

I read the book through, though I was several times disturbed by the woman, who broke out now and then, and said she wanted to see my feet, and wanted to know what was behind the curtain, and how I could live without a cigar. Still, on the whole, she was a pretty serious minded woman, and said she had no doubt but what the book said was true. She had long since lost her faith in their system, for they had no God, and her uncle, who was a priest, had read our books, and liked them so well that he had left his monastery. She took two books and promised to come again.

Here come some girls; they have been in our schools, and we will hear what they say. They have brought me some flowers. One of them can read, and I will have her read this little book, and will ask her if she can repeat the Lord's Prayer.

She has forgotten all of the Commandments, but she can repeat much of the Old Testament history down to Joseph, and she can give the history of Christ. She has not been in the temple since she left school, but she thinks she can never overcome the temptation of going to the stage performance. She asks for a needle, and has stuck it in her back hair. She must go home and pound out rice, so I will give her a book. I think some of the good seed has taken root in her heart, and some time when I am dead and gone, she may be a christian mother.

Here come several men and women; they have often been here, and I shall have a pleasant time with them. The tall man would like to be baptized, but he cannot promise that he will keep our sabbath if his work is pressing, and his own soul has no special love for the day.

This is God's book. "This is God's book," he said to a man at the door, "come in and listen;" see now, he has turned to the sixth chapter of Matthew. He asked me about the lilies the other day, and I was pleased to find one in one of my pictures to show him. He tells that man that he has been trying to serve two masters, but he will henceforth serve one, "And that one, who, please?" "Tah wah yah Puh, the eternal God," he replies. "Don't you believe me, mamma?"

Here comes one of the preachers, and he must preach and read to the men, and I will call the pastor's wife, and we will have the women. Here comes a company of timber men. They have broken their contract, and I must help our men to secure our money; here come some carts with our house-posts. If we do not attend to this work, they will drop the posts far from our house plot. One of the preachers must talk with these women too, and I must go with these workmen. It is not all Bible work here, it is a little of everything. We want a large share of patience and perseverance and all the virtues, for Satan comes to us as well as to these heathen.

For the Christian Messenger.

Lecture on Inverness Co., C. B.

Dear Editor,—

Many of your readers are interested in the future prospects of Cape Breton. I therefore send you a brief account of an able and interesting lecture delivered in the Hall at this place on Monday evening the 11th inst., by Mr. B. H. Eaton, A. M., of Halifax. Subject, "The Resources and Prospects of the County of Inverness." After a few introductory remarks, Mr. E. entered upon his subject, by showing that the said county in its agricultural capabilities is equal to any county in the Province, Kings and Annapolis excepted. He then directed attention to its immense and inexhaustible mineral wealth. Referring first to the Broad Cove coal mine, which he believed to be of almost illimitable dimensions, and which, owing to its nearness to the surface has an advantage over any mine on the island.

Mr. E., then in a very clear and interesting style alluded to the Iron mine, which was no doubt extensive, and he believed contained iron of a very superior quality. Brief reference was also made to the Marble Mountain and to the Plaster and Freestone quarries, all of which are immense sources of wealth. But the most interesting feature of the lecture was an account of the Lake Ainslie Petroleum operations now in progress. Mr. E. had with him a sample of the valuable liquid, three or four barrels of which have already been pumped from a depth of 40 feet below the surface.

Having dwelt at some length on the resources of the county, which in many respects, he showed to be superior to any in the province, he proceeded to picture its future greatness, and made

us feel that in a short time poor men must of necessity be very scarce in Inverness. He mentioned the Intercolonial Railway which is soon to terminate eastward at Port Mulgrave, and also the Port Hawkesbury and Broad Cove railway, on the Cape Breton side, which is now in anticipation; and said it was obvious, that on the completion of these railways Hawkesbury and Mulgrave would be centres of commerce in this province, so that ten years hence, these villages will likely have developed into flourishing cities. From the immense natural deposits of Cape Breton, it is evident that she is now in the infancy of her greatness. "All that is now required in order to the opening up of many branches of profitable industry within her borders, is a spirit of enterprise."

If any one is yet an unbeliever in the future greatness of this island, let him bear in mind that petroleum, the existence of which in this county is no longer a matter of conjecture, is a great luminary.

Mr. E. concluded his excellent lecture with a glowing description of the scenery in the parts of the island which he had visited.

If our friends in the Western parts of the province, wish to retain the high appreciation which they now have for the muddy waters of the Minas Basin, and the Annapolis and Avon Rivers, I would not advise them to make a visit to the crystal waters of the Strait of Canso, nor to take a trip down the Bras d'Cr Lake, where in addition to its sparkling bosom you behold on either side such scenery as, to my mind, is not equalled any where else in the province. As I write only from memory I would not attempt to give extracts from the lecture, which was highly appreciated by us who heard it. I hope it will not fail to appear in print.

E. J. GRANT.

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THE ANNIVERSARIES AT WOLFVILLE.

The first week of June always brings with it developments which render Wolfville a most attractive centre. This year was no exception. The earliness of the season has given such a start to the foliage and vegetation generally that the month may this year be emphatically termed "leafy June." The succession of pilgrims to the N. S. Baptist Mecca continues, and the gatherings during the past week to witness the triumphs of toil and research in the domain of letters and thought, were in no wise diminished in numbers or interest. Changes in the persons are, of course, occurring each year, and we are always missing one and another from the ranks of former years, and finding new friends to supply their places. We cannot restrain the tendency of such seasons to awaken reminiscence and comparison. In this line the picture of the old stage coach and six horses with its piles of humanity inside and out, who have been all day on the road, and now come in with clouds of dust surrounding them, rises up before us as a thing of the past, whose return is not to be thought of or desired. Instead of this we step from the train of palatial carriages where we have sat in ease and comfort for a couple of hours or so, and, stepping out on the platform, we are met by a host of friends ready to give a hearty welcome, which shews us that notwithstanding the changes of years and the variation in the circumstances and persons, the same spirit dwells with the children as animated the fathers, and Anniversary week still produces a glow in the warm hearts of the people of Wolfville, which makes it one of the loveliest places on earth. The weather, too, was all that could be desired. Everything looked gay. Each year adds new buildings, and by filling up the vacant spaces, gives it more of a town appearance; but it is still in its varied surroundings unsurpassed, we believe, by any town or village in these lower provinces.

The Examinations of the students of Horton Collegiate Academy were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and conducted by the several teachers in the presence of such friends as were desirous of ascertaining, and entering into the details of, what had been taught during the term. These were sufficient to indicate that both teachers and students have been at work and have sought by the latest and most approved methods to gather from the

stores of knowledge and enquiry, and lay a broad and firm foundation for the fair superstructure to be reared in future years, in an intelligent, studious, enterprising, and prosperous Christian people.

On Wednesday afternoon the Public Exhibition of the Academy took place in the Baptist Church, which was well filled with the students and friends of the Institution. The Academy Hall, which has heretofore been the place for this part of the exercises for many years past, is found not sufficiently commodious for all who wish to be present. Professor Tufts, and Messrs. Coldwell & Eaton, Teachers, and several members of the Committee and other friends, occupied the platform. Professor Tufts conducted the exercises according to the following programme:—

Duet, (Overture) —Le Cheval De Bronze, Misses Robbins and Shafner.

Essay.—Living with an Aim, Miss Ellen Freeman.

Duet.—Ermani, Misses Brown and Sawyer.

Solo.—Faust, Miss Curry.

Essay.—The Study of Natural Science, Mr. Albert Pineo.

Essay.—Thomas Rabington Macauley, Mr. G. W. Gates (Excused).

Duet.—May Dance, Misses Graves and Rice.

Duet.—Lucretia Borgia, Misses Cann and Chute.

Essay.—Hebrew Poetry, Miss Bessie Shaw.

Duet.—Priests March, Misses Killam and McKeen.

Essay.—L'Acadie, Miss Lucy Curry.

Duet.—Le Tourbillon, Misses McLeod and Robbins.

Essay.—Whitewash, morally considered, Miss Jennie Fitch.

Solo.—Recollections of Home, Miss Cann.

Essay.—What to Read and How, Mr. Arthur Chute.

Duet.—Les Colombes Messageres, Miss Crowell and Wier.

Essay.—Uses of Culture, Miss Annie Gillmor.

Duet.—Shepherd Boy's Song, Misses Harding and Killam.

Solo.—Le Fete des Fees.

The essays read and spoken by the students, both ladies and gentlemen, were well prepared and given with vigor and propriety, shewing careful culture on the part of the Teachers, and diligent and successful study on the part of the pupils.

Music, it will be observed, filled up a large part of the afternoon, and indicated that quite a number of the young ladies were very efficient performers on the pianoforte. A few pieces of Vocal Music might have been added, which we think should be a regular study for all the pupils, if it is not already.

The essay on "What to read, and how" by a son of our former French Missionary was well spoken, and shewed that the author might be expected to take a high position in future years, after passing through his College Course.

The Essay "L'Acadie" was listened to with close attention, but, being in French, the greater part of the audience had to take it on trust and believe that it was all right. It might have been more fully appreciated, by a company of those, who, in former times, occupied these plains of Grand Pri, supposing to them have been addressed by the real Evangeline, "That maiden of seventeen summers."

The Essay by Miss Fitch on "Whitewash, morally considered," although far from being the most profound, yet, as we thought many of our readers would be interested to know the true morality of whitewash, we are pleased to inform them that the author has consented to allow it to appear in print, we shall therefore be able to present it to them in our next issue.

Diplomas were presented to two young ladies, Miss Bessie Shaw and Miss Jennie Fitch, who had completed the course of three years.

Prizes were awarded as follows.—

1st Essay Prize of five sovereigns, to Miss Annie Gillmour, of St. George, N. B., the donation of Wm. Elder, Esq., M. P. F., St. John, N. B.

2nd Essay Prize of \$10 to Mr. A. C. Chute, of Stewiacke.

Elocution Prize of \$5, also, to Mr. A. C. Chute, of Stewiacke, the donation of Mark Curry, Esq., of Windsor.

Prize for Latin, \$5, to Miss Laura Gourley, of Great Village, Londonderry, the gift of Rev. G. M. W. Carey.

Prize for Greek, \$5, to Mr. Harry Bentley, of Paradise, donation of Clifford Locke, Esq., of Lockport.

Prize for English Literature, \$5, to Miss Ellen Freeman, of Canning, donation of H. I. Chase, Esq., of Hopkinton, N. H.

Prize for Arithmetic, Medal, to Mr. Howard Schofill, of Black River, gift of Earl Dufferin.

Prize for Reading, a volume, to Miss M. McLeod, of Brooklyn, gift of Miss Woodworth.

Prize for neatness of rooms, to Misses Rice and Chute, of Bear River, gift of Mrs. Mark Curry, Windsor.

Prize for English Grammar, a volume, Mr. A. N. Roscoe, Centreville, Cornwallis, gift of Mr. F. H. Eaton.

Prize for good Spelling, a volume, to Miss Bessie Shaw, gift of Professor Tufts.

Prize for Geography, a volume, to Mr. Rupert Dodge, Middleton, gift of Mr. F. H. Eaton.

The Academy has well sustained its reputation for both numbers and efficiency. The numbers being for the Academical year, 77 males and 61 females. Of these, 108 are Boarders, whilst 80 are Day Scholars.

It appears from the Report of the Superintendent of Education that in the Calendar year of 1876 Horton Collegiate Academy had 176 students in Latin and 87 in Greek, whilst in all the other six Special Academies there, are 178 in Latin and 58 in Greek. In the ten County Academies there were but 116 in Latin and 37 in Greek.

After these awards had been announced and presented amidst the hearty applause of their fellow students, the class of Matriculates, consisting of 24 young men, now ready to pass into College, arose and received a few highly appropriate remarks from Professor Tufts, in relation to their past labors and future prospects.

This closed the Term of 1876-7.

One other feature is worthy of brief notice—the young ladies had previously all agreed that their dresses should be of cotton material, by this means avoiding the disparity and impropriety of dress sometimes seen on such occasions. Neatness was the order of the day, and it was evident that outward adornments were not the great objects to be secured. All was in excellent taste, and afforded the greatest pleasure to the audience and friends.

In the evening Professor Foster, of Fredericton University gave a most able lecture on "The need of High Culture." It occupied more than an hour and a half. Professor F. is a man of finely cultivated powers, and shewed that he possessed a high appreciation of mental cultivation. His lecture was well received and elicited much eclat in the course of its delivery.

After the Lecture the Alumni Association held its Annual Session. H. H. Blich, Esq., ex-President of the body, occupied the chair—the President, E. D. King, Esq., being absent in consequence of lameness. After various matters, financial and otherwise had been transacted, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—E. D. King, Esq., (re-elected.)

Vice do.—Rev. G. W. M. Carey, A. M.

Secretary—B. H. Eaton, Esq., A. M. (re-elected.)

Treasurer—L. M. Smith, Esq., A. B., (re-elected.)

Directors—R. N. Beckwith, H. H. Blich, A. Coldwell, Esqs., Revs. W. P. Everett and J. W. Manning.

At the last session of the Baptist Convention it was decided to allow the Alumni Association to nominate for election two persons as Governors of the College. It was unanimously agreed at this meeting that the two gentlemen to represent the Association on the Board of Governors be B. H. Eaton, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., and T. H. Rand, Esq., of Fredericton, N. B.

The Governors of the College held several meetings during the week for the purpose of attending to the business of the College and Academy. We are informed that an intimation had been given that Professor Tufts would not be unwilling to return and resume the Principalship of the Academy. Negotiations were entered into, the result of which was that he withdrew his resignation and has engaged with the Governors to enter again upon his duties as Professor of History in the College and Principal of the Collegiate Academy under conditions, doubtless, in full accordance with his own views, as they are for the best interests of the Academy. By Act of Parliament obtained last winter, the Academy was placed under the direction and control of the governors of the College, consequently, from the beginning of the coming year the Academy will be under the direction of the Faculty of the College; and the Principal of the Academy will be a member of said Faculty. The Principal will also live in the building with the young men of the Academy. This will be very acceptable to the parents whose sons may be in that institution, for it is a guar-

antee that they will have the best advice and supervision in matters pertaining to domestic life.

Anniversary Day opened propitiously. A slight shower during the night had been just sufficient to lay the dust and make all around look fresh and bright. Parties commenced to assemble in and around the Baptist Church more than an hour before the time of beginning. At 11 o'clock the usual procession of the Faculty, Students, Governors and friends were put in order, and marshalled to the audience room of the church by Jas. S. Morse, Esq., an early graduate and fast friend of the Institutions. The platform was occupied by President Sawyer and the Professors and several of the Governors, Professor Foster of Fredericton University, the Superintendent of Education and other friends.

Prayer was offered by Rev. I. E. Bill.

The Orations by the Graduating class were highly finished productions, full of matured thought, and delivered with much vigor and ease. The first was by Mr. B. P. Shafner, "A contrast between the Stoics and the Epicureans." The second by Mr. Joshua Goodwin—Subject, "History Prophetic."

President Sawyer then announced that the degree of Bachelor of Arts, would be given to the Graduating Class, and that five of the former Graduates would receive the degree of M. A. Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. J. A. Durkee, A. I. Eaton, J. B. Mills, and J. W. Longley. The usual ceremony of conferring these degrees on those present was then observed, after which the Alumni Prizes were handed to those entitled to receive them by H. H. Blich, Esq., of Halifax, ex-President of the Alumni Association in place of the President, E. D. King, who was unable to be present. The Prizes were as follows:

Monthly Essay Prize, \$25, B. W. Lockhart, Lockhartville.

Scholarship Prizes, Junior Class, \$20, M. R. Tuttle, Stellarton. Sophomore Class, \$20 divided between A. J. Denton, Waterford, and C. R. Harrington, Sydney.

Freshman Class, \$20, G. W. Cox, Upper Stewiacke.

Matriculation Prizes awarded Sept. 1876. 1st. \$20, John E. Armstrong, Granville Ferry. 2nd. \$10, Walter Barss, Wolfville.

Dr. Sawyer then announced that the Governor General's Medal, for excellence in Classical department had been awarded to Walter Barss, Wolfville.

The award of Honor Certificates was deferred to the opening of the College in September, on account of the absence of some of the Professors.

The Vocal Music given in the intervals from the same platform was by a few ladies and gentlemen, friends of the College, from St. John, N. B., as follows:

1. CHORUS—"Joy, joy Freedom today."

2. SOLO—"Consider the lilies of the field," Miss Prudie Hartt.

3. TRIO—"The Mariners," Miss Foster, Mr. J. S. Harding, and Mr. Akerley.

4. SOLO—"Come unto Him all ye that labor," Miss Foster.

5. National Anthem.

Miss Lottie Hartt presided at the Pianoforte.

These pieces were in excellent taste and finely executed. They fully met all our high anticipations. The Misses Hartt, daughters of the late Jarvis Hartt, Esq., favorably known for many years as Principal of the Horton Academy have an established reputation in St. John, as skilful musicians.

And now what shall we do? Our space is nearly filled and although we have abbreviated what we wanted to say, and have said very much less of each part of the proceedings than we intended, yet we have said nothing at all about the EVENING CONCERT or the ALUMNI DINNER, both of which might well take up two or three columns. But, as we dare not crowd out everything else, we must content ourselves by giving the Programme of the former premising that the audience was delighted, and, when calling an encore to two or three of the pieces, were favored by others equally beautiful, in addition.

1. OVERTURE—Oberon, Miss Robbins, and Miss Cann, of Horton Academy.

2. CHORUS—And there were Shepherds.

3. SOLO—When swallows come again, Mr. Akerley.

4. DUET—From our merry Swiss home, Miss Prudie Hartt, Miss Knight.

5. QUARTETTE—There's peace on the deep, Miss Emma Hartt, Miss Thompson, Mr. Akerley, Mr. J. S. Harding.

6. SOLO—Under the daisies, Miss Knight.

7. PIANO DUET—Invitation pour la