

ACADIA COLLEGE, COLLEGIATE 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.

In addition to the usual written examinations for gauging attainments, a public examination of the classes in the Academy and Seminary, was held on Thursday in the following order.

THE JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

was held in Assembly Hall, according to the following:

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

- Prayer—by Rev. George Armstrong. Music—The Study of History—Fred L. Shaffner, Williamston.

These orations fully sustained the reputation that the young men of "Acadia" have acquired for vigor of thought 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.

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.

The following were the names of the members of the Sophomore class of 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 Richmond Institute, Richmond, Va.;

students in the College. The most of these had rooms in the College Building. The pupils of the Academy had their rooms in the old Boarding House under the care of the Principal. Their dining-room was in the basement, under the apartments now occupied by the Janitor.

Three Professors were the Faculty of the University of Acadia College twenty-five years ago. Dr. Crawley had just closed a long period of useful and honorable service for the College, and gone to the United States to look after important business interests.

Mention was made of the fact that there were interesting lines of connection between the College as it is now, and the College as it was then.

the College were studying here at that time, either in the College or in the Theological Department.

During the period to which reference has been made the College suffered extremely from financial weakness. Oftentimes when the salary of a quarter or a half-year was paid, in part, the Governors had no idea where the balance would come from.

In closing the President said, that judging the future by the past he believed that at the close of the next twenty-five years the College would have an Endowment of at least a quarter of a million of dollars.

The President's address was listened to with rapt attention interrupted by repeated bursts of applause.

Two Matriculation Prizes were then presented by Mr. Albert Coldwell, on behalf of the Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

The proceedings 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) Our brother must know that everything of general interest is now communicated to the press by the Secretary."

Here are three statements, the first of which alone is true. (1) We do not deny that we are much exercised on the subject of Foreign Missions, and we should think ourselves unworthy a place in a Baptist Church at this day, if we were not so.

(2) Our brother will find it a difficult task to give to his words a semblance of truth, when he says we "desire the minutes of the F. M. Board meetings published."

(3) We have yet to learn that the Secretary has given to the press for publication, any official notification of the resignation of Brother and Sister Armstrong.

If our brother wishes to help the cause entrusted to the Board at St. John, he had better avoid such remarks as the above.

portunity of assuming to speak as if he were commissioned to answer for the Board or the Secretary. His notice of our remarks was entirely uncalled for, and gratuitous, as we made no reference to what had appeared in his columns.

Two days after the above was written, we received the very interesting communication from the Secretary, which will be found in our present issue.

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.

Charite is pacient, it is benygne, or of good will, charite enuyeth not, it doth not gyle, it is not imblewyn 'with' pride, it is not ambitious, 'or' covetous of worshipis, it seketh not the things that ben her owne it is not stired to wraththe, it thenkith not yuel, it loyeth not in wickidnesse, forsoth it togidere to treuthe; it suffrih alle thingis, it bileueth alle thingis, it hopith alle thingis, it susteyneth alle thingis.

The foregoing paragraph very naturally suggests the early appearance of the long anticipated Revision of the New Testament, the product of the combined learning of the best scholars of the several different denominations in England and the United States, for ten years past.

In the first place, this will be a translation from a sounder and more trustworthy text. We want the text in its original purity. The authors of our present authorized version translated from manuscripts, "of later date than the tenth century."

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knowledge of the truth." But such an admission constitutes no reason why so excellent a version should not be perfected, if it can be—why it should not be improved as far as possible.

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.

ALFRED TENNYSON, the poet Laureate of England, after half-a-century of growing fame and renown, has published a new volume of poems.

Golden hair'd Ally, whose name is one with mine, Crazy with laughter, and babble, and earth's new wine, Now that the flower of a year and a half is thine,

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.

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.

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 meetings—under the influence of a glow of religious feeling—coming on the platform, and proposing that "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" should be sung.

Dr. Robinson of New York has taken up the matter, and pronounces that Pan-Presbyterianism a little too "Pan." The form of a union was presented, but it was very evident that there was but little besides the form.

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Two boatmen, Sir Hugh Allan—a steam-boat man—and Warren Smith a row boat man,—both came out in the Sardinian and arrived at Halifax on Monday morning.