

increase the power of it in the soul, so sour words increase the bad temper of him who uses them: They add fuel to the fire, and augment the heat.

3. Sour words dangerously tend to make the hearer sour. They create an atmosphere which he breathes, and the virus is likely to penetrate his soul and make him sour, too. Vinegar gives its own character to anything it can reach. So it is not the fault of the sour in heart and speech that they do not spoil all the sweetness there is about them.

4. Sour words are all but certain to give sourness to the countenance. The face is a tell-tale of the heart, and the heart's sourness, rising to the lips in bitter words has wonderful power over all the features. Look on the countenance, as its owner is using sharp and bitter words. Do you see a smiling June, or a scowling November?

5. Sour words are not soon forgotten. Sharp and piercing, they enter, like iron, into the soul. As with hooks of steel, they hang on to the memory. All that you can recollect of some people is the sour words you have heard them use.

Now, my young friends, if sour words indicate a sour heart, and make the speaker more sour, and make the hearer sour, and give a sour countenance, and make one's sourness long and painfully remembered—there are five reasons why such words should never be found upon your lips. Let the last one you have used be the last.—*Observer.*

For the Christian Messenger.

AMHERST.

JUNE 10th, 1870.

Dear Editor,—We are moving in the matter of the native preachers, and will give a good account of ourselves at the Association. The brethren and sisters are responding to the call of Bro. Crawley. We will take one of the ten, without diminishing our general subscriptions to the Foreign Missions. If we did that, we would be taking from Bro. George, an idea no one can for a moment entertain. The denomination in these Lower Provinces is able to sustain Bro. George and wife, and the whole force of native assistants, as well as those who are now preparing for the Foreign field. And from what I have seen among our people here, I think the churches will come up to the full measure of their duty in this respect, if it be clearly set before them.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the second of July, when the Eastern Association is to meet with us. We hope for much good to result to the delegates themselves, and to us as a church; and that the promised presence of the Saviour may be abundantly experienced. Hoping to see the Messenger well represented I am yours faithfully,

D. A. STEELE.

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, JUNE 15, 1870.

ACADIA COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY.

A TRIP TO WOLFVILLE

is always an agreeable change from city life, but on occasions of the annual Collegiate celebrations, and the Anniversary exercises of the other institutions by which the College is surrounded, such an excursion and visit are most delightful. In former times these occasions made increased demands on the travelling facilities. The stage coaches usually became crowded, often to overloading, so that each passenger felt that he was causing additional discomfort to all the rest. This with the pity felt for the horses as they labored on in the heat and dust to climb the steep hills, detracted in no small measure from the enjoyment in reaching the scene of these annual festivities.

These things, however, are now only in the recollection of the past, and have been superseded by ample railway cars, and the untiring iron-horse. In experiencing such accommodations the former things are remembered but to increase the feeling of thankfulness that we live in an age of progress. Although such advantages are now enjoyed, yet there is room for improvement in the matter of speed. Having to stop an hour and a half at the Newport station, waiting for the train—in ignorance of their being any reason for such detention, was an infelicity not to be quietly endured by persons who have no other means of

travelling. A rate of ten miles an hour will not, we hope, be long regarded as the proper rate even for the "accommodation" trains. We suppose, however, that we must creep before we are able to run, even on railways.

THE ALUMNI DINNER,

was held on Wednesday. About thirty of the members and friends of the Association sat down to an excellent repast. Addresses were given by the President Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Sawyer, E. D. King, Rev. Robt. Somerville, T. H. Rand and Rev. A. S. Hunt.

THE ANNUAL ORATION,

by Professor Elder, was an elaborate discussion of the position of Natural Science in a College Curriculum. The President called on Rev. S. T. Rand to open the meeting by prayer. The lateness of the hour of our arrival, prevented our hearing the whole. We found a large audience, giving close attention to the oration: Prof. Elder claimed for Science the same freedom of enquiry and independent examination that is demanded for a full and proper apprehension of revealed truth. He showed that the results of untrammelled enquiry are seen in the later developments of natural phenomena. Experiment and exploration had opened up wide fields of research, and had contributed vast resources for the welfare and happiness of the human family. Men in all the walks of life have of late become more familiar with the facts of Science. Even the opponents of Divine Revelation, have stimulated Christians to enquiry and research, and have thereby given a broader and firmer basis for revealed truth.

The Oration occupied about an hour and a half in its delivery. The audience was large and intelligent.

After Prof. Elder had finished his discourse, the Rev. J. E. Hopper arose to propose a vote of thanks; and in doing so, alluded to his recollections of the College only a few years ago, when it had but one professor, whereas it now has a faculty of six efficient teachers. Rev. Dr. Cramp arose and said, that he, as the oldest of the six professors, felt pleased to second the proposal of a vote of thanks to the youngest; which was carried by acclamation.

Rev. Dr. Crawley by request closed the meeting by prayer and the benediction.

ALUMNI ANNUAL MEETING.

After the Oration on Thursday evening, the Annual Meeting for business was held in the vestry. The Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—

President.—Prof. R. V. Jones, Esq., A. M.
Vice-President.—J. F. L. Parsons, Esq., A. B.
Secretary.—Edwin D. King, Esq., A. M.
Treasurer.—B. H. Eaton, Esq., A. M.
Directors.—H. H. Bligh, Esq., A. B.; T. H. Rand, Esq., A. M.; Rev. E. M. Saunders, A. M.; Prof. D. F. Higgins, A. M.; Rev. S. B. Kempton, A. M.

THE COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY.

Thursday morning opened auspiciously. The appearances of rain the previous evening had all vanished, and a morning sufficiently cool to render walking a pleasure, and yet warm enough to be agreeable, promised a day of much enjoyment.

The royal standard was hoisted on the college flagstaff, and the college hill, graced by groups of students and friends, presented a picture of great beauty and interest. Carriages laden with fair visitors were ever and anon seen coming into the village, betokening the attractions of the time and place, and the interest felt in the proceedings about to transpire. At 11 o'clock the procession was formed on the College grounds, under the direction of Wm. Ackhurst, Esq., Marshal *pro tem.*, in the following order:—

Members of the Academy,—Principal and Associate.
The College Students—Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.
Graduates of the College.
The Faculty—six Professors.
(The Students and Faculty in Collegiate costume.)
The Governors of the College.
Visitors and Friends.

On arriving at the church doors, the column opened, and the Faculty passed through, followed by the governors, graduates, students, &c., to the platform and reserved seats in front.

A large congregation had already assembled to witness the proceedings.

On the platform were the President, Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., and Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, Professors Higgins, Jones, and Elder, with Revs. G. Armstrong and A. S. Hunt.

After the opening anthem was sung, Rev. George Armstrong offered prayer.

The Graduating Class were then called on for their Essays. The one by Mr. Wm. H. Newcomb, on "The Problem of Life," was a fine composition, having in it a number of brilliant passages of condensed thought, indicating a well cultivated mind. It was given in a free, off-hand style shewing that the speaker had given attention to the elocutionary art, as well as to mental cultivation and the formation of correct opinions on his subject.

"Law in Nature" was the subject of the essay by Mr. Egbert M. Chesley. The essay was a lengthy discussion of the power of law as manifested in the operations of Nature in controlling all creation and preserving the works of God from confusion and destruction.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF M. A.

"Theanthropy" by Rev. J. E. Hopper, of St. Stephens, N. B., was an able examination of the great doctrine of the relationship established between God and Man in the person of the man Christ Jesus. It was a clear enunciation of evangelical truth.

Rev. S. B. Kempton, of Cornwallis, read an essay on "The Jew." On this highly interesting subject he brought forward a vast amount of information, respecting this despised and persecuted race, and shewed how much concerned Christians should be to give them all civil and political rights, in addition to the freedom which the gospel of Christ brings alike to Jew and Gentile, bond and free.

The usual ceremony of investiture, according to the degree to be received, was attended to—the candidates being presented by Rev. S. W. DeBlois. The degrees of Master of Arts were presented in course to the two latter, and of Bachelor of Arts to the two former gentlemen. Afterwards they again appeared on the platform, and the graduates received

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

Young Gentlemen,—You stand to-day at an interesting and critical period in your history. After four years' residence in this College, you now are about to meet the duties of active life. You look out into the great future, anxious and wondering, yet feeling strong and hopeful. You pause for a moment on the threshold to turn and look once more on the faces of your instructors. We congratulate you on the successful accomplishment of your course and say to you,—Go forth feeling that you have won for yourselves an honorable distinction, yet a distinction which should not be borne in vanity, but with a lively sense of increased responsibility. Go forth feeling that you carry with you accumulations and treasures. As you look back to your earlier school-days, you think of many who walked with you for a time in the paths of learning, but who turned aside for pleasure or business. Some of these may have amassed large property while you amidst trials have accomplished your purpose. But you have gathered the best stores and made the best investments; for these investments, if you are true to yourselves, will make all your future years richer and enrich all with whom you dwell. Though you may forget many of the exercises of the class room, the habits of disciplined thought and self-improvement will abide as a permanent possession.

But the value of your lives will depend mainly on the ideals which you cherish. If while you have been familiar with these College scenes, you have known any aspiration for the true and the good, if you have experienced any purpose of generous devotion to the improvement of the condition of the wretched and the ignorant, we admonish you to cherish these aspirations and purposes as the best fruits of the discipline which you have here received, and make your lives noble by constant efforts to translate into action these noble ideals. Subject to laws which will hold you with an irresistible grasp, you go forth to solve, each for himself, the problem of life—a momentous work, in which all possible wisdom will be needed. Whatever other instructions may be forgotten, we charge you to bear in mind this final admonition—keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

It was announced by the President, that the Governors had conferred the honorary Degree of Master of Arts on Rev. John Davis of Charlottetown, and J. B. Calkin, Esq., Principal of the Provincial Normal School; and of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. W. F. Stubbett, of Massachusetts.

THE ALUMNI PRIZES.

The President of the Associated Alumni Rev. E. M. Saunders was then called on to present the prizes offered by that Association. These were severally handed to the successful candidates as follows:

Scholarship Prizes.—"Junior Class" \$20.00 to Mr. Wm. H. Warren, North River, P. E. I.
"Senior Class" \$20.00 to Mr. E. M. Chesley, A. B.

Elocution Prize.—"The Avar Longley Prize" \$20.00 to Mr. Wm. A. Newcomb, A. B.
The Monthly Essay Prize.—"The H. N. Paint Prize" \$25.00 to Mr. Wm. H. Warren.
The Alumni Prize \$40.00 for the best Essay on the given subject—"The Celt." As the judges differed somewhat on the merits of the Essays

sent in competition, the sum was divided equally between two, Messrs. Chesley and Warren \$20.00 each.

CRICKET PRIZE.—"The Lewis Payzant Prize" \$20.00 to Mr. J. B. Mills—College Club.

The "Edward Young" GOLD MEDAL was presented (by special request) by Rev. Dr. Cramp. He read an extract of a letter received from the donor expressing his high appreciation of Mathematics and his desire to see that branch more generally attended to by students. This was won by Mr. Wm. J. Pipes of Amherst.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. DR. CRAMP.

Some curiosity was now awakened by D. Rupert Eaton and E. D. King Esqs., walking up the aisle with something evidently of great value, under cover, and placing it on the table on the platform. J. W. Bars, Esq., said he had an address to Rev. Dr. Cramp, the retiring President of Acadia College. He said he felt it an honor to have been chosen by the Committee. No one perhaps had so well known the trials and difficulties through which Dr. Cramp had passed through whilst President of the College, and he was much pleased to be called on to present this address and testimonial.—He read the Address as follows:

To the Rev. J. M. CRAMP, D. D.

Dear Sir,—A number of your many friends are happy to embrace the opportunity offered by your retirement from the Presidency of Acadia College, to express their high appreciation of your successful and laborious services rendered for a period of eighteen years in connection with the Baptist Denomination of these Provinces. They beg also to state that your personal intercourse with the churches has won general esteem and love.

You will call to mind that when you entered upon your labors in Acadia College, the Institution was not only without endowment, but was seriously embarrassed by debt. You found the students reduced to a very small number, and but a single Professor—the lamented Isaac Chipman—to share with you the labors of the Institution. The debt has been paid, and an endowment of between \$30,000, and \$40,000 secured. The students in annual attendance have been increasing from year to year, till they now number upwards of forty; and there is now a Faculty of six Professors. For this measure of prosperity the friends of the College feel that to you they are largely indebted.

The pains which you have taken to examine the history of Baptist principles, and the successful effort which you have made to place before the public the biographies of the worthy men whose labors preceded your own in these Provinces, have been sources of much profit and gratification to the body generally.

The interest which you have ever manifested in social reforms, and especially in the promotion of Free Common School Education, has contributed in no small degree to the success which has attended the efforts of those specially employed in these departments of moral and intellectual labor.

As a token of esteem and regard your acceptance of this Epergne of pure silver is requested. May your health be continued, and your life prolonged. And having accepted the position of Professor Emeritus, may you long continue to sustain this relation to Acadia College. Such are the fervent wishes of your numerous friends.

On removing the cover there was displayed a very handsome Epergne which is very significant and appropriate, consisting of a British oak with leaves and acorns all in solid silver. Each of the three main branches carries a glass dish, and a larger one crowns the centre. At the foot of the tree are two deer, a clump of fern, and a wild rose, resting on a groundwork ornamented with English snow-drops. The whole rests on a beautiful plateau of rock-work and moss, out of which sprays of the Nova Scotia Mayflower all in solid silver shoot up in full blossom. On the front of the plateau is a shield bearing the following inscription:

Presented to the
REV. J. M. CRAMP, D. D.,
On retiring from the Presidency
of the
University of Acadia College,
Sept. 1st., 1869.

The epergne is about two feet in height, and valued at \$500. It was manufactured in England by direction of Mr. J. Cornelius of Halifax. The workmanship is all that could be desired.

DR. CRAMP'S REPLY:

In reply, Dr. Cramp said that it was impossible to express in words the emotions which overpowered him on the occasion. While he most heartily thanked the kind friends to whom he was indebted for this token of their regard, he felt that they had spoken of himself and his efforts in too flattering terms. He had only discharged his duty, and laboured, in the best manner he could, for the advancement of the interests of the College and of the denomination. While so engaged, many difficulties and trials had to be encountered, many alternations of joy and sorrow, requiring the exercise of patience, and meekness, and trust, through all which they had been brought in safety;—and now at the close of his official career, it was with great satisfaction and thankfulness that he learned from the Address to which he had just listened that he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of those