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THE ANNIVERSARIES AT WOLFVILLE.

The close of the educational year at Wolfville is full of deep interest to large number of our readers. It is looked forward to for some time before its arrival by the friends of the institutions and the relatives of the students The time of the year, the interesting locality, and the many beauties of surrounding scenery, all and each lend additional attractions to the central point, the intellectual feast, and Educational Exhibitions. These always call together large numbers in the first week in June to this now classic neighborhood. Yielding to the common impulse, we left home on Wednesday morning last for the west, and soon found ourselves in the region of apple blossoms, and rejoicing in the grand and varied scenery of Kings County, where the trees had just put forth their bright green foliage, mingled with the pink and snowy white blossoms, and all nature seemed to be rejoicing in the delightful change which had just ushered in the early summer.

The day was all that could be desired. Wending our way to what is to many the very centre of the world, and the dearest spot on earth-Acadia College -we found the Examinations in progress. A class of about twenty young ladies was being put through a very minute examination in Physiology. As the several members of the class were called upon to describe the internal structure of the human organization and the various operations of breathing, the process of digestion of food, the adaptation of the skin to perform its functions, and the action of the heart to send forth the blood to all parts of the delicate and wonderful mechanism, our bachelor friend near us became quite restless and would have fled, but we pressed him to remain and hear it out. And truly were we well repaid It was equal to a capital lecture, for the teacher-Miss Gourley-made it intensely practical, showing how the ravages of disease might be averted and the health be preserved by the avoidance of bad habits of eating, o dressing, and of idleness.

Next came a class of young men and women for the purpose of being examined in History. The character of the questions asked and answers given made it evident that the studies had not a mere memoritor exercise. but that there had been given an enlarged view of the various races of mankind, and the rise and fall of the nations of antiquity, and that the mingling of tribes by their migration from one part of the earth to another had brought forth the results we find in the several nations of modern times.

Wednesday afternoon was filled up with an Exhibition in the College Hall by the Academy Students. There were several excellent Essays delivered:

1. Study-an occupation and a pleasure; by Walter Evans, of Wolfville. 2. Charlemagne; by Harry Wickwire, of Canning.

3. Chivalry; by C. H. Miller, of

R. White, of St. Martins, N. B.

Interspersed with these substantial parts of the feast were recitations and music-vocal and instrumental - by young ladies of the Seminary, which greatly relieved the severer exercises. The musical parts were taken by Misses Eaton, Wallace, Bridges, and Mc-Recitations were effectively given by Misses Holley, Read, and Wallace.

In the evening the Hall was again crowded to witness the

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF SIX YOUNG

LADIES,

of study.

Miss Graves, the lady principal, and her associate teachers and students, diplomas from the hands of President came in while the Processional March Sawyer, all dressed alike in white, they was being played by Misses Holley and formed a rare and beautiful picture, the form. A large space in the Hall had often to call to mind again. The solemn but when they arrived it was found offered by Dr. Sawyer with their diploinsufficient, the number was so large. mas, showed the young ladies that the

Rev. J. F. Avery. Each of the six young ladies then read an Essay prepared for the occasion. They were as follows:

1. Ancient Cities : Emma V. John son, Wolfville.

2. The Marble Waiteth; Leonette M. Crosby, Hebron, Yarmouth Co. 3. John Ruskin; Vinona Alward,

St. John, N. B. 4. English Verse; Harriet A. Harris,

5. Language in Art; Mary E. Melville, St. John, N. B.

6. What the Rocks tell us; Alice R. Hanson, Kentville. Miss Hanson, at the close of her

Essay, turned first to the Lady Principal and then to her classmates, and gave the following touching

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS.

We have fulfilled our prescribed course at Acadia, and the time has come when we must go out from our temporary home and meet whatever the shadowy future contains for us. is with feelings of mingled joy and sorrow that we leave our Alma Mater, and bid adieu to those with whom we have for so long been associated.

To you who have ministered to ou mental requirements so zealously we would extend our sincerest thanks .-You have guided us through the mazes of subjects over which we have often been discouraged, inciting our aspirations with kind words of cheer. With your aid we have been enabled to lay the foundation for luture study, for "we are not so much now what we are as what we aim to be." Many classes have preceded us in bidding you fare well and others will follow before your ministry is ended, but we would ask you ever to think kindly of the Class of As you have been faithful with us, teaching us more than secular knowledge, may we be true to your instructions, and be numbered among "His chosen" when " He cometh to make up

My classmates, we have come to the last scene of our school life. Could we tear aside the veil that hides futurity from us we should find, not all sunshine, but snares and brambles in every path. With our chosen motto "Ad Altiora" ever before our lives cannot be failures "The future lives for us, God hold: the secret key." Let us cherish our to-days, for they will soon be numbered with the yesterdays, and the wealth of the future depends upon the fulfilment of each day's duties. Let us go forward zealously in the stations of life assigned to us, remembering there is ever with us a mighty Conqueror, a Friend changeless as eternity, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

The Essays were all good and yet so different in their subjects and general characteristics, that a comparison could hardly be drawn, each having its own individuality and style. The first on "Ancient Cities" was a most interesting compilation and description of the great centres of people in the early ages of the world-an instructive se ries of pictures. The second-"The Marble Waiteth"-we shall place before our readers next week, and give them an opportunity of perusing and of forming their own judgment of its excellencies. Of the third we can but say that the study of the vigorous thinker, "John Ruskin," seemed to have given some of the same vigor to his fair critic. It was very good. The fourth we regarded as giving such general view of our best English poeti writers which might be read with pleasure and profit, that we also prevailed upon this writer to allow us to place it 4. The luxury of doing good; by G. before our young lady readers and we shall shortly have pleasure in doing so The fifth, "Language in Art," was capital exhibition of the capabilities o language as a vehicle to convey thought. The sixth and last was a very brief glance at some of the marvellous teachings of scientific investigation in the mineral world. It was a pleasure to listen to these productions, not only for what they taught, but as indicating the superior elocationary training that had been given in the Seminary. Each speaker evidently desired to present the thoughts of her essay with clear distinct enunciation, without affecta-

who had completed their Classical course | tion or display. When the class appeared, in obedience to the Principal, to receive their McLellan, and took seats on the plat- photograph of which one would be glad been reserved for the Seminary students tones and the weighty admonitions Miss G. presided with her usual quiet responsibilities which now devolved dignity of demeanor, and directed the upon each one were such that they proceedings. Prayer was offered by must feel in connection with the high N. S.

privilege of being educated women, that they would be expected, not only to sustain the character given, but to exert an influence for good in the community wherever their lot might be cast, that would be an honor to the institution as well as to themselves and their families.

In the intervals musical compositions of a superior order were rendered in excellent style by other members of the Seminary, which made the occasion a treat of a more than ordinary character. After the President's address Miss Graves suggested that there were other gentlemen present from whom a few words would be acceptable, and mentioned Dr. Rand, Hon. Dr. Parker, and Rev. Dr. Bill. We would be glad to give a length-

ened report of what was said by Hon. Dr. Parker if we had been prepared to have taken it down at the time, and our space would permit. He referred to the change of public opinion as to the capability of woman to receive the high intellectual training given to men. Whilst the brain of woman is actually smaller yet relatively it is not inferior, and perhaps in quality superior. He gave to the young ladies some excellent admonitions in regard to their not allowing their literary cultivation to prevent their attention being given to the domestic training required them cooking and mending. If deficient in these womanly virtues they might, in these times of difficulty in retaining coninuous help in the kitchen, feel keenly the inconvenience of having to do what they knew but imperfectly. He said in effect, but not in so many words, that that it would be a good thing for them to be "put apprentice to their mothers," if not already well equipped in this

In one of the large class-rooms was an Art Exhibition, which comprised large number of beautiful drawings and paintings done by the young ladies. These of course must have been seen and carefully examined to be fully appreciated. Quite a number of them were real gems, and may well serve, for long years to come, to adorn the walls of many a parlor in the various homes to which they have by this time gone.

Whatever of interest was felt in the examination of work done and the cultivation of mind that had been accomplished in the Horton Collegiate Academy and Acadia Seminary, it was but as the commencement of that which drew together the much larger number of people to

THE COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY. This is always the great day of the feast. The large class of students who were to graduate would naturally call forth many friends. Long before the hour named to begin, the seats were well filled, and yet the people continued to arrive by carriage and by train until ever place for sitting or standing was filled, and a number at the doors were unable to get in. The playing of the processional march announced the approach of the President and Faculty of the College, with the Governors, Alumni, graduating class and undergraduates. Other gentlemen were also present from Halifax, His Worship the Mayor, Rev. Messrs. Manning, Avery and MacArthur, Drs. Saunders and Pryor, J. W. Longley, M. P. P., Mr. Wallace Graham, Mr. William Ackhurst, Mr. E. D. King, and others; from Fredericton, Dr. Rand and Mr. H. C. Creed; Rev. Dr. Bill from St. Martins; Rev. E. N. Archibald from P. E. Island, Dr. Day and others from Yarmouth; several from the Western parts of the United States.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Alex. MacArthur, after which the Graduating Orations were given in the following

Literature and Life, T. Sherman Rogers, Amherst, N. S. The Future of the English Language, W. C. Goucher, Truro, N. S.

The Value of a Variety of Industries in the Nation, Herbert R. Welton,

Woltville N. S. The Influence of thought on Action, A. L. Powell, Amherst, N. S.

The Relation of Art to the Development of National Life, C. Osborne Tupper, Amherst N. S. The English in India, Charles W.

Williams, Wolfville, N. S. The Interdependence of the Sciences. Clarence W. Bradshaw, Centreville

The Influence of the Invisible or the Greek, Oates C. S. Wallace, Canaan,

The President explained that each member of the class had prepared an Essay which had been accepted by the Faculty, but because of the time it would take to deliver them all, as election had to be made.

The Essays were all of a very superior character, and showed that whilst much mature thought had been given to them, yet they were so presented that the audience could well appreciate every word. In some, there were passages of really brilliant thought well expressed. We made no attempt at reporting, or we might give a summary view of some of them, but it would be unfair and invidious for us to do this, when all, without exception were so far beyond criticism. It will not be regarded as at all out of place for us to say, however, that the great subject chosen by Mr. Charles W. Williams was a grand field for eloquence which the speaker did not allow to pass unimproved. Some parts of his essay were exceptionally fine.

The Class of 1883 were then presented by name for graduation by the now venerable Rev. Dr. DeBiois, who has performed this pleasant service, we believe, year after year for about quarter of a century. Having received their parchment the class retired and returning habited in their insignia bachelorhood, were addressed by the President in a few most touching and beautiful sentences, setting forth the need of still further cultivation and the great demand of the times for men of liberal education, who should give tone to society and lay themselves out to do good to their fellowmen, and so become blessings to the world. He also impressed upon them that the interest of the Faculty and friends of the College would not cease because of their passing out into the world of thought and action. He knew not what would be their choice of occupation, but would take the liberty of suggesting that from the hitherto limited field for literature, there had not been much to induce men to enter into it as a profession, but the demands of the times would now be more than ever calling for literary labor, and he did not doubt but men would soon find out these demands, and endeavor to meet them. He seriously recommended the class to cultivate any aptitude that might be discovered in this direction. The standing of the class in the order of merit in all the departments of study was that in which the names are here given:

O. C. S. Wallace, Canaan, N. S. T. Sherman Rogers, Amherst, N. S. D. Spurgeon Whitman, N. Albany N. S. C. W. Bradshaw, Centreville, P. E. I H. R. Welton, Wolfville, N. S. C. W. Williams Wolfville, N. S. J. S. Lockhart, Lockhartville, N. S. C. O. Tapper, Amherst, N. S. W. C. Goucher, Truro, N. S. A. L. Powell, Amherst, N. S. J. W. Corey, New Canaan, N. B.

Dr. Sawyer then announced that the Degree of Master in Arts had been conferred upon Lewis Hunt, M. D., E. M. Chesley, I. B. Oakes, and Isaac C. Archibald. The degree of D. C. L. was conferred upon Hon, Judge Weatherbe and Silas Alward, Esq., of St. John, N. B.

Honor Certificates were announced as having been earned by the following students, and were accordingly handed to them by the President: To O. C. S. Wallace in History, Philosophy, and Classics; to C, W. Bradshaw and H. R. Welton in History; to D. S. Whitman in History and Philosophy; to W. B. Hutchinson in Classics; to H. Ross in English; and to B. Lockhart in Political Economy.

Dr. Alward was then invited to address the meeting, which he did neat and telling speech. He referred to the happy days spent here in the past, when he was a student, and how his attachment to the institution was unabated, and to those in whose society he had lived, had continued without dimi-

A number of pieces of music, both vocal and instrumental, were performed by students of the Seminary at intervals during the morning.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the exercises to a close.

A large portion of the company retired to Chipman Hall to partake of the Alumni Dinner, to which the class of '83 were invited. This was a part preceded. As it was participated in by elty-the Kempa Ladies' Orchestraabout 200 persons. The heavy shower of rain had driven the friends in somewhat rooner than was expected, and caused an appearance of waiting. At length all were supplied and satisfied, and the post prandial speeches commenced by the President of the Alumni Association, Mr. E. D. King, giving 1. "The Queen," and all joined in singing "God save the Queen."

Then followed toast upon toastdrank in lemonade.

2. Alma Mater," Proposed by the President E. D. King, and responded to by Dr. Rand, and A. J. Denton,

" The Dominion and Local Legis latures," Proposed by H. C. Creed, and responded to by D. B. Woodworth, M. P., and J. W. Longley, M. P. P. 4. " The Board of Governors. Proposed by J. W. Longley, and responded to by D. R. Eaton.

5. " The Senate of the University,' proposed by Mr. J. B. Mills, and responded to by Hon. Judge Johnston and S. Alward, D. C. L. 6. "The Faculty." Proposed by

Higgins, airmed had sell as you 7. " Our Fathers and Founders." Proposed by the President, and eloquently and feelingly responded to by

Dr. Rand, and responded to by D. F.

Drs. Pryor and Bill. 8. "The Graduating Class." Proposed by Prof. Kierstead and responded to by Mr. O. C. S. Wallace, B. A.

9. "Our Sister Colleges." Proposed by the Prof. R. V. Jones, and responded to by W. Graham, Q. 10. "Our Guests." Proposed the President, and responded to by His Worship Mayor Fraser.

11. "The Press." Proposed by Dr. Rand. and responded to by S. Selden. 12. "The fair daughters of Acadia. Proposed by Professor J. A. Coldwell,

The Associated Alumni of Acadia College, met to hold their Annual business meeting at 71 o'clock Wednesday evening. After reading the Report of the Executive Committe, the meeting was adjourned till 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, when the report was again read and discussed clause by clause. The report shows the roll of members to be steadily increasing. The present membership numbers seventy-nine.-After the reading and adoption of the report of the Executive Committee and Treasurer's report, the Society proceeded to elect its officers and directors for the ensuing year as follows:

President-Herbert C. Creed, M. A., Fredericton; Vice-President, Hon. J. W. Johnston, M. A., Dartmouth; Secretary-Treasurer-William L. Barss. B. A., Dartmouth; Directors-1. J. Parsons, B. A., Halitar; 2. B. H. Eaton, B. A., Dartmouth; 3. J. W Longley, M. P. P., Halifax; 4. Prof. R. V. Jones, M. A., Wolfville; 5. Rev. E. J. Grant, Dartmouth; 6. Frank Andrews, B. A., Halifax; 7. Edwin D.

King, M. A., Halifax. The following gentlemen were nominated by the Society to represent them on the Board of Governors of the College, for election by the Baptist Convention, viz. : Silas Alward, D. C. L., of St. John, N. B., and Herbert C. Creed, M. A., of Fredericton. After disposing of other routine matters of business, the Society, in response to a message from the Marshal, adjourned sine die to join in the procession already | tion has been accepted, and a committee forming on the grounds in front of the

The speeches after dinner on Thursday were of varied interest. If space would permit and they could be recalled and given verbatim, they might be read by many with intense interest. Mr.A. J. Denton sought to present the financial necessities of the Institution, and Mr. Woodworth responded, and before leaving we learn that he made a further promise of a donation of \$500 to the College Fund.

Mr. Creed, in alluding to the Alumni, read some verses which had been written and appeared in the CHRISTIAN Messenger 25 years ago, from a graduate of 1858, (Judge Weatherbe). Our readers of 1883 will doubtless be pleased to see them. We shall, therefore republish them in our next.

The speeches by Dr. Rand, Judge Johnston, Dr. Alward, Dr. Saunders, and Professors Jones and Higgins were all excellent, but want of space forbids our enlarging.

Respecting the Concert in the evenof the day's proceedings in which there | ing, provided by the Graduating Class was greater uniformity than in what had of 1883, we need only say that its nov- Holy See.

drew a crowded audience, and, with some vocal performances, all were pleased, task and growt enters and consen

THE Acadia Athenæum, a society of the students, is accustomed to engage the services of some distinguished person, usually an alumnus, to deliver a lecture or oration by way of introduction to the Anniversary proceedings. This year Silas Alward, Esq., a barrister of St. John, N. B. of the Class 1860, was invited to this position and discoursed to a large audience in the Assembly Hall on "The Eternal City." It consisted largely of personal recollections of his visiteto Rome in 1867. After revelling in the grandeurs of that ancient centre the lecturer brought his audience back to this country and said our thoughts have wandered to a far-off country-one hallowed by the grandest associations possessing an eventful history around which romance has thrown the charm of its irresistible spell-a land "where the poet's eye and painter's hand are most Divine." It is true we cannot boast of as sunny skies or beautiful scenery as Italy possesses, yet the sterner latitudes are more favorable to the developement of such qualities as best tend to impart vigor and moral stamina to a people. It is true we cannot boast of a remote antiquity; yet our country bears none of the traces of decay, but rejoices in the maiden freshness of youth, and blooms in almost primeval loveliness. It is true our annals are not illustrated by brilliant deeds of remarkable exploits on " field or flood," yet they are not stained by revolting acts of cruelty or oppression; nor is our record entirely a barren one. After noticing the patriotic deeds of that city in ancient times, he called upon his hearers to emulate the patriotic of other days, to work cheerfully together for the consummation of this glorious object, the building up along the lines of these Northern latitudes a powerful nationality, which in the onward march of civilization will keep step with the great English-speaking countries of the world, and towards which will be turned the eyes of all looking for the better time to come.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

The published reports show that this Academy has had a large measure of success during the past year. Seventy have been in attendance, 18 in the advanced or senior year, 24 in the middle. Of these 47 have studied Latin and 24 Greek. This compares favorably with the report of Sackville Academy, the attendance there being reported as 68 of whom 29 studied Latin and 14 Greek. We understand that the accounts of Horton Academy for the past year show that the income met the expenses of the school, and paid the interest of the debt on its building. This is certainly a very satisfactory record. We hear from competent judges that Mr. Armstrong is a good teacher, and has done excellent work; but circumstances are such that he prefers to retire from the charge of the Academy. His resignaappointed to obtain a successor. Mrs. Armstrong has also rendered valuable service in connection with our institutions at Wolfville. It is to be hoped that they may be retained in the Province, as the labors of such persons are much needed here.

WHILE agriculturists in many parts of our country are suffering from too much rain, and are consequently backward in planting, the farms in some parts of Virginia are reported to be suffering from drouth, many of them having become barren wastes from the long term of dry weather. It may be poor consolation to both these sufferers from the inequalities of the rain fall to know, that taking one district with another throughout the whole country a fair average is being experienced.

THE POPE is seriously concerned at the rapid decrease in contributions of Peter's pence during the past few months. It is said that an appeal addressed to all the Bishops is being prepared by the Pope urging them to awaken the faithful to the necessity of providing funds for the needs of the

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