

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., June 14, 1882.

We were greatly disappointed by not being able to join with our brethren at the Western Association. We depended on the arrangement to reach Liverpool by the "Scud," and did not suppose that the change of the time of holding the Association, on account of the Elections, would interfere in any way with our doing so. Her change of time one week on account of painting and repairs was just enough to destroy all our anticipations.

We much regret the accident to the "Scud," which went ashore on Battery Reef, Shelburne Harbor, on Thursday last. It seems that a hole was made in her bottom; damaging her cargo, but it is not likely that she will be long under repair, but will shortly resume her weekly trips from Halifax to Boston.

THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

assembled at Milton, Queens County, on Saturday last. After the usual preliminaries, the election of officers took place and resulted in the choice of Rev. J. A. Durkee, *Moderator*, Rev. J. T. Eaton, and Rev. J. H. Robbins, *Clerks*, and Bro. B. H. Parker, *Treasurer*.

The Letters from the Churches were read and on the whole were of an encouraging character.

After the appointment of Committees the matter of the Infirm Ministers' Fund, was brought before the body and it was ordered that the work and funds be transferred to the Convention Board. The Committee on Denominational literature reported urging the use of *union* helps in our Sunday Schools—a fair proportion of denominational books, and the circulation of Baptist tracts. The hope was expressed that some means may be proposed, accepted and supported for one Baptist paper for the Maritime Provinces. The printed report on Missions was laid on the table.

A large and enthusiastic Missionary Meeting was held in the evening, stirring addresses were given by Revs. A. Cohoon, J. H. Robbins, W. E. Hall, M. Normandy, I. Wallace, J. A. Durkee, J. F. Kempton, J. H. Saunders and W. A. Bleakney.

The preaching on Lord's Day at Milton was in the morning, by Rev. A. Cohoon; in the evening by Rev. J. A. Durkee; at Liverpool by Rev. J. H. Robbins, and Rev. R. R. Philp.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. Hall (alternate) from "Therefore as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance and knowledge and in all diligence and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." 2 Cor. viii. 7.

The Circular Letter was read on Monday afternoon by Rev. S. McC. Black of Liverpool, subject "Intellectual elements in Christian Life."

THE NEW GOVERNING BODY OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

We briefly noticed last week that the Governors had elected and appointed six Fellows and twelve Scholars in accordance with the original design, as set forth in the Charter of the University. Our list as given last week was incomplete in some of the names, we therefore insert them again as follows:

Fellows—T. H. Rand, D. C. L.; Rev. D. A. Steele, A. M.; Rev. Dr. Saunders, Judge Johnston, Silas Alward, Esq., A. M.; and Rev. S. B. Kempton, A. M. *Scholars*—Rev. A. Cohoon, A. M.; J. Parsons, B. A.; Rev. G. O. Gates, A. M.; H. C. Creed, A. M.; Hon. Neil McLeod, A. B.; J. Y. Payzant, A. M.; F. H. Eaton, A. M.; Rev. Dr. Hopper, Rev. W. H. Warren, A. M.; Rev. J. A. Durkee, A. M.; E. D. King, A. M., and T. E. Corning, A. B.

The enquiry has arisen in the minds of some of our readers, as to what this new departure may mean—whether it is some new thing, or is a farther development of what existed in the original design of the institution. We have therefore obtained the following lucid and satisfactory commentary from one of the governors:

FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS.

By the Charter of Acadia College passed in 1840, the College was to consist of "two or more professors and fellows, and twelve or more scholars," and these with the President of the College were to constitute "the Body of the College," which should be deemed to be "an University with all usual

privileges of such Institutions." Until the recent anniversary no Fellows or Scholars had ever been appointed, and the Body of the College had never been constituted. It was determined by the Governors at their recent meeting to bring this Body into active being. Accordingly on nomination by the Faculty, Six graduates of the College were appointed "Fellows" by the Governors, and on nomination by the Associated Alumni, twelve other graduates of Acadia were appointed "Scholars." The President, Professors, Fellows and Scholars met together on the first instant, and organized this "Body of the College," agreeing to designate themselves, for convenience, the "Senate" of the College. The charter does not very clearly define the functions and duties of the Senate. Their powers and privileges will, however, relate principally, to the internal management of the University. The Senate in fact is the College which is a University with all the privileges that term imports and it will be for the Senate to exercise these privileges. Their meetings will be held principally at Anniversary time, but at other times also if occasion requires. Two Fellows and four Scholars go out of office every three years, but are eligible for re-appointment. The Fellows are a part of the Corporation known as "The Trustees Governors and Fellows of Acadia College." Our whole Educational system appears to stand thus: Beginning at the centre is the "Body of the College," or the "Senate,"—the literary Body having its appointment vested in the Governors of the College; next in order outwards are the Governors of the College appointed by the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces; next the Convention itself which is composed, (1) of delegates (not more than 5) from each of the Associations in N. S., N. B. and P.E.I. (2) Delegates from each Baptist Church in these Provinces (not more than 5 from each church). (3) Every ordained Baptist minister connected with one of these churches, either as Pastor or member. (4) Any member of any of these churches contributing \$100 at any one time towards the objects of the Convention, and (5) The President and Faculty of Acadia College, if members of any of those churches.

REV. W. B. BOGGS AND HIS WORK.

Rev. D. A. Steele has in hand a letter from Bro. Boggs. The following extracts will be interesting to our readers:

"There has been no period of my life in which I have been so busy as I am here at Ramspatam, from morning till night, every day. Sometimes it is difficult to get time for a walk in the cool of the evening."

"The particular department of work in which I have been engaged for the past year, I like much, and regard it as very important, the teaching of young ministers and school teachers, who go out to multiply these teachings in a great many places. We have had a large number under instruction. But after Mr. Williams, the permanent Principal, comes back from America, I expect to return to the Ongole field, and will probably take up a subdivision of it, and establish a new station."

"The great work of ingathering still continues in the Ongole field. From Jan. 1st to March 1st, there were 1500 baptized, chiefly as the result of Bro. Clough's evangelistic tours in the country. He was in tent near three months, and never more than two or three days in one place. He is a great evangelist. There are now connected with the Ongole station nearly 21,000 Christians."

"The loving kindness of the Lord to us has been very great. Our health is perfect, our work is full of blessedness and promise, and we are very happy. Bless the Lord O my soul."

"I will send you a copy of the *Telugu Baptist*, a little periodical for the use of our native Christians. I am at present the editor, Mrs. Boggs translates into Telugu, the International Sunday School lessons for the use of our Sunday Schools. Kind remembrances to any friends who may remember me."

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, and they are not a few, throughout the Lower Provinces, will be glad to hear of their well-doing, and to see the kind of work in which they are engaged.

We are waiting (and praying) for the time when the gates of God's grace shall be opened upon our mission, which is to the same people. Thirty long years our American brethren toiled without seeing fruit, and behold at last the thousands upon thousands of converts!

D. A. S.

It is reported that the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Parrsboro has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Portland, N. B., made vacant by the death of the late Rev. Mr. Corey.

ANNIVERSARY ADDENDA.

In addition to the more public Anniversaries at Wolfville, noticed in our last, was the 22nd Annual Meeting of the

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE,

held in the Academy Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

The Annual Report was presented by William L. Barss, B. A. It shewed its present membership to be sixty-seven. It expressed sorrow at the loss of two valued members, Rev. Dr. Cramp, and Rev. T. H. Porter. The work of the Association, has been limited by the smallness of funds at its disposal. Some changes were suggested in the bestowment of prizes so as to award them in the form of scholarships,—instead of the mode heretofore adopted—two of these valued at twenty-five Dollars each are pledged for next year.

After it had been discussed it was adopted, and the election of officers took place, resulting as follows:

President—Edwin D. King, M. A.

Vice-President—Herbert C. Creed, M. A.

Secretary-Treasurer—Wm. L. Barss, B. A.

Directors—J. Parsons, B. A.; Prof. R. V. Jones, M. A.; Frank Andrews, B. A.; Rev. E. J. Grant; J. W. Longley, M. A.; W. P. Shafner, B. A.; B. H. Eaton, M. A.

Amongst the various matters in relation to the meetings we may further mention, that at the Alumni Dinner a resolution was passed, instructing the Directors to procure a Memorial Tablet to the late Dr. Cramp, to be placed in the College Library.

In our list of the after-dinner sentiments, given from the chair, we omitted the first one—"The Queen," in response to which the company arose and heartily sung "God save the Queen."

We also omitted to notice that in response to "Our Visiting Friends," His Worship Mayor Fraser, of Halifax addressed the meeting in a few well-chosen expressions of high appreciation of what he had seen and heard in this his first visit to the Institutions at Wolfville.

The Graduating Essay of Miss Masters—"Woman and Royalty," on another page, will be read with interest. We should like very well to give some of the others, equally good, especially the one by Miss Porter, on "John Calvin," but being in French we fear it would take many of our readers too long to get through. They will therefore have to take it on trust and believe it was all right, as many in the audience who listened so attentively to it had to do.

Rev. E. Hickson—one of the governors of Acadia College, after attending the Anniversary meetings at Wolfville, was unwell, and made a visit to Halifax, but was taken quite ill while here, and remained so for nearly a week. The guest of John Y. Payzant, Esq., warden of Dartmouth, one of Mr. H's class-mates when at College. He returned to Carleton on Saturday last.

Since our brothers return we have received the following postal card:

CARLETON, N.B., June 9th, 1882.
Dear Brother,—

I had a pleasant journey home yesterday, and feel none the worse for it this morning. I am much indebted to my Halifax friends for their great kindness to me in my sickness. Hoping soon to recover my strength,

I remain,
Yours, &c.,
E. HICKSON.

We noticed last week that the Rev. Dr. Sawyer in his speech at the Alumni Association Dinner, alluded to several particulars which he hoped to see accomplished in connection with Acadia College in the course of the coming years. We have recalled a few of these for the benefit of those who were not at the Dinner, and therefore failed to hear Dr. S's advanced ideas. He said, "Acadia College wants among other things, to have the Dr. Tupper Professorship completed, it now amounts to \$5,000—a Welton Professorship endowed, G. P. Payzant, Esq., of Windsor, has generously given \$500, to begin it with. At least \$5,000 for a Library endowment. The old Seminary replaced by a new and handsome fire-proof building, to accommodate the

Museum and Library. Some of the Alumni might, without difficulty donate a sum sufficient for one or more of these purposes. Further, a gallery of Statuary so that the students may always have before them the best models of beauty in art and ornamentation. A Professor to fill the vacant chair of Natural Science. A large matriculating class with which to begin the next term. This will do for the present. We do not expect to live to see the end of the wants of Acadia. They are the signs of life and growth, expansion and development, and must continue to increase year by year. But the above are well worthy of the earnest attention of the friends of education; they are quite within our ability; these wants should be supplied at as early a date as possible.

We were informed on Saturday last by a paragraph in the Halifax morning papers, and in the *Presbyterian Witness*, that Mr. George Munro, of New York, had generously endowed another Professor's chair in Dalhousie College, amounting to \$2,000 a year, to be called "the George Munro Chair of English Literature," and that Dr. Schurman of Acadia College had been appointed to the newly endowed chair.

The presence of a governor of Dalhousie College—the Editor of the *Presbyterian Witness*, and of Prof. Forrest,

brother-in-law to Mr. George Munro, one of the Professors of Dalhousie, at the late Anniversary at Wolfville, may now be better understood. We have however nothing but good wishes for Dr. Schurman, and we most sincerely hope that his relations with Dalhousie may be everything that he desires. We also trust that Acadia may not suffer in any way, but will immediately find a worthy successor who shall co-operate with the able hard working professors who are giving themselves to the work at Acadia, with a devotion worthy of the cause they are so well serving.

Levi W. Eaton, Esq., of Auckland, New Zealand, will accept our thanks for late Auckland papers. One of these, the *The Evening Star* contains a Census of Church attendance at Auckland. The result shews that in the forty-four churches in the city and suburbs, there was on Easter Sunday, 31 per cent. of the population at church, while the average of attendance in the towns of England is but 29.5 per cent. This speaks well for the New Zealand capital.

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Our Methodist Brethren have held their Educational Anniversaries at Sackville, N. B., during the past week. The *Wesleyan* gives a good report. The Ladies' Academy examinations commenced on Tuesday. The Oral Examination was on Thursday, when the following ladies received the degree of M. L. A.:

Alice Cole, Sackville, N. B.; Miss Janie Grant, Stellarton, N. S.; Miss Lillian D. Hanson, Babecoc, N. B.; Miss Sarah L. Taylor, Kingston, N. S.; Miss Annie Burwash of Sackville graduated in music. During the year 112 students have been in attendance.

The Male Academy next came under review in class work. Principal Paisley, with his staff of teachers, has kept up the teaching of the Institution in all its former efficiency. The report says:

"There may have been failures, but not from want of teaching ability."

"Boys will be boys," and sometimes

may step out of the well-defined path,

but our people may rest assured that the Principal will do all he can to keep his charge under good control. The number of attendants during the year has been 79."

The College has had an attendance during the year of 52. Seven graduates received the degree of B. A.

Miss Stewart also received the B. A. degree, the first lady in this province who has attained to this distinction.

At 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the New Academy Building was observed. This was done by Josiah Wood, Esq. Several of the ministers present took part Dr. Pickard delivering the address on the occasion.

Hon. A. C. Bell. Jeffery McColl.

Wm. McDonald. N. L. McKay.

Dr. W. McLeod. Jas. W. Carmichael.

A. McDougall. John A. Dawson.

J. H. Tupper. Provincial.

H. N. Paint. R. P. Flynn.

Alex. McCuish. J. L. Blane.

C. H. Ogden. Provincial.

J. W. Hadley. Otto Weeks.

A. N. McDonald. Jas. A. Fraser.

H. N. Paint. R. P. Flynn.

C. J. Campbell. Provincial.

John Morrison. W. F. McCurdy.

J. A. McDonald. D. F. McLeod.

D. D. —. The following is from a late Western paper:

"It is stated that one college at the east which does not intend to confer

more than four degrees of doctor of

divinity this year, already has forty-

seven applications, with a large part

of the country yet to hear from.

Some of these are made in behalf of men of

scholarly attainments who are fairly

entitled to the distinction.

A majority are in behalf of men who are of no par-

ticular account, but who want to be

helped into ecclesiastical distinction by

the degree. It is not considered the

proper thing for any clergyman to make

personal application for this honor, and

the correct way is to have somebody

else apply. When a man applies for

himself, the college authorities set him

down for a crank or an incompetent,

and smile at him instead of granting

his request. Colleges degrees are not

so much esteemed by the public as for-

merly, owing to their multiplicity, and

especially to the lack of discrimination

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