

His having to move so often is attributed to some fault in his ministrations, and he is called "a bird of passage." It makes it difficult for him to get employment in the ministry, and tempts him to abandon it and engage in some secular business. He is liable to be discouraged, and doubt his capacity for the work of the ministry. In these respects many ministers suffer great injuries at the hands of churches.

2. A frequent change of ministers is a great injury to churches. Those churches that dismiss their ministers without just cause do, indirectly, reject Christ in rejecting his ministers, consequently incur his displeasure, under which they cannot prosper. Christ takes what is done to his ministers, as done to himself. He said to his disciples, "He that despiseth you despiseth me." Hence, the churches that mistreat Christ's ministers mistreat Christ himself, and for that reason many of them languish and become extinct.

Again, churches in changing ministers, are liable to become vacant, and the congregation lose the habit of going to church, or they scatter and go to churches of other denominations, and are never all gathered again. It is seldom that a change takes place without some loss. In such changes there is a liability to strife and division, which are always ruinous to the churches in which they exist. In a permanent ministry there is a uniformity of teaching and training, and a ministerial influence, which add much to the strength of churches. In this respect churches given to change suffer great loss.

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### THE ANNIVERSARIES AT WOLFVILLE.

Acadia College, Horton Collegiate Academy, and the Ladies' Seminary held their Annual-celebrations last week. These are always attractive and interesting, from the circumstance of their being the completion of a period of study in all the classes, when each one makes a step forward, and where those in the more advanced class of the College deliver orations on some chosen themes, and so pass from the college portals into the great world of action, to take part with other men of cultivated minds in the great responsibilities and duties of life, and to give forth, for the benefit of the human family, the stores they have been so long accumulating.

In anticipation of attending the Central Association at New Germany, we were unable conveniently to leave home and mingle with brethren in these joyous gatherings. But we have been favored by friends with material for giving a report of all important particulars. The usual favorable weather on these occasions did not fail in the present instance. It was all that could be desired, and the parents of the students and the friends of the Institutions in large numbers gathered, from far and near, to participate in 'the feast of reason and flow of soul.' The surrounding scenery, always beautiful, becomes most charming when the bright green foliage of early spring adds freshness and variety to the extensive prospect that spreads itself on every hand.

Some complained of the heat, but all acknowledged that they were highly favored, and the bright shining of the sun seemed to produce a general cheerfulness.

### THE EXAMINATIONS.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the examinations at the Collegiate Academy and Grand Pré Seminary took place. It is sufficient to say that they were eminently satisfactory, creditable alike to the teachers and to the students. On Wednesday afternoon the Academy Hall was crowded. At the close of the examination, Certificates were given to five young ladies, who had completed the course of three years' study—Misses Eaton, Mackinlay, Lyons and Fisk; Miss Longley, (daughter of Avar Longley, Esq.,) had also completed the course, but sickness prevented her from attending in person to receive her Certificate. The Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., Principal of the Academy, presented the certificates, with some very appropriate observations, and hints of advice and encouragement.—Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Spurden, Messrs. Cady, and McKenzie, Dr. Crawley, Dr. Cramp, and Avar Longley, Esq.

It is much to be regretted that the Grand Pré Seminary is likely to be closed, the results, in a pecuniary point of view,

having proved unsatisfactory. A good work has been accomplished by that Institution, and its continuance was greatly to be desired. The failure shows a lack of energy somewhere.

The improved educational facilities throughout the province enter into competition somewhat, except for the more advanced studies, with this institution.

Classes in the Academy were prepared in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, English Grammar, Greek and Latin, Modern Geography, History of England, Grecian History and Ancient Geography. The examination in one or two of the above branches was omitted for want of time. While, as a whole, it was observed that the usual proficiency had been made by the classes, in some studies the thoroughness which was exhibited was very marked and pleasing.—Mr. Higgins, the Principal, has enjoyed the assistance of a very efficient and successful teacher in Mr. Tufts. This gentleman intends to spend a year or more as a resident graduate at some University in the United States, but we hope to see him again numbered with the educators in this province.

Mr. Higgins expects to secure the services of Mr. Sandford, one of the graduates of this year, to supply the place of Mr. Tufts. Mr. S. is highly spoken of as a student and practical teacher.

### THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

of Acadia College met on Thursday. There was a full attendance. Three of the New Brunswick members, viz., Revs. Dr. Spurden, and Messrs. Cady and Mackenzie, were present.

The principal subject before the Board was the resignation of Dr. Cramp, and the choice of a successor in the Presidency of the College.

We understand that a resolution was passed to the effect that "the Board, in reluctantly accepting Dr. Cramp's resignation, do express and hereby permanently record their high and grateful appreciation of his long and faithful labors as President and Professor of the College, and a minister in the Denomination, and the marked success which has crowned those labors.—Also, that they express the great satisfaction with which they have learned that, while asking to be relieved from his present labors, he has been pleased to couple his resignation with an expressed willingness to continue in office till his successor is appointed and enters upon his duties."

The Committee appointed in reference to a new President presented their report, in accordance with which it was resolved unanimously that the Rev. A. W. SAWYER, D. D., be invited to accept the position of President of Acadia College.

It was also resolved, that the salary of the President be eleven hundred dollars per annum;—that Dr. Crawley be appointed Principal of the Theological Department, with a salary of one thousand dollars per annum;—and that the salaries of Professors Higgins and Jones be nine hundred dollars each per annum.

The Rev. Dr. Spurden, the Rev. D. M. Welton, and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to communicate his election to Dr. Sawyer, and correspond with him on the subject.

### THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Oration before the Alumni Association, was delivered in the evening, in the Baptist Meeting House, by the Rev. Alfred Chipman, A. M.;—subject, "The College, the people's friend." The Rev. E. M. Saunders, A. M., presided, having been chosen President of the Association for the present year at the Annual Meeting in the afternoon, on which occasion Mr. Edwin D. King, A. M., was appointed Secretary. Interesting addresses were delivered by Dr. Spurden and the Rev. W. S. Mackenzie, A. M.

### THE COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY

took place on Friday. The meeting-house was crowded. After prayer by Dr. Spurden, Orations were delivered by undergraduates as follows:—

#### ORATIONS BY UNDERGRADUATES.

*Moral Aspects of Science*, Joseph Jones, Fred-erickton, N. B.

*Progress*, Charles F. Myers, Manchester.

*Thinking; its perils and its meed*—, Albert Caldwell, Gaspareaux.

*The Process*, Rufus Sanford, Cornwallis.

*A Soul in Nature*, Johnston Hunt, Dartmouth.

*Custom the Queen of the World*, Caswell R. Daniels, Bridgetown.

*The Times we live in*, Neil McLeod, Uigg, P. E. I.

The gentlemen who had delivered the Orations were then introduced by the Rev.

S. W. DeBlois, A. M., and the President conferred on each of them, in the usual form, the Degree of A. B. Mr. H. Clifford Creed, A. B., who was admitted to the first Degree in 1865, received the Degree of A. M. It was announced that the same Degree had been conferred on T. R. Pattillo, A. B., and Albert J. Hill, A. B. Certificates had been previously presented, on the part of the Faculty, testifying that these three gentlemen were severally entitled to the Degree.

It was announced that the honorary Degree of A. M., had been conferred on Mr. William Elder, who will enter on his duties as Professor of Natural Science in September next.

When the graduates were re-introduced, wearing their bachelor's hoods, the President addressed them in the following terms:—

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen,—

The preparatory process is ended. You have attained the knowledge, and acquired those habits of enquiry and thought which will fit you for immediate active life, if that be your choice, or for the additional studies necessary for your entrance into any of the learned professions if such be your object.

In either case, you are now to take your positions in the outside world, and to mingle with men and occupy places in society, in a manner to which you have not yet been accustomed. This day is the close of a chapter in your history.—To-morrow will be the commencement of a new era.

You look forward to future life with natural anxiety. Its hues and features are unknown.—Whether the colours will be roscate or dark—whether the record will be of commonplace dullness, or lively and startling, cannot be with any certainty predicted. The future is wisely and mercifully hidden from us. And yet we know that industry, uprightness, and sound discretion are safeguards from many evils; and that though we cannot hope for exemption from suffering, since "man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward," there is an antidote for all woes—a balm for every wound—a refuge from the storm. We are not orphans. Our Heavenly Father "pitieth them that fear him."

Go forth, then, to busy life, whatever may be its duties or trials, determined that by His blessing, "without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy," that life shall be well spent. It will be, if the position be well chosen, harmonizing with your powers and qualifications;—if the rules of action are derived from the highest authority;—if the motions are such as honour and conscience approve;—if the aims are pure and exalted;—and above all, if the character and deportment, public and private, shall be saturated with the spirit of religion. Nothing can compensate for this. In no other way can a well-spent life be secured. He who thinks to succeed and be happy while he lives in practical atheism is like the professing christian who has no charity—"sounding brass"—"a tinkling cymbal"—*vox et preterea nihil.*

But, Gentlemen, I am "persuaded better things of you." You will carry with you the principles which have been continually inculcated within the walls of yonder College. You will remember the examples of the great and good whose lives and noble deeds have been from time to time brought under your notice. And you will strive with all your might to obtain that "good name" and "loving favour" on which the wise man set so high a price; while you will also bear in mind the saying of the patriarch of the land of Uz—"The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."

Allow me to suggest that the favorable circumstances under which you commence life, deserve attentive and grateful consideration.—These provinces have shared in the onward movement of the age. You are going among a people who have been taught to appreciate learning and science, and who will co-operate with you in well-directed efforts to extend the influence of an enlightened civilization. The sleepiness and sloth of former times have passed away.—You will be hailed as friends and benefactors by those who but a few years ago would have looked on your labor with stolid indifference, or perhaps conspired to thwart your plans of improvement. Thanks to our excellent School-Law (on which, I trust, no sacrilegious hands will be laid), Nova Scotia is looking up, with bright eye, and cheerful hope, prepared to avail herself of the advantages which sound education qualifies her to enjoy, and to apply to profitable purposes the knowledge she acquires. Nor will the other provinces of this maritime division of British North America fail to partake of the same impulses. You will foster those impulses. You will be sturdily patriotic. Not that you will deem it befitting to sympathize with the petty squabbles and bickerings which occupy so much of some men's attention, and have sorely retarded healthy progress. Such things are beneath you. You will not stoop to them. A higher spirit is set before your eyes—the welfare of your native land. You will hold yourselves bound to seek it in every possible way. You will not listen to those who studiously depreciate your country, and counsel you to look for profit and advancement elsewhere. You will not be dazzled by false glare, nor deceived by specious representations or appearances. If any think to seduce you, you will be like "the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear, which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely."

There is another consideration that demands regard. We are not isolated now. Your ener-

gies need not be confined within narrow limits. Formerly these provinces were disjoined from each other by absurd and hostile tariffs, and seemingly adverse interests. That separation exists no longer. The Bay of Fundy does not now divide us from other lands:—for New Brunswick is ours,—and Quebec is ours,—and Ontario is ours,—and the Far West, from the Red River Territory to the Pacific is ours—a noble field for enterprise, and skill, and lawful ambition. There is plenty of room for you and tens of thousands more. If you cannot find a promising resting-place here, you need not go South. The West invites you—your own West. The Dominion has scope enough for all your talents and all your powers. You may travel from this spot towards the setting sun for three thousand miles, and still be at home. You may gain fame and fortune at Montreal. You may go further, and promote your country's wealth at Ottawa. The fair and fertile districts of extreme Ontario may employ and reward your industry. Or you may carry the lamp of knowledge from Acadia to the distant prairies, and become the pioneers of truth, and freedom, and Christianity, in lands which will hereafter be peopled by thriving millions.

But wherever you go, never forget that life is a journey, and that it may soon and unexpectedly close. A melancholy fact confirms and impresses this admonition. One of your companions, who stood on this platform last year, and received from these hands his well-earned diploma, within two months was carried to the grave. His death was deplored as a calamity, not only at his home, but throughout the circle of his acquaintance. Daniel Eaton was justly endeared to his associates by his friendly and affectionate disposition and his steadiness of deportment, and to the church by his undeviating consistency and his efforts to do good. A long life of usefulness was hoped for; but God was pleased to call for his servant. We bow with submission to the Divine sovereignty; let us at the same time reverently receive the lesson which the dispensation conveys, and repair to our respective spheres of labour with the resolve that by God's grace we will redeem time and live for eternity.

Gentlemen, you have our best wishes, our fervent prayers. We adopt the language of the Hebrew lawgiver, and say—Jehovah bless you and keep you; Jehovah make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; Jehovah lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace!"

Honor Certificates were given to the undermentioned Students:—

*In Classics*.—Messrs. McLeod, Coldwell, Jones, Daniels, Sanford, Hunt, Cohoon, Oakes, Whitman, McVicar, Rand, and Elliott.

*In Intellectual and Moral Philosophy*.—Messrs. McLeod, Coldwell, Jones, Daniels, Sanford, and Hunt.

*In Astronomy*.—Messrs. McLeod, Coldwell, and Daniels.

*In Chemistry*.—Mr. J. Jones.

*In Mathematics*.—Mr. E. P. Bowles.

*In Rhetoric*.—Messrs. Cohoon, Spinney, and Neily.

### THE PRIZES.

The President of the Alumni Association then took the Chair, and announced that the prize for the best Essay (forty dollars) had been adjudged to Mr. Albert Coldwell. There were four competitors. The Examiners were Sir William Young, Chief Justice—Dr. Lawson—and J. W. Nutting, Esq., D. C. L. The Essay (subject, "The Roman") was read by Professor Jones, and was much admired. The Scholarship Prizes (twenty dollars each) were received by Messrs. McLeod and Jones (equals) for the Senior Class; Mr. E. M. Chesley, Junior Class; Mr. E. P. Bowles, Sophomore Class; Mr. William T. Pipes, Freshman Class. The Monthly Essay prize (twenty-five dollars) was received by Mr. William H. Warren.

Avar Longley, Esq., the donor, presented the Elocution prize—twenty dollars—to Mr. J. A. Newcomb.

Lewis S. Payzant, Esq., the donor, presented the Cricket prize—twenty dollars—to Mr. J. Johnston Parker.

The President of the College informed the meeting that the Gold medal for proficiency in the Higher Mathematics, offered by Edward Young, Esq., of Washington, had been won by Mr. E. P. Bowles, who received it amid the applause of the assembly.

### ADDRESS TO REV. DR. CRAMP.

The closing exercise was the presentation of an Address to Rev. Dr. Cramp, by the Students. A deputation, appointed by them, appeared on the platform, and Mr. W. George read the Address, as follows— all the students standing:—

To THE REV. DR. CRAMP.

Dear Sir,—We have learned with deep regret that you are to retire from the Presidential chair of our Institution, and from those Professorial labors in which you have been so long and so successfully engaged. Whilst we feel that your advanced years claim exemption from the constant and onerous duties which have hitherto devolved upon you, we cannot suppress a feeling of sadness at the retirement of one who, during our collegiate studies, has been so deeply inter-