ACADIA COLLEGE.

And the Work it is Doing. Its Influence upon our Educational Life.

List of the Students, etc.

Pen and Ink Sketches of the Professors

Acadia College has the advantage of possessing one of the finest situatio s in North America. The healthfulness of Wolfville is almost proverbial. Contagious diseases yery rarely make their appearance there. and never become epidemic. The North Mountain range is an effectual barrier against the Bay of Fundy fogs, which make themselves so disagreeable in some parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The atmosphere is exhilarating and favorable to mental effort, as well as to the development of a good physique The attractiveness of the scenery is quite note worthy. The view from the roof of the new Semilary building on a favorable day is one that leaves an abiding mpression upon the lover of natur I scenery. Stretched out before bim is a beautiful panorama of mountain, river, valley, sea and sky. The impressions received here remain a part of the mental furniture of the graduate long a ter he has entered upon the business of life, causing him often to look back longingly upon his pleasant student days, when free from care he roamed the hills and velleys of the land made classic by the genius of Longfellow.

Its Status,

Acadia Col'ege possesses a University Charter, but, as yet, she has only the Departments of A ts and Theology. She has always given special attention to the Arts' Course, aiming to make that as advanced and thorough as the educational condition of the Province would warrant. Afterwards he advocated the establishing of Her course is mainly model ed after the New | a College and became one of its first Profes-England Coll ge. It embraces a pretty formidable list of studie, giving prominence to the time honored subjects of Mathematics and Classics, while providing a liberal course in Science. The course in English is a very thorough one, including His ory, L gir, Rhetoric. Psycology, Moral Philosophy, &c. French and German are not prescribed, though many of the sudents take these. The aim of the College is to give a general training rather than a technical one. It makes no pretersions to be a school of Mines or applied Chemistry, but confines itself to the legitimate work of an Arcs' Course-

Mental Cul ure,

with all that this implies, leaving the technical education to its own schools. Those who have studied at Wolfville for a longer or shorter time may now be reckoned by thousands. Of these nearly five hundred have entered the full College course, and nearly two hun red have passed the first A. B. examinations since the fourding of the Institution in 1838. These graduates are to be found in many countries and following many callings, exhibiting under these differing conditions that intellectual vigor which the course at Acadia is designed to produce. Acadia College, we are informed, is the only Institution of its kind in Canada whose degrees have value at Harvard University. There it is on the same footing as the average New Ergland College, its graduates being admitted to the third year without examination. We

A List of the Present Under-G aduates

of Acadia, which we append. Owing to exception causes it is, we are informed, some what smaller than for the last few y ars. The length of time required for compliting the undergraduate work at this College is four years of nine months each—the most extended course, we believe, in the Maritime

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Arthur L. Calhoun,	Summeraide
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Snow P. Cook,	Million
Rupert W. D. ge,	Mi'd ston
*Charles L. Eaton,	Halifex
Herbert W. Moore,	Portlant, N.B
Frederic L. Shaff ver,	William s'on
F. Howard Schofield,	B'a k River
Arthur G. Troop,	Dartmouth
JUNIORS.	

Clarence W. Bradshaw, Centreville, P.E.I Wallace Corey, William C Gucher, osaph S Lockhart, Henry A. March, Bridgewater A. L. Powell, Sherman Rogers, M Cramp Saunders, Barclay B. Tremaine, C. Osborne Tupper, Amheret Otis C. S. Wallace, New Canaan W lfville Hercert Welton. D. Spurgeon Whitmar, New Albany

SOPHOMORES. Charles E. Baker, Barry H. Calkin, H. Bert Ellis. Ernest A. Freeman, Frank M. Kelley, Frank H. Knapp, Benjamin A. Lackhart. * Fred. A. Shand, Miss Clara B. Marshall,

FRESHMEN. ryin Balcom, elden Cummings, Lewis Donaldson, Zenas Freeman, Charles W. Hamilton, Harvey Longley, ernon Marsters, Edgar A. Magee, Henry T. Ross. Mark B Shaw. . W. Lingley, S. C. Walker, Miss Blanche Bishop,

Miss Alice Fitch,

Kingston |

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Walfville

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Lawrencetown

GENERAL STUDENTS. Fred. B. King, Antigon'sh Louis Porter, A. W. Jordan. Wolfvil e White S nds H. T. Mellish, Bothwell, P.E I John Calhoun, St John Arthur Jordan, Truro Robert McDonald, J. S. Brown, D. R. Smith P. E. Island Miss Lissie Higgins, Miss Laura Sawyer, Wolfvi la Miss Bessie Porter. Middleton *Absent this session.

The teaching staff of Acadia College consists of men eminent in their various de. partments. The President is

Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D. a native of New England, and was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1847. He subsequently took a three years course at Newton Theological Semirary, and became paster of He went to Linz's University and spent one of the New England Churches. From 1855 to 1860 he was Professor of Classics at Acadia College, a position he filled with distinguished ability. Those who enjoyed his instruction during those years well remember the thoroughness of his teaching, and his perfect mastery of the subjects he taught. The Governors said of him on his ret rement, that "his connection with the Institution has been of incalculable benefit theret," After leaving Nova Scotia, Dr. Sawyer was pastor of a church in Saratoga, and subsequently Principal of the New London Instiute. Upon the resignation of Dr. Cramp in 1869, he was selected to fill the important position of President of the College, an office for which his rare breadth of culture and eminent executive ability peculiarly fitted him. Under his administration progress is noticeable in all departments of the Univer-

That veteran Educationist the

Bev. A. E. Crawley, D. D., though in his 83rd year, is still in the teach ing staff of the College, in the department of Theology. His mental faculties seem unimpaired. Dr. Crawley was ne of the founders of the Academy at Wolfville in 1828. sors. He was president from 1853 to 1855, when he resigned and removed to the United States In 1866 he accepted a professorship ing staff ever since. It is impossible in this brief sketch to do anything like justice to the man so intimately connected with the founding of the Institution at Wol ville and the general advancement of bigher education throughout the Province. Dr Crawley is a graduate of King's College, Windsor. The mathematic chair is filed by

Prof. D. F. Higgins, A.M.

Prof. Higgins received his academic and college education at Wolfville, graduating from Acadia College in 1859. Immediately after he was appointed mathematical tu'or and subsequently professor. With good natural endowments, Professor Higgins has been a most diligent student in his own department od coll teral subjects, until in the higher. regions of abstract mathematics we imagine he has few equals in the Dominion. The severe work of his department is one of the most valuable parts of the College curriculum. Only one Institution in the Dominion we understand, Toronto University, gives as full a course in mathematics as Prof. Higgins requires. Ever since the introduction of the free-school system into Nova Scotia, of the University of Halifax.

The instructor in Greek and Latin is Prof. Robert Von Clure Jones, A. M., Prof. Jones is a native of P. E. Island. He received his early training in that excellent school, the Prince of Wales College at Charlottetown, and afterwards took the course at Acadia, graduating in 1860. He taught four years in Horton Academy, doing during that time very excellent work. In 1864 he was appointed Tutor in the College, becoming Professor in 1865. In 1876 he obtained leave of absence, and spent a year at Oxford of instruction pursued in that renowned sat of learning. He also travelled on the Continent, in addition to visiting Sect'and and interesting points in England, Prof Jones is blessed with a wonderfully refentive memory, as well as a keen appreciation of the gems of the ancient classios, and he has been to good purpose an indefat gable student of the masterpieces of Gre k and Roman literature. Few instructors have a betacquaintance with the grammatical niceties of the ancient tonques is an octavo work of 105 pp. and of the text is prodigious and it is said t' at be | ted Professor in Acadia College in 1880. New Canaan, N.B | has taught classes in some authors without using a book. Prof. Jones has lo been a Lockhartvil'e very diligent student of the English tongue, paying special attention to c r e.t pronuncia Amnerat ation. All the students have received great Amheret | benefit, both from his ex mi le and prec pt, in Halifax this particular. Prof Jones was one of the Ha'ifax | Examiners of the Halifax University for two

The chair of history is filled by Prof. J. Freeman Tufte, A.M.

Prof. Tufts is a native of Annapolis County. He studied at Horton Academy and Acadia Kentville | College, graduating therefrom with honors Fredericton in 1868. He taught one year in Horton Academy, afterwards going to Harvard S ckville University, where he was graduated in Lockharsville June 1872. While studying at Cambridge Windsor he won prizes to the value of \$500. He remained two years longer at the University, filling the office of Proctor and taking the Paradise past graduate course leading to the degree of A.M., which he received in 1874. While at Wo fvi'le Harvard he won the much coveted distinc Canning tion of being elected a member of the Phi Oaslow Bets Kappa Society. Mr. Tufts returned Paradise to Wolfville in August, 1874, to become Port Williams | Principal of Horton Collegiate Academy and Professor of History in Acadia Col ege. He Margaree has since been a very important factor in the Berwick | educational life of the W livide Institution, Margaree contributing very materially by his industry, Truro enthusiasm and business tact in furthering Grenwich its material prosperity. Under his ad-Wolfvile ministration there was a marked increase in

the attendance at the Academy. He has lately resigned this principal-hip to give himself more thoroughly to College work. Prof. Tufts is the author of several questionbooks, which are still used by students preparing for Harvard.

The Rev. D. M. Welton, A. M., Ph. D. has charge of Hebrew, Systematic Theology and Church Polity in the Theological department. Dr. Welton is a native of Tremont, Kings. He graduated from Acadia College in 1855 and subsequently acted as tutor in the College for one year. He studied at Newton and and was ordained for the Baptist Church at Windsor in Sept. 1857. After filling the pastorate very succesefully for 17 years, he was appointed Prof. of Toeology at Acadia He occupied thi position for two years when he obtained leave of absence to pu sue his studies abroad. years there engaged principally in Semitic suries. In 1878 he received at this University the degree of Ph. D on an examination in Hebrew, Syriac and Greek Philesophy. "he subject of his essay for the Doctora'e was "History of Herrew Learning in England." This work has been published and is a most gratifying exhibit of the learning and researches of its author. Dr. Welton, while abroad, travelled pretty extensively in France, Italy, Holland and B lgium. In 1878 he resumed his professional work at Acadia, Dr. Welton is accomplished linguist. While at Windsor he was a diligent student of the German language and literature, and had at tained to such prefic ency in that language that a short time in Leipzig enabled bim to converse in German with perfect case and to attend lectures in that tongue In addition to the Hebrew, he has studied Syriac, Chaldes, Armenian and Samaritan, and now ranks with the best Orientalists o the Dominion For the past six years the scientific department has been under the

Prof. G. T. Kennedy, A. M., B. Sc.

Prof. Kennedy is a graduate of McGill College and of the Yale Science School, He has studied under the two most eminent Geologists of America, Dr. Dawson and Dr. purpose. As a Geologist, Mineralegist, and Zoologist Prof. Kennedy has few lequals in the Dominion. He has lately resigned in the College and has been uron the teach- his position, and his successor has not yet been appointed. The instructor in French and German is

Mrs. A. W. Armstrong

(nee Mlle Huguenin). Mrs. Armstrong is native of Switzerland, and a very accomplished lady. She has proved herself an excellent teacher in these languages having that familiarity with them that only a native

The latest addition to the teaching staff is Prof. J. Gould Schurman, A M.,

the accomplished instructor in Logic, Psychology and English Literature. Dr. Schurman is a native of P. E. Island. He wor the Government Scholarship on that island in 1870, worth £20 a year for two years, a Prince of Wales College. He studied two years at Acadia College (1873-5), winning while there the Monthly Essay Prize and first-class honors in Mathematics and Classics. In 1875 he won the Gilchrist Scholar Prof. Higgins has been one of the Provincial ship for the Dominion of Canada, g ving him Examiners. He was also one of the Senators | £100 Stg. for 3 years and matriculating him into Load n University On the list for that year he stood tenth out of 700. He studied in London, Paris and Edinburgh; but took his B. A., in London 1877; stand ing first in the general aggregate of marks Out of 160 who went up at that time for the B. A., degree or ly about 50 passed, and o these Dr Schurman was aux He won a this time a scholarship worth \$50 a year for 3 years and afterwards the Hume Scholarship in Political Economy, worth £20 a year for 3 years. He received his M. A, at University Cilez . London in 1878. In this year he also took the degree of D. Sc. in Mental an Moral Philosophy, at the University of Edinbur, h. Out of five applicants for this familiarizing himself with the best methods | degree at that time he was the only successful one. In the same year he won the Hibb rt Travelling Fellowship for Great B isain and Ireland wo th £200 ste. a year, fo two years. These years, 1878-80. he spent in Germany and Italy. Prof Schurman has been a di igent student of Kant; and his theme, written for the H bbert Trus ees, was entitled 'Kantian Ethics and the Ethics of Evolution." The Trustees have had this valuable Ess y pullished and it has recently made its appearance from the house of Williams and N rgate, London. than Prof. Jones, and few are better able to being highly commend d by competent point out literary excellence. His know edge | judges. Dr. Schurman was appoin-

> tion, despite the law, of all the six points, except incense. They rule that two candles shall be used of sarum colours, and that certain genuflections may be displaced by a simple inclination of the head and body.

> of snails are sent to the Paris market daily from the gardens of Poitou, Burgundy and Provence, where the breeding of them is made a specialty. The natural delicate flavor of their flesh is improved by feeding them on aromatic

Harvard University replied to the request of Miss Kate E. Morris, a graduate of Smith College, for admis. sion to candidacy for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, that "the corporation are not prepared to admit women as candidates for a degree."

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Our Union Meetings.

Dear Editor .-

I had purposed sending you a few lines concerning the above at once after their close, but I presume that now you have already had full reports in our denominational papers, by which you will have seen that the meetings, as anticipated in my last, were mist successful and interesting. In the papers read, speeches delivered, and serm ins preached, some of our best men appeared at their best, as a perusal of the same in the Freeman or Baptist will reveal, from which papers I dare say you will extract such plums as you think will please the palate of your readers. The great attraction at both Portsmouth and Southampton, at which towns the meetings were held, was Mr. Spurgeon. At the former town he preached in the great Music Hall, which was crammed inside and out as an Irishman would say. Reaching the hall half an hour before time, it was with the greatest difficulty I got in, and had to stand all the time, and that too where I could not see the preacher. On the platform were Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, and a number of dockyard and other officials. Mr. Spurgeon was evidently nervous. On getting on to the platform he asked the people not to move from their seats should any alarm be raised. All through he seemed Dana; and has used his advantages to good somewhat hampered. Evidently the accident in Surrey Hall some years ago has still its effects upon him. His text was: "Without me ye can do nothing," which was handled with that skill and power peculiar to the great preacher.

At Southampton, being determined to see and hear this time, I went an hour and a half before time, when I found large numbers both outside and in. The two entrances were well guarded by police to prevent disorder. Ticketholders were allowed admission first. In the first place we had to pass four policemen, who promptly and sternly demanded "TICKETS;" on clearing these, who stood at the entrance of a street leading to the Rink, we were next con fronted by another policeman and a soldier; being acquitted by these, we come to the door, when we are again met by four sharp looking gentlemen, who again demand "TICKETS." On showing the all-important tickets we pass on, and are actually in the room at last. The Rink, which holds some three or four thousand, is not after the style of those in Nova Scotia. The floor is a kind of cement, very smoothly laid down, and the skating is really wheeling; the apparatus, like skates, is attached to the foot, and underneath small wheels: the action or motion is the same as bona fide skating. I fear some skaters in Nova Scotia will pronounce it very tame. So I should say, but there is this advantage, they can skate in that style all the year round.

The time was filled up by singing hymns, which were freely circulated through the building. At length the time of service, 3.30, draws near, and Mr. Spurgeon, who is very punctual, comes in at a side door near where I was sitting. On entering and looking at the vast crowd, I observed him give a slight shudder. Others observed the same; he is more than ordinary nervous on such occasions. He was followed by The English Ritualists, at a meeting | Canon Wilberforce, (his host while at in London, have agreed to the reten- Southampton), with some six or seven guns of lesser calibre in the Established Church following the Canon.

I can fancy my big brother Bleakney, of Berwick, saying: "Yes, exactly, just so, just as it ought to be, and is to be; Baptists first, and all the rest following." There were seats especially provided for It is stated that about 90,000 pounds | the above gentleman with Mrs. Wilber force near the platform; the latter I the sermon. On the platform, among Rev. Wm. Medhurst, Mr. Spurgeon's first student. Mr. S. seemed much more at home here, in fact, he was apparently a treat to hear him give out, verse by suppose that the incident has any po-

verse, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." He is one of very few who knows how to read a hymn. Powerful as Mr. Spurgeon's sermons are, there is something peculiarly so in his prayers. He uses expressions which only such as have much close communion with God and Jesus the Christ would dare to use. It was simply thrilling, my flesh seemed to creep, when he asked Christ if he were asleep, and then in a loud voice called upon Him to "awake." It was bold familiarity. In praying for those who had entertained the brethren, he evidently had his friend Canon Wilberforce in mind when he prayed for "Gaius mine host."

The sermon, founded on the words. "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee, follow thou me," was one never to be forgotten by those who heard it. I hope readers of the MESSENGER will have the opportunity of reading it. as well as that at Portsmouth I am sure the MESSENGER's pages would be well filled by their insertion.

Will you allow me, Mr. Editor, just here to say that possibly many brethren in the Colonies might be interested in the progress, &c., of the denomination "at home;" if so, either of our papers, The Freeman, or The Baptist, is obtainable, post free, for a year for 8s. 8d., or \$2.16. The former is published by Yates & Alexander, Castle St., Holborn, London, E C; the latter E. Stock. 61 Paternoster Row, London. To secure the benefit of both, two neighbors might get them and exchange. This is a digression, so let us return.

The service being ended, there being generally a rush to shake hands with Mr. Spurgeon, who not being very strong just now, and consequently not equal to much excitement, Canon Wilberforce at once mounted the platform, and taking Mr. S. in charge, led him carefully out to where the Canon's splendid carriage and a pair of horses, the like of which few can possess, were waiting to convey him to the Canon's residence, where a large dinner party was given in honour of the illustrious guest. Coachman. drive those spirited looking horses very carefully, you have a valuable life under your care, a man possessing a heart and soul the like of which I dare to say you never had under your care before, and are not likely to again.

I don't know whether wine was introduced at the feast, but this I know, if it were there were two there that touched it not, namely, Canon Wilberforce and Cannon Spurgeon. They are both outand out teetotallers. The question has often been asked: "Who was most honoured as regards host and guest, the Episcopal dignitary, or the pastor of the Tabernacle?" The question is not considered an open one.

On returning home by train I fell into conversation with a very faithful Churchman. In conversation I learned that he takes one of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons for breakfast every Sunday morning, first thing in bed, and how it spoils his appetite for the rest of the day, having but little relish for what is served up by the Vicar. I see my space is more than occupied, so I must stop. A host of things are in my mind to write about, but for the present I must resist the temptation, and beg to remain,

Yours as of yore, J. BROWN. Melksham, Wilts, Nov. 16th, 1881.

> For the Christian Messenger. Letter from France.

> > PARIS, Nov. 21st. 1881.

Our Parisian journals have been filled this week with accounts of the breakfast last Sunday morning of the Prince of Wales with M. Gambetta. It appears that the Prince took breakfa-t with Sir Charles Dilke and M. Gambetta at the Moulin Rouge, but we must rot credit the Parisian journals with one half of the observed very busy taking notes during | subjects said to have been discussed on that occasion. If we were to take for others, were Lord Mount Morris, and gospel all that is related in their columns we should find that the destinies of England and France for years to come were settled at that quiet breakfast, very happy, and quite at ease. This which lasted about an hour, but was may have arisen, in part, from there described as occupying the entire mornbeing no galleries, nor anything that ing. That the Prince of Wales is well might cause alarm by a break down. I disposed to M. Gambetta, and that the have heard him several times, but never ambitious French statesman is on the did I observe his voice so mellow, melo. | best terms with the heir to the English dious, and clear as on that day. It was crown it may be well to know; but to

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