every respect very superior productions, alike creditable to the gentlemen who produced them, and the professors at whose feet they have been sitting for the past four years. We could but think this mode of coming forth from the student life into the more practical outer world, a far more manly and appropriate one, than the mere form of kneeling and capping adopted in some collegiate institutions. The sentiments of all the orations were eminently christian. While science had its fullest scope, and the field of philosophic enquiry was limited only by the capacity of the human intellect, yet they all breathed a spirit of absolute submission to Divine Revelation, and were deeply imbued with evangelical sentiments.

After the orations, the Candidates for Degrees were introduced to the President and Faculty by the Rev. D. M. Welton, A. M., and received their diplomas—the usual Latin formulae being used by the introducer and the President. They then retired, and, on being properly invested, again appeared and received the President's *Valedictory*—an Address replete with noble sentiments and solemn admonition. We are hoping to receive this address in full, for insertion in our pages at an early day. This intimation we are assured will be received by the students and friends generally with satisfaction.

It was pleasant to see the Rev. Dr. Crawley, sitting side by side with the Rev. Dr. Cramp on the platform, and to know that he is again engaged in promoting the interests of Acadia College; doubtless a feeling of gratitude to Almighty God arose from many hearts, that He had spared to the church and the world two such men, and placed them where they might make their impress on the minds of the noble young men by whom they were surrounded. We could but think that the Baptist churches, and the people of these provinces are being highly favored in this particular. The men whom God delighted to honor of the past generation have passed away, after doing a great work, for which they were well fitted, and, now that He should have raised up and spared for so many years, others so eminently adapted for cultivating the minds of those who accept the great truths taught by the fathers so efficiently, calls for grateful acknowledgment. We noticed with great regret the absence—on account of severe illness—of one, who, we believe has been present at every anniversary gathering for the past twenty years,—the Rev. A. S. Hunt. We trust he may yet be restored to his church and family, and be spared for many years to labor for Christ.

The orations of the Graduates were very superior productions; the first one indicated familiarity with the times of which it treated, and vividly portrayed the state of things which produced the ancient castles, and the foundation of many of the laws and usages of the old world,—reviving in the minds of those who are familiar with some of the ruins and relics of antiquity, a thousand reminiscences of early days spent in their vicinity. The latter oration was full of sage wisdom and proverbial philosophy, indicating much observation and careful thought in its author.

The President then informed the audience that some of the students had undertaken extra studies besides those of the prescribed course,—that some of these had distinguished themselves—and to them would be given Honour Certificates, recognizing such voluntary effort.

Accordingly, Honour Certificates were given to the following gentlemen:—*Senior Class*, L. S. Morse and J. F. Morton, in Classics. *Junior Class*, J. S. Manning, in Classics. *Sophomore Class*, William Elder, in Classics, Mathematics, and Belles Lettres; John Macdonald, in Classics and Belles Lettres; D. Eaton, E. C. Spinney, and A. Caldwell, in Classics. *Freshman Class*, N. Macleod, C. S. Daniels, and R. Sanford, in Classics and History.

The Choir rendered valuable service, and performed several Anthems in capital style. Professor Saffery ably presided at the Organ-harmonium. The whole occasion was one we would not have missed for a great deal.—A

similar feeling seemed to prevail in the large congregation present, who had come from far and near, and listened with rapt attention for three hours and a half, apparently without weariness.

From the appearance of the Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior classes present, we doubt not similar festivals are in store for those who may be privileged to attend on future anniversaries. Our prayer is that Acadia College may go on scattering blessings, and being blessed, far into the future years of this and many coming generations.

It was gratifying to know that the whole graduating class had publicly professed allegiance to Christ, and were members of His church.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of this association was held on Monday the 4th inst. The President D. McN. Parker, Esq., M. D., in the chair. After the report, the officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows.—T. H. Rand, A. M., President. Revs. Dr. Pryor and D. M. Welton, A. M., Vice Presidents. B. H. Eaton, A. M., Treasurer, and the Directors the same as last year.

Some slight modifications were made in the constitution.

On the suggestion of T. H. Rand Esq., it was agreed that the Graduating class of each year should be invited to join in the Annual Dinner. The President read a letter from Rev. W. A. McKenzie of Providence, Rhode Island, explaining that sickness was his reason of declining the invitation to give the annual oration this year, but that, if spared till next, he would be happy to do so. It was stated too that the Rev. Dr. Crawley had kindly consented to deliver the oration.

THE ORATION.

In the evening a large congregation assembled in the meeting-house. The President T. H. Rand, Esq., occupied the chair, and after devotional exercises introduced Dr. Crawley.

Dr. C. for about an hour eloquently brought forth by almost numberless illustrations, the vast benefits arising to mankind from the practical application to the use of man of what is in itself abstract and metaphysical. In most cases, he said, the thinkers precede the workers, and supply them with the products of mind which are by the latter turned into the more material form.

THE DINNER.

On Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock the members of the Alumni and their guests sat down to an excellent dinner, in the gymnasium. This large building had been handsomely decorated with evergreens, and the tables laid out with much taste. The "bill of fare" shewed roast and boiled beef, turkey, chickens, ham, &c., &c., pies and puddings, besides tea, coffee, and fruit dessert in abundance.

The long sitting in the morning and the mental feast then enjoyed, had not incapacitated the company for the less spiritual occupation of eating and drinking. After this substantial discussion had been sufficiently attended to, the President of the Alumni Association referred to the primary object of such Societies—the interchange of friendly greetings between those who had enjoyed the fostering care of their *Alma Mater*, and the cherishing of intimacies formed while passing through the classes during their college life. He alluded to his own experience, and remarked that there was yet a want of appreciation of general education in this province, but referred to a discussion of this subject in the British Parliament some years since, to shew that we were, in some respects, in advance of the mother country.

Dr. Parker on being called to speak, arose and apologized for making a speech by saying that he was the grandson of a Quaker, and did not feel moved to speak so soon after dinner. He nevertheless spoke warmly of the importance of the cause of Education, and urged the friends present to seek an improvement of the institutions, and to be content with nothing short of the highest place and the best equipped schools in the land. After expressing the great satisfaction with what he had heard and seen in the morning, he said he saw before him a former student of Horton Academy—Alex. James, Esq., and would be glad to listen to him for a short time.

Mr. James rose and stated that upwards of thirty years ago he had partaken of the benefits of the Horton Institution, but had not since visited it. He had been greatly gratified at what he had seen of the operations of the College and Academy, and in a few eloquent remarks shewed the inestimable value of education to the church and the world.

Rev. George Armstrong also brought forward some of the reminiscences of thirty years

ago, and touchingly referred to some of those who had been fellow-students with him, and alumni of Acadia College. He named in particular Mr. Elder, the poet, and the amiable and benevolent Rev. Mr. Barpee, and others who had passed away to another world. He then spoke of the great change which had taken place in public sentiment regarding education, sound christian education he believed to be the very life of a community, and the great source of its greatness and prosperity.

Dr. Crawley said he was a decided believer in beef, but did not feel that it was a great help to clear thinking, or—as it appeared to be in England—good speechmaking. He expressed his great pleasure in finding that the Alumni of Acadia College had formed themselves into an Association for giving expression to their mutual friendship, and particularly that one of their objects was the promotion of education at our College and Academies. The subject was full of inspiration and would doubtless animate and incite them all to strive for its progress and extension.

Rev. W. Hall felt deep interest in Acadia College, and had been gratified at the remarks of the President when he spoke of the necessity of attending to the externals as well as the internals of education. The æsthetics of education and christianity taught us that the formalities could not be dispensed with, without suffering loss. He was much pleased with the collegiate costume, the caps and gowns in which the students all appeared in the morning and thought these things were not without great benefit. He had heard with deep regret of the intention of Dr. Cramp to retire from the college, but hoped that he would remain here many years, and as long as he lived.

Rev. D. M. Welton alluded to the draughts they had once together partaken from some of the springs in the neighbourhood; how these had served them as the springs of antiquity had the ancient poets, and that they now remain to them no less sacred, surrounded with poetic imaginings and associations.

J. Y. Payzant Esq., the Secretary, passed a fine eulogium on the graduating class of the present year. He believed that their orations were far in advance of their predecessors, and worthy of the occasion.

Rev. Thomas Todd of Sackville N. B., said he had wished twenty-five years ago to come to Horton, but had been prevented doing so. This had ever since been to him a source of regret. He had been deeply interested in all he had witnessed, and believed he should take a much deeper interest in Acadia College than ever before.

Rev. E. M. Saunders shewed that there was considerable of actual money value in the course of study by which a diploma was obtained at Acadia College. The people who need teachers, prefer one who has taken his degree at college, to another who had been without such advantages and discipline.

J. W. Barss Esq., introduced D. R. DeWolfe Esq., of New York, who, in alluding to the scholarship he held, said he was well satisfied with the dividends, and that he intended to take further stock in it,—which announcement was received with applause.

Rev. Dr. Cramp informed the meeting that himself and others had desired to have a life-size likeness of Professor Isaac Chipman, who had done much for Acadia College in its earliest days, placed in the library beside those of the venerated Fathers, and that therefore a small likeness had been reproduced in an enlarged form, painted in oil and would be ready in a few days; some thirty dollars had already been subscribed but about \$45 more were needed to pay for the picture and frame. Any of the professors of the college would be glad to receive contributions towards this object.

The meeting was closed about six o'clock, after singing the doxology; the benediction being pronounced by the Dr. Cramp. Thus closed the Anniversary celebrations of 1866. We have no space for more than this brief sketch, or we might indulge in reflections on the demands of the present age, and the encouragement we have to labor in this work of sustaining and enlarging our institutions of learning.

The attention of our readers is invited to the prospectus of the Standard Life Assurance Company in another column. The amalgamation of the Colonial Life Assurance Company therewith, may be considered an additional guarantee of permanence and security. There is probably no company so well known and patronized. The names of the Agent and Board of Management for this Province, will secure for the Company a position of the highest respect in Nova Scotia; and we doubt not parties who wish to assure their lives, will connect themselves with this company in preference to any of those with less advantages.