

with Christ's appointment, and in the manner which he appoints, was peculiarly their own, and the *raison d'être* of their denominational existence."

Of course in the substance of it there is nothing new in this enunciation of the Baptist creed. It is recognizable at once as the old position. But Dr. Landels' statement is particularly apt to his purpose, namely, to promote a closer union of the brethren. It cannot pierce the consciences of those Baptists who, for the sake of convenience, or social connections, or timidity, are members or attendants of Pedobaptist churches. And of such there are many thousands in England and Scotland, as Dr. Landels is well aware. Then again, this manifesto from the Presidential chair is an effective answer to the latitudinarians of all sects who are never weary of scoffing at the Baptist for what they call the absurdity of our position. They say, "How absurd to think of building up a church on an ordinance!—you might as well expect a pyramid to stand upon its apex." "Don't you know that Christ is the one foundation—not baptism?"—with a good deal of similar specious talk, which has not been without results, causing danger and loss to our denominational interests. Under the influence of this latitudinarian spirit, the question has been seriously mooted whether the English Baptists should not suffer themselves to be absorbed by the Congregationalists. As a preliminary step it was suggested that founts for infant baptism should be introduced into Baptist churches, and baptisteries for immersion into Congregationalist churches. But the suggestion didn't take. The Congregationalists, in England at least, like immersion about as much as a certain personage is said to like holy water. So the merging of the Baptist Union in the Congregational Union has never come to pass, although a few men in both bodies have done a great deal of talking about it. The last faint movement in this direction, Dr. Landels disposes of in a few sentences, which, as they are just as applicable in America as in England, it may be well for us to ponder. Speaking of the inevitable smallness of ministers' incomes in country places, he said he had no faith in improving the position of pastors by limiting the multiplication of churches. "He had little sympathy with the suggestion that, by mutual arrangement with other denominations, one district should be occupied by one body, and another by another. Mutual respect must not be allowed to interfere with fidelity to important truth. Legitimately carried out, the proposal would lead to their denominational extinction. It involved a sacrifice of principle on their part from which others are exempt. Without claiming to be more faithful to their convictions than their Congregational brethren, they were certainly more sure of their ground. . . They were told this was a small matter about which to make so much ado; but nothing can be small into which conviction enters, and the truly loyal will not counsel treason even in little things."

With respect to the movements of the age, Dr. Landels shares the convictions of Bunson and other eminent men, that the conflict of the near future will be between two great parties, the adherents of sacramentalism or religion by proxy, and the maintainers of the principle that true religion is personal religion. The baptism of babes is a practical departure from this principle. To the Baptists belongs the honor of vindicating it in its purity and integrity. Therefore "close your ranks; stand shoulder to shoulder."—*National Baptist*.

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ANNIVERSARY OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

Although the years of this institution have not yet become so numerous that the first have passed from the remembrance of living men, yet it is by many regarded as having a history which gives to it a degree of respectable veneration, not to be despised. One of the indications of this is that for several years past it has had among its graduates the sons of its former graduates. Each year this may be expected to be repeated, and the number of such students and graduates increased more and more.

That it abides in the hearts of a vast number of friends no one need doubt who attended the recent celebrations at Wolfville. What it has effected, and what it is at present doing, are but

an index of the possibilities of the future, and some guarantee that it will continue to be resorted to for the supply of mental cultivation for generations to come, and will, year by year, send forth its favored sons to bless their country and the world.

The Anniversary was earlier this year than usual by about a week, in consequence of this the appearances of spring had not made the usual developments, and the foliage was less forward. A week at the beginning of June makes a marvellous difference in the scenery. Still the opening buds and the bursting forth of vegetable life became more general as we approached toward the interior. Leaving the city on Wednesday morning we went to Wolfville with large anticipations, but which were eventually more than realized.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

Passing direct from the station to the Academy we found a class of twelve or fifteen young ladies being examined in the depths of Geology—the classification and characteristics of rocks, where those of the various periods are found, and what are their constituent elements. The answers were given with much readiness and shewed that it was not a mere effort of memory. The illustrations given shewed that the teacher, Mr. F. H. Eaton, had made it a subject of interesting study and research.

In the afternoon of Wednesday the closing exercises of the Academy were conducted in the Academy Hall, which was densely crowded by friends of the pupils and of the Institution. The following is the programme:—

- MUSIC—Duet, Misses F. Payzant and Ida Locke.
- ESSAY—Floriculture, M. M. Smith, Cornwallis.
- READING—Miss Sutcliffe, Halifax.
- MUSIC—Solo, Miss Annie Robbins.
- ESSAY—Life in the East, Miss Laura Crawley, (daughter of Rev. A. R. Crawley in Burma).
- ESSAY—The Limits of the Possible, Miss Schurman, P. E. Island.
- MUSIC—Trio, Misses Clinch, Florence Wier, M. Robbins.
- ESSAY—The Higher Education of Women, Clifford Locke, (excused.) Lockport.
- ESSAY—Unwritten History, Miss Wile, Lunenburg Co.
- READING—Miss Rubland, Halifax.
- MUSIC—Duet, Misses McLeod and Clinch.
- ESSAY—The Thralldom of Habit, Miss C. Payzant, Wolfville.
- MUSIC—Trio, Misses Mary Bill, A. Robbins and Camu.
- MUSIC—Miss M. Robbins.
- MUSIC—Miss Ida Locke.

The original essays of the young ladies who thus completed their three years course of studies were highly respectable pieces of composition which would do no discredit to well educated men and were presented to the large audience with becoming modesty and yet without embarrassment. We would not attempt a criticism upon them or institute any comparisons, where all were so good. The one read by Miss Crawley was highly appropriate, and was given with a vividness which shewed that the writer spoke what she knew.

Principal Tufts presented the Diplomas to the three graduates, Miss Schurman, of P. E. Island, Miss Laura Crawley, of Burma, Miss Cathella Payzant, of Wolfville. He subsequently gave them a brief address full of good advice as to the objects of education and the importance of keeping up good habits of study.

The pupils read an Address to Miss Marie Woodworth, the Lady principal, and presented to her a handsome writing desk. An address was also read to Mr. Tufts the Principal asking his acceptance of a gold watch chain from the young ladies.

The Governor General's Prize of a handsome medal for excellence in Arithmetic was presented to Mr. Belyea of King's Co. N. B.

An address from the class of young men who had completed their Academic course and were about to pass into College, expressive of their grateful thanks to the Principal Mr. Tufts and the teachers, Messrs. Eaton and Caldwell was read by Mr. Belyea of New Brunswick.

Several gentlemen were then called on and addresses were given by Rev. G. M. W. Carey of St. John, Rev. Dr. Crawley, Messrs. S. Selden, M. J. Griffin, J. W. Longley, and J. Parsons.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday evening, Rev. Mr. Pope of St. John delivered a lecture before the Associated Alumni and their friends, on "Types of character demanded by the times." In discussing this subject he took an enlarged view of the principal features of the 19th cen-

tury, and shewed the tendency towards various forms of error, placing too high an estimate upon matter and too little upon character and education, development of the powers of mind and the giving men the capability of enjoying true liberty. Education should be symmetrical and embrace the moral as well as the intellectual powers so as to build up a character, adapted to move on with the progress which marks the times.

After the lecture the members of the Alumni Association proceeded to the election of the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

- President—Edwin D. King, A. M.
- Vice-President—L. S. Morse, A. B.
- Secretary—B. H. Eaton, A. M.
- Treasurer—I. M. Smith, A. B.
- Directors—Rev. E. M. Saunders, A.M.; H. H. Bligh, A. M.; Rev. J. W. Manning, A. B.; A. Caldwell, A. B., and Charles Masters, A. B.

Thursday was the

COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY

and was attended by a large concourse of people, quite a number from Halifax and St. John. The usual procession of the Faculty, Students, Governors and Alumni came from the College grounds to the Baptist Church, and took their places in the seats which had been with much difficulty reserved. On the platform were the President, Rev. Dr. Sawyer, and the Faculty. Hon. Dr. Parker, Hon. P. C. Hill, A. Longley Esq., M. P. P., D. B. Woodworth, Esq., M. P. P., Wm. Elder Esq., M. P. P., Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Rev. A. S. Hunt, Rev. S. W. DeBlois. The following is the programme of the proceedings.

MUSIC—Institute March. (Organ and Cornet.)

PRAYER BY REV. G. M. W. CAREY.

ANTHEM—"We praise thee, O God, &c., (Te Deum.)"

ORATIONS BY MEMBERS OF GRADUATING CLASS.

The realm of Language—Elias W. Kelley, Collins, N. B.

Culture, a Power.—J. O. Redden, Windsor.

ANTHEM—"O come let us sing unto the Lord. PSALM XCI.

Glamour and Fact—Maynard G. Brown, Wilmot.

The Eternal Freshness of Great Thoughts—F. D. Crawley, Wolfville.

ANTHEM—"Sing O Heavens, and be joyful O earth."

The future of the Anglo-Saxon—D. H. Simpson, Cavendish, P. E. I.

The Theology of Sophocles—W. H. Robinson, Kingston.

ANTHEM—"O be joyful in the Lord."

Degrees were then conferred by Dr. Sawyer (President) as follows:—The Degree of A. B. on Elias W. Kelley, (N. B.) J. O. Redden, M. G. Brown, F. D. Crawley, D. H. Simpson, (P. E. Island), W. H. Robinson, and C. H. Martell (*in absentia*). The Degree of M. A. on Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. S. J. Neily, Mr. W. L. McVicar, B. A., and Frank H. Eaton.

On the newly made Bachelors appearing before the President he gave them an affectionate address, assuring them of the deep interest that would be felt in their future career. Going out into the world they would be called to exercise all the virtues that adorn the christian character, and shew that their education had made them more fitted to take a high and honorable position among their fellowmen.

Honor Certificates were awarded to B. P. Shafner, A. W. Armstrong, G. Healy, of the Freshman Class for excellence in Classics, and to A. J. Denton, for excellence in History.

The Edward Young Gold Medal to W. O. Wright, of N. B.; and the Governor-General's Medal to A. J. Denton.

The Alumni prizes were presented by Mr. H. H. Bligh, President of the Alumni Association.

The Monthly Essay Prize was taken by J. Goodwin; and to J. A. Faulkner and C. K. Harrington honorable mention. 1st Matriculation Prize, A. J. Denton; 2nd Matriculation Prize, C. K. Harrington.

The President said there were several distinguished gentlemen present from whom brief addresses would be acceptable, and called on the Hon. P. C. Hill. Mr. Hill expressed the surprise and gratification he had felt at what he had seen and heard. It was evident that a warm interest was felt by those present in the cause of higher education. He had but recently returned from the exhibition of material wonders brought together at Philadelphia from all parts of the world. In that he saw the results of mechanical skill and enlightened industry, but here he saw what had been effected in the realm of mind. What he had seen had shewn him that the government had done right in the measure of last session. He believed that by a wise application of the measure establishing the University of Halifax, a further benefit would arise and he hoped that the faculty and friends would give to it their hearty

support as a measure calculated to greatly improve all the Colleges. It depended for its success on the support of the Colleges. He believed they could elevate the standard of education by so doing.

Mr. W. Elder, of the St. John Telegraph, on invitation, arose and gave forth a few well chosen remarks on the evidences of high cultivation that were so apparent in the Orations of the Graduates. These, he said, would have done credit to the larger institutions in the mother country. He regretted that he had not been present to have heard the graduating essays of the young ladies, especially that of Miss Schurman on "The limits of the possible," and that of Miss Crawley on "Life in the East." He had been greatly delighted with all he had seen and heard since he came to Wolfville. He could but wish that the same advantages which were here enjoyed might soon become general, so that with the beautiful scenery and classic traditions we might have a host of well cultivated minds instead of the present limited number.

Hon. Dr. Parker gave a few brief remarks in reference to the New Academy building, erected during the year, shewing the large expenditure it had involved, and the very great advantages both institutions were deriving from it. He appealed for further contributions to remove existing liabilities.

The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNI DINNER

was the next item. A large number of persons went directly to the Academy, in the Dining Hall of which the dinner was provided. Here we were soon admitted, and supplied with the essentials of a good substantial meal. About 200 sat down to dinner. When all had been satisfied with these material parts of the feast, the President, H. H. Bligh, Esq., called upon several of the persons present to speak. The first of these was the Hon. Provincial Secretary, who followed out the course of remark begun in the morning meeting, adding thereto his own recollections of the years he had spent in the Academy previous to the formation of the College. He alluded to the work of Judge Blowers in forming the character of Nova Scotia law as shewing what one man of commanding ability with a determined will could do. He again referred to the action of the government in seeking to promote the best interests of Higher Education and expressed the hope that Acadia College would participate in the benefit of the New University of Halifax. He congratulated the Baptists present on the efficiency of Acadia College and Horton Collegiate Academy, and gave expression to his best wishes for its future success.

Wm. Elder, Esq., was again invited to speak. He arose and alluded to the deep interest he felt in the educational operations in this province and New Brunswick. He went into a somewhat detailed account of the educational work in New Brunswick, especially the Free Common and High Schools, and the Normal School work, and paid a high compliment to Dr. Rand, the Superintendent of Education in that province, for whom they were so much indebted to this. They had found him a most enthusiastic educationist, and most devoted earnest, faithful worker.

Mr. E. defended the establishment and support of High Schools for the children of the rich as just and proper, seeing that their property is taken for the general support of schools. He said he should return to New Brunswick, having a more exalted view of the institutions of Nova Scotia, more particularly of those at Wolfville, and should always be pleased to make known to the people of his own province what he had seen of the work being done at Acadia.

Rev. Mr. Carey on being called for spoke of the high gratification his visit now for the first time to an Anniversary of Acadia College had given him. He had been present at every session during the several days of Examination and had witnessed the thoroughness of the course of education given to the students in Horton Academy—both Male and Female Classes.

Robert Sedgwick, Esq., was next called on who was introduced as the President of the Associated Alumni of Dalhousie College. Mr. Sedgwick paid a high compliment to the College and Academy. The indications of efficiency which they had witnessed was highly gratifying. He had been greatly pleased with the whole aspect of the Institutions, so much so that so soon as a union of the Maritime Provinces could

be effected, he would be glad to see Wolfville made its educational centre; as it was to a considerable extent already in its faculty its students and its governors.

Rev. Dr. Sawyer in response to an invitation from the chairman, said it was now upwards of twenty years since he commenced laboring in behalf of Acadia College, and he could speak for himself and colleagues that their great difficulty had always been that they were called to perform more labor than by right they should, but they were willing to do so, as they found the young men coming to them from year to year, with so strong a desire for educational culture. He referred to the recent action of the Government, on University Education, and for himself highly appreciated their desire to afford encouragement to the institutions now in existence. He was not prepared to give any announcement what steps the governors of the College would take in reference thereto. They might be able to work in harmony with the new Act, and he could well appreciate the advantages that might be gained to the cause of education by a combination of men from each of the Colleges comparing their plans of working and adopting the best methods of procedure. The whole subject deserved calm and careful consideration and he believed it would receive this at the hands of the parties controlling the several institutions of the Province.

Rev. Dr. Crawley spoke with warmth and vigor on the past history and present aspect of the College.

Mr. Sumichrast of the *Morning Chronicle*, in an excellent and appropriate speech, referred to the productions of the students as of a high order, and all the proceedings as most satisfactory. He shewed himself to have had long experience as a teacher, which qualified him to form a correct judgment in scholastic matters, and he was listened to with much interest.

D. B. Woodworth, Esq., on being invited gave a characteristic speech, in which he said he felt called upon to announce himself a member of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition, and as the Prov. Secretary had asked for approval of one of the government measures of the past session, he felt it incumbent on him to notice that measure. He did not think the government deserved any thanks for doing what they had done, in fact they could not safely do otherwise. It is said that the grants given were to be withdrawn after five years, but no reason had been given why this should be done. It had been said that at the end of five years a Central Teaching University would be established and the present arrangement was only preliminary to such a movement. He did not believe that this would be, for he did not think the people wished it to be so, nor would it be the best for education. No young man would leave his own mother to go and live with his step-mother. Mr. W. excused himself for introducing the political aspects of this question on the ground that the Provincial Secretary had spoken of the University Question as a politician. Being in the county which he had the honor to represent in Parliament, he hoped he might be excused.

All joined in singing the National Anthem and the meeting was dissolved.

In the evening a Concert of Instrumental and Vocal Music was given by the Halifax Granville Street Church Choir, conducted by Wm. Ackhurst, Esq., having been invited to do so by the Graduating Class, and also to supply the music for the Anniversary Exercises.

The attendance was large, and the several anthems and pieces rendered were well received and applauded.

The following is the programme:

OVERTURE—*Poet and Peasant*. Piano-forte (four hands) and Cornet.

ANTHEM—"O come let us Sing," &c. SOLO AND CHORUS—"Incline thine ear."

PIANO DUET—Selections from Massinello.

ADDRESS—By Rev. Mr. Carey.

ANTHEM—"Render your heart."

ANTHEM—"Praise ye the Lord. Cry out and Shout."

SELECTION from Louisa Miller—Comet and Piano.

ANTHEM—"I will wash my hands in innocency."

TENOR SOLO with Cornet obligato—"The Splendor Falls."

ADDRESS—By Rev. George Armstrong.

SOLO with variations from William Tell—Pianoforte.

ANTHEM—"I waited patiently."

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

There were several very pleasing features in the exercises at Wolfville. One thing we noticed that there was no effort on the part of any speaker to dis-