ACADIA COLLEGE, COLLEGI-ATE ACADEMY, AND ACADIA SEMINARY.

CLOSE OF THE FALL TERM.

The institutions of learning at Wolfville, have entered upon their Winter holidays, after a term of unusual mental activity on the part of both teachers and students. About one hundred and fifty young men and young ladies, have enjoyed the educational advantages of the term now closed. The great majority of these we learn, have been doing excellent work, all in fact that could be reasonably required of them. There are very few drones in the intellectual hive at Wolfville, and such as there are, are conspicuous by their singularity.

In addition to the usual written examinations for guaging attainments, a public examination of the classes in the Academy and Seminary, was held on Thursday in the following order. Advanced Latin by Prof. Tufts. Geography by Mr Armstrong. Physics by Mr. Coldwell. Physiology by Miss Graves. Latin by Miss Whidden, and French and German by Mdlle Huguenin. A reading was given by Master Willie Jones, and recitations by Master Isa. Wallace and Miss Kierstead. At the invitation of Prof. Tufts, brief addresses were given by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Dr. Schurman, and Mr. Barss, editor of the Star. These gentlemen complimented the teachers and pupils upon the proficiency of the schools as evidenced by the intelligent apprehension of the subjects upon which examination had been held. They thought that all had acquitted themselves admirably. On Thursday eve-

THE JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

to the following:

ORDER OF EXERCISES. Prayer—by Rev. George Armstrong.

The Study of History-Fred L Shaffner.

Williamston. The Formation of Character-Arthur L Calhoun, Summerside, P. E. I. Napoleon I., as seen by Madame de Rémusat-Snow P. Cook, Milton, Q.Co. The Function of the Orator-Ernest A.

Corey, Havelock, K. Co., N. B. Lord Macaulay-Arthur G. Troop, Dart-

The Political Destiny of Canada-Rupert W. Dodge, Middleton. The Rise of the Essay-Herbert W. Moore, Portland, N. B.

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These orations fully sustained the reputation that the young men of "Acadia " have acquired for vigor of thought | phy. Dr Cramp at that time spent and beauty of diction.

The music furnished by members of the Village Choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Burpee Witter-added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

After the delivery of the Orations, Dr. Sawyer gave a thoroughly enjoyable resume of his connection with

Acadia College. The President, after thanking the audience for the sympathetic attention with which they had listened to the young men who had just addressed them, said that it was in the early part of December, in 1855 that he first came to Wolfville, having been induced to accept a place on the staff of instructors in Acadia College by his acquaintance with several of the ministers of this Province with whom he had studied in the Theological Seminary at Newton. As it was twentyave years since he first attended a Rhetorical Exhibition of the College, it had occurred to him that it might be interesting to the students and perhaps to others, to hear something concerning the condition of things on the Hill at that time. He then proceeded to speak of various points and at considerable length. Only a sketch of

the remarks can be here presented. The following were the names of the members of the Sophomore class of the the first session of the College year 1855-56, the Exhibition at that time being by the Sophomore class,—Charles H. Corey, who is now Principal of there were interesting lines of conneccessfully pursued business for many present Professor of Hebrew was then as the above.

students in the College. The most of the College were studying here at that portunity of assuming to speak as if he knowledge of the truth." But such an as gloomy and inconvenient, yet the ernors had no idea where the balance work. boys managed to make it enjoyable. would come from. They frequently The students of the College had a said that they would have to close the the front of the Building. The dis- on. In 1858 they sent to each Protinction between College and Academy fessor a written communication stating The College then had but two class- not be responsible for any further payrooms, one in each wing of the Build- ment of salary and the Professors ing. If at any time a class could not | might consider themselves at liberty to find accommodation in one of these seek employment wherever they pleased. rooms, it was taken into the Library. But the people came together in a At that time the students were called meeting of the Convention and the by the ringing of the bell at six o'clock necessity of closing the College was in the morning, and shortly after they averted. After a few years the tide must report themselves to a monitor in seemed to turn, greater financial prosone of the class-rooms. College prayers perity came; and for the last fifteen were attended before breakfast. Classwork began at nine and continued till been constant and healthful. the middle of the day. Students and judging the future by the past he four in the afternoon for evening prayers. The present system of marktime referred to, and the opinion was expressed that after the experience of more beautiful, that other Buildings twenty-five years, it would be better to retain the system, activithstanding of students and of Professors would some criticisms that have been made then be present, that more numerous upon it. The students were required friends would arise to cherish and perto act as monitors in alphabetical order, petuate these interests, and that these the monitor's duties being to ring the results would be largely due to the bell whenever it might be necessary, to devoted labors of students there before keep the list of absences at the six him. milit out to remain the six the day, and attend to various other was held in Assembly Hall, according | matters pertaining to the comfort of the students. It is only within a few years that the students obtained exemption from monitorial service by the payment of a small fee. Examinations by written papers bad been introduced at that time, but regular oral examinations also were held in the

presence of all the Professors.

Three Professors were the Faculty of the University of Acad'a College twenty-five years ago. Dry Crawley had just closed a long period of useful and honourable service for the College, and gone to the United States to look after important business interests. Dr. Cramp was discharging the duties of President of the College, and was the only Professor in the Theological Department. Besides this, he had the classes of the College in History, Logic, Political Economy and Moral Philosofour or five hours a day in the classroom for five days in the week. It is remarkable that he could have performed so much labor and retained to so high a degree the vigor of his mind. In some departments he was prepared to give exceedingly valuable instructions. The public for whom he toiled had very imperfect ideas of the severity or of the value of his labors. The Mathematical Department was in the charge of Professor Stewart, a graduate of Brown University, and a very enthusiastic and successful teacher. The high rank which the Mathematical Department of Acadia has held, has been largely owing to the labors of Professor Stewart, the character which he gave it being transmitted through the present Mathematical Professor, who was one of Professor Stewart's students. The President said that the Classical and the Rhetorical Departments were in his charge, he being then the junior member of the Faculty. It was expected class room four hours a day. The students of that time were not so numerthe students labored as patiently and favorably with the work of the students of the present time. The senior studies of the present curriculum were in the prescribed course of that day.

Mention was made of the fact that | promptly. Richmond Institute, Richmond, Va.; tion between the College as it is now,

years the growth of the College has

twenty-five years the College would have an Endowment of at least a quargrounds would be enlarged and made would be erected, that larger numbers

tration of our educational affairs, and institutions.

behalf the Associated Alumni of Acadia College. The recipients were

Miss Marshall of Lawrencetown. \$20 00 Mr. J. K. Hutchinson, Parrsboro. 10 00

The proceedidgs closed with THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The editor of the St. John Visitor last week, says "(1.) Our Halifax contemporary seems to be much exercised on the subject of Foreign Missions; and (2.) desires the Minutes of the F. M. Board meetings published. (3.) ted to the press by the Secretary."

to heathen lands.

that each Professor would labor in the bute of their means for its support, are churches.

George G. Sanderson, who has suc- and the College as it was then. The John, he had better avoid such remarks the new English version will have the New York contemporaries, that it would

which will be found in our present by his revision can repair and beautify

The English Language has greatly changed in the 500 years since Wyclif's first translation of the Sacred Scriptures. His version was probably as well understood by the people of that day as ours is in this. After reading the article on our first page on the subfour, with an interval of an hour in In closing the President said, that ject, it may not be inappropriate to give a specimen of Wicklif's transla-Professors in College costume, met at believed that at the close of the next tion. The following from 1 Cor. xiii. 4-13 would seem to us when compared with our New Testament very much ing was in use in the College at the ter of a million of dollars, that the like a foreign language. It was then the English.

"Charite is pacient, it is benygne, or of good will, charite enuyeth not, it doth not gyle, it is not imblowyn 'with pride, it is not ambicious, 'or coueitous of worchipis, it sekith not the thingis that ben her owne it is not stired to wraththe, it thenkith not yuel, it ioyeth not in wickidnesse, forsoth it togidere to treuthe; it suffrith Golden hair'd Ally, whose name is one o'clock roll-call, to prepare the wood The President's address was listened alle thingis, it bileueth alle thingis, it for the class-rooms, make the fires and to with rapt attention interrupted by hopith alle thingis, it susteyneth alle keep the rooms comfortable through repeated bursts of applause. After its thingis. Charite fallith not down, where delivery, Dr. Welton, on behalf of the prophycyes schulen be voydid, ether Faculty and friends of the College langagis schulen ceesse, ether science tendered hearty congratulations to the schal be distroyed. Forsoth of party President upon his successful adminis- we han knowen, and of party we prophesien; forsothe whanne that schal wished him a long and prosperous fu- come that is perfyt, that thing that is ture in connection with our educational of party schal be avoydid. Whanne I was a litil child, I spak as a littl child, Two Matriculation Prizes were then I vndirstood as a litil child, I thought presented by Mr. Albert Coldwell, on as a litil child; forsoth whanne I was maad man, I auoydide tho thingis that weren of ailitil child. Forsoth we seen now by a myrour in a derknesse thanne forsothe face to face; now knowe of party, 'thanne forsoth I schal knowe, as and I am knowyn. Now forsothe dwellen feith, hope, and charite thes thre; forsoth the mooste of these is charite."

> The foregoing paragraph very naturally suggests the early appearance of the long anticipated Revision of the in England and the United States, for Here are three statements, the first ten years past. The work has been of which alone is true. (1.) We do not divested of all chance of being regarded deny that we are much exercised on as of a denominational character-with the subject of Foreign Missions, and Bishop Ellicot in the chair and surwe should think ourselves unworthy a rounded by such men as Archbishop place in a Baptist Church at this day, Trench, Dr. Newth (Independent), if we were not so. Having such ante- Dr. Eadie (Presbyterian)-until he cedents as we have, and having in the was removed by death, Dr. Angus field such devoted brethren and sisters (Baptist) and others of kindred spirit meetings-under the influence of a as we are permitted to co-operate with, and high reputation. Their work was it would be a shame and disgrace if we no easy task, a though performed entire- the platform, and proposing that were now to allow any adverse influ- ly without re-nuneration. They de- " Praise God from whom all blessings ences to lead us to become indifferent voted 412 days of seven hours each flow " should be sung. Dr. Kerr was to the great work of sending the gospel to the honorable service. Their work at the time in the chair, and he having is now passing through the press, and strong aversion to singing anything (2.) Our brother will find it a diffi- will shortly be given to the public on but the Psalms of David in public cult task to give to his words a semb- both sides of the Atlantic. It will worship, undertook to reprove Dr. lance of truth, when he says we "de- probably be submitted to the British Schaff and pronounced his act "an sire the minutes of the F. M. Board Parliament to determine whether it intrusion and incivility." meetings published." Our readers who shall be regarded as the authorized are also "much exercised on the sub- versions and so supercede the present up the matter, and pronounces that ject of Foreign Missions," and contri- one, made in 1611, in the English Pan-Presbyterianism a little too "Pan."

desirous of knowing something occa- In the first place, this will be a but it was very evident that there was sionally, and that officially, of what is translation from a sounder and more ous as at present; but it was said that being done in the Foreign field, and if trustworthy text. We want the text anything of interest comes before the in its original purity. The authors of majority to the minority in the matter thoroughly as those of a later day, and Foreign Mission Board at home, they our present authorized version translated of singing, but, the absence of a comwish to know of it through the recog- from manuscripts, "of later date than munion service arose from the same nized chanuel of communication-the the tenth century." Since that time cause, and the Council really endorsed CHRISTIAN MESSENGER. The more a large number of much more ancient the close-communion principle by deimportant the matter, the more reason copies and versions have been diswhy it should be given officially and covered and deciphered-some of them deference to these anti-hymn-singing going back even to the second and brethren who would not unite with If our brother wishes to help the third centuries. The value of these their hymn-singing Presbyterian brethcause entrusted to the Board at St. discoveries is beyond all estimate, and ren. It is suggested by one of our full advantage of them. The second be well to save much of the breath years in Yarmouth; Edw. M. Saunders, a resident graduate here, pursuing (3.) We have yet to learn that the result will consist in a more faithful spent in denuaciations of other denomi-Pastor of the Granville Street Baptist some Theological and some general Secretary has given to the press for translation. There is no need serious- nations, and seek to bring these mem-Church, Halifax; Henry Vaughan, studies. The present Professor of publication of ly to disparage the old one, which has bers of their own body into union line. who was Pastor of the Germain Street Mathematics, though not resident in the resignation of Brother and Sister done such noble service in this country Baptist Church, St. John, N. B., and the College twenty-five years ago, had Armstrong. We do not care to bring for three hundred years. Dean Alford died several years ago; Simon Vaughan, his name on the class-lists at that time, as we might other illustrations of the who knew its defects so well, could say who now resides in Liverpool, England, and returned shortly after to resume inaccuracy of our brother's statement. of it: "It is a wonderful work; a pro- fer. and has been known as a true friend to his studies. The present Classical We are serry-that he has compelled vidential work; done, for the most part the College; and Robert L. Weatherbe, Professor was then in the Academy us so to speak in reference to our with care and faithfulness; transmitting, who is now one of the Judges of the preparing to matriculate the next June. | worthy Secretary, because, we be- blessed be God, enough of the Word of Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. In Besides these, the present Treasurer lieve it has been an error in judgment Life for the salvation of the soul, enough Sardinian and arrived at Halifax on those days there were about thirty and four of the present Governors of in allowing the St. John editor the op- for considerable building up in the Monday morning.

these had rooms in the College Build- time, either in the College or in the were commissioned to answer for the admission constitutes no reason why so ing. The pupils of the Academy had Theological Department. Board or the Secretary. His notice of excellent a version should not be pertheir rooms in the old Boarding House | During the period to which reference our remarks was entirely uncalled for, fected, if it can be-why it should not under the care of the Principal. Their has been made the College suffered ex- and gratuitous, as we made no refer- be improved as far as possible. There dining-room was in the basement, un- tremely from financial weakness. Often- ence to what had appeared in his col- are in it instances of singular mistransder the apartments now occupied by times when the salary of a quarter or umns. We apprehend that the Secre- lation. Dr. Woolsey, of Yale College, the Janitor. The room was described a half-year was paid, in part, the Gov- tary is fully able to attend to his own rightly says: "A perception of the finer rules of grammar and interpretation was wanting. In the use of the Two days after the above was writ- article, of the tenses and modes of verbs, separate dining-hall on the first floor in College, that it was impossible to go ten, we received the very interesting and of participles, and in a great variety communication from the Secretary, of other instances, the modern scholar was carefully observed in those days. that after a certain date they would issue. He will feel, we trust, that our the building reared by the older schoremarks are not in any other spirit than lars." Beyond this, obsolete forms of of the utmost kindness to himself, and expression can be replaced by those in regard for the cause he has so much at modern use, and those which have changed their meaning, and which are, therefore, misleading to those unacquainted with the change, can surrender to those which express the significance of the original in the language of to-day.

This may be considered as the completion of the work begun five hundred years ago by the "mid-day devil" as Wyclif was designated by the priesthood of his day. It is another recognition of the great principle, that the genuine Word of God is the nearest approach that can be made to the original rendered into the language of the people to whom it is given.

ALFRED TENNYSON, the poet Laureate of England, after half-a-century of growing fame and renown, has published a new volume of poems. At the commencement he reminds his readers that he is a grandsire, and in a pretty way dedicates the book to " Alfred Tennyson, my Grandson," as follows:

with mine, Crazy with laughter, and babble, and earth's new wine,

Now that the flower of a year and a half is thine, O little blossom, O mine, and mine of

Glorious poet, who never hast written a Laugh, for the name at the head of my verse is thine, May'st thou never be wrong'd by the

name that is mine! The Freeman closes a rather lengthy

notice by saying: The admirers of that puzzle to so

many, " De Profundis, the Two Greetings," will be pleased to see it again. It would now appear to have been written at the time of the grandchild's

Thus, with a word of sympathy for a children's hospital, with a message of forgiveness for an Irish wrong, with a bitter word for capital punishment in Rispah, with a satire on the law of entail, and with a vigorous teetotal tale, we have a volume remarkable enough. It New Testament, the product of the is a grand sight to see this septuagenari-Our brother must know that everything combined learning of the best scholars an poet writing, not only with the vigour of general interest is now communica- of the several different denominations and delight of a youth for beauty, but with that faith and hope which is in sympathy with the Great Reform movements of our day.

> The recent Pan-Presbyterian Council at New York does not appear to have been a success in every respect. Quite a discussion has arisen from the circumstance of Dr. Schaff in one of the glow of religious feeling-coming on

Dr. Robinson of New York has taken The form of a union was presented, but little besides the form. Not only was this shewn in the yielding of the clining to hold a communion service in

Two letters on the Scholarship Question we have been obliged to de-

Two boatmen, Sir Hugh Allan-a steam-boat man-and Warren Smith a row boat man,-both came out in the