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—Among the many happy incidents of anniversary days at Wolfville was the presentation to Principal Oakes, of a large portrait of himself, by the graduating class of Horton Academy. This act was a pleasing surprise to Mr. Oakes and an honor to the donors.

—The conversations on Thursday evening, with which the anniversary exercises at Acadia closed, were largely attended. Representatives from the families of the college, seminary and academy received the friends of the institutions. The occasion was a very enjoyable one.

—We are indebted to Dr. Cooper, of Richmond, for the very interesting and instructive letter which appears in another column, descriptive of the plan and the work of the Southern Baptist convention, which recently held its annual meeting at Nashville, Tenn. We are hoping to receive other communications from the same source.

—The Regular Baptists and Free Baptists in Michigan are talking about union. At present there appears to be a good deal of hope on both sides that a union will be consummated, but negotiations have not proceeded very far, and when they get farther along the prospect of the two bodies becoming one may not appear so promising. At any rate the result of similar negotiations in this province does not go to show that the two bodies are likely to do more than talk about union.

—Mention was made last week of the presentation to the Board of Governors of Acadia University of the portrait of J. W. Bars, Esq. The portrait of the late H. H. Chute, M. P. P., a governor and benefactor of the college, has also been presented to the governors by friends of the deceased, the principal donors being, we are informed, Hon. Attorney-General Longley, O. T. Daniels, Esq., of Bridgetown, and L. H. Morse, Esq., of Bear River. The portrait has been given a position in Assembly Hall, just opposite that of Mr. Bars.

—The anti-Chinese legislation passed by the last United States Congress, and known as the Geary Act, has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the country. It is, however, offensive to a very large and influential proportion of the people of the United States, and the government is evidently not in favor of its enforcement. Under the circumstances a convenient excuse for allowing the law to remain a dead letter is found in the fact that Congress failed to make any appropriation for carrying its provisions into effect. Many of the leading American papers, religious and secular, have condemned the law in the strongest terms, as being not only illiberal but most unjust in plainly violating the stipulations of treaties existing between China and the United States.

—There is a commotion in Tennessee. A certain Bishop Joyce, of the Methodist Episcopal church, has been guilty of a grave misdemeanor which has profoundly shocked the social sensibilities of his people, and may result in his being ostracized from polite society. It seems that the bishop got into trouble through going from Chattanooga to the neighboring town of Cleveland to dedicate a church for the colored Methodists. There he met a colored pastor who had the presumption to invite the white bishop to his house, and the bishop accepted the hospitable invitation of his dark-skinned brother, and ate and slept under his roof. This is the bishop's crime. If he had killed the negro preacher on the spot for daring to offer so great an insult as the proffer of his hospitality to a white man he might have hoped to be forgiven, but now, in the eyes of some of the Christian people of Tennessee, he has committed the one sin for which there is no forgiveness.

—This American Baptist Missionary Union has received during the past year a little over a million dollars for the work of foreign missions. In some respects the past year, as Secretary Mahle notices in his report, has not been very favorable for the raising of the Centennial Fund. It has been a year of disturbance through the presidential election, and a general canvass in the interests of denominational schools has taken place shortly before. The leaders are saying that what has been done this year for foreign missions can be done again next year, and that the yearly income of the union from this source ought never to fall below a million. There is no doubt that what has been done can be done again. A million dollars seems a large sum certainly, but when one comes to think of the wealth which is in the hands of the Baptists of the Northern States, it is not too much to expect that they will contribute at least a million dollars yearly for the evangelization of the heathen world.

Acadia Anniversaries.

(Continued.)

The anniversary exercises opened on Tuesday, May 30th, with the meetings of the Alumni Society of Acadia Seminary. At 2:30 p. m. the annual business meeting was held in Alumni Hall, the president, Mrs. J. F. Tufts, of Wolfville, in the chair, supported by Mrs. Brough, of Antigonish, 1st vice-president; Miss Harriett Wallace, secretary, and Miss Minnie Chipman, treasurer. The first important business brought before the society was the disposal of the funds. After some discussion, it was decided to devote the money on hand, with that collected in the year now opening, to the completion of the furnishing of Alumni Hall, the balance to be used for the reception room. The privileges of honorary members were defined to be the same as those of other members, with the exception of voting and holding office. It was then decided that with this additional clause the constitution as adopted last year should be printed for circulation. A committee of three, comprising Mrs. Brough, Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace and Miss Graves, was appointed to prepare memorial resolutions, to be recorded in the minutes of the society, in memory of Mrs. Helen Read Taylor, of Amherst, lately deceased, a former student and a member of the Alumni.

The secretary then read a paper, prepared for the Alumni by Mrs. Alfred Chipman, formerly Miss Shaw, the first principal of Grand Pre Seminary.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Miss Harriet E. Wallace, Wolfville; 1st Vice-president, Miss Carrie Holley, Portland, N. B.; 2nd Vice-president, Miss Katherine Ganong, St. Stephen, N. B.; Recording Secretary, Miss Ida Jones, Wolfville; Treasurer, Miss Eva Andrews, Wolfville. The chairman of the executive committee, Miss Minnie Chipman, Wolfville; of the entertainment committee, Miss Ida Jones, Wolfville.

At 8 p. m., after a short pleasant gathering in the reception room, 45 members of the Alumni met in the seminary dining room for the Alumni supper. The supper, prepared by Mrs. Burnaby, matron of the Seminary, was dainty in all its appointments. At the close the president, in a few graceful remarks, extended a cordial welcome to the members present, expressing her delight that so many of Acadia's daughters had responded to the call of the Alumni. Having been connected with the seminary as student and teacher in different periods of its history, Mrs. Tufts had a wider knowledge than any one present of the development of the institution, and of how its present vigorous, prosperous state has been attained.

The first toast, proposed to the Queen, was heartily responded to by the singing of the national anthem. Mrs. Brough, in proposing a toast to Acadia Seminary, referred to her own life here as a student, and in calling upon Miss Graves to respond, paid a high eulogy to the efficiency and success with which she has for so many years filled the position of principal. In responding, Miss Graves warmly welcomed the old students. She expressed her gratification at the accomplishment of her long cherished plan in the formation of the Alumni Society; outlined the growth of the seminary in natural and intellectual ways since her connection with it, and spoke of the inspiration and help she, her associate teachers and the students had received from the beautiful surroundings of the new building. She praised highly the appointments of the building, saying that the year's trial had proved it to be all and more than it is promised at the beginning.

Mrs. Tufts next proposed a toast to Acadia's benefactors, responded to by Miss Alice Fitch. Miss Fitch classified the benefactors under three heads—those who gave their money, those who gave themselves, those who gave both. Under the first class she spoke of Mrs. Ann Lovitt, of Yarmouth, who has contributed largely to both the old and new buildings. Under the second head she placed the governors, teachers and students—the first two, present benefactors; the last, the future support of the seminary. She paid a graceful tribute to the unwearied devotion of Miss Graves to the interests of the school, on which depends much of its present prosperity. In the last class special mention was made of Mr. Bigelow, of Wolfville, and Mr. Whidden, of Antigonish, who, by their untiring interest and energy, combined with their material aid, have been instrumental in erecting the new building.

The next toast, proposed to the Alumni Society by the vice-president, was responded to by Mrs. J. W. Manning.

In forcible, well-chosen language she enumerated the benefits to be looked for from the formation of this society, which, although but one year old, had left its infancy far behind—the size and interest of this meeting showing it to be in vigorous youth. It is to be a bond of union between the members of the school, a source of financial aid in furnishing apparatus for the work, and thus relieving the responsibilities of those supporting the heavy debt, and a source of strength to the future school by its sympathy, support and prayers.

A toast to the retiring teacher was responded to by Miss Wallace in her own happy, graceful manner. The following classes were then proposed: Class of '67, responded to by Mrs. Manning, the oldest Alumna present; class of '78, by Mrs. Redden, Windsor; class of '82, by Miss Ida Jones, Wolfville; class of '83, by Mrs. O. C. S. Wallace, Toronto; class of '84, by Mrs. Smallman, Dartmouth; class of '85, by Miss Eva Andrews, Wolfville; class of '86, by Miss Minnie Chipman, Wolfville; class of '87, by Miss Laura Sawyer, Wolfville; class of '90, by Miss Laila Halkenny; class of '91, by Miss Clara King, Truro; class of '92, by Miss Elsie Corning, Yarmouth; class of '93, by Miss Ida Bill, Liverpool. The classes of '88 and '89 were not represented.

The ladies then adjourned to Alumni Hall, where the following programme was carried out: Chronicle of the School from its Earliest Inception, prepared by Mrs. Irene Elder Morton, of Clementsport, read by Miss Alice Fitch; piano solo, by Miss Eva Margeson, Hantsport; essay, "Results of Higher Education of Women," written by Mrs. Helen Freeman Trotter, of Toronto, and read by Mrs. Redden; violin solo, by Miss Mary H. Fitch, Wolfville, accompanied by Fraulien Zuck; Alumni ode, by Miss Harriet E. Wallace.

The literary part of the programme nobly sustained the reputation of the writers, and was in every way a high honor to the institution of which they are members. Each selection of music was excellent in its way.

Every member of the society was highly delighted with the success of this first meeting of the Alumni. Too much cannot be said in commendation of the retiring officers and executive committee, on whose energy and enthusiasm the success of the meeting depends. And this is but the beginning, the earnest of greater things to come. To this important factor in the education work at Acadia, a brilliant, prosperous future.

MANUAL TRAINING AT HORTON ACADEMY.

This department, added last year to the Academy, has proved a great success. Although it is not in the prescribed studies of course, yet forty young men applied for its advantages. Twenty-five worked for two terms. Their work in perspective, freehand and instrumental drawing was on exhibition, and it reflects great credit, both on the students and Mr. McDonald, their instructor.

The twelve lathes are successfully driven by a water motor. There are eighteen drawing tables and fifteen work benches. The boys have done well in wood-work. They have sheathed the rooms, made a fine show case, a table and joints illustrative of their skill in applying the lessons taken in the drawing room. A practical man present, when examining the egg-cups, napkin rings and other products of the lathe, said a boy who could turn that well was worth twelve dollars a week. Andrew Cobb, Burpee Bishop, and Ralph Davis have especially distinguished themselves for their excellent drawings and fine work.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This society had an interview with the governors of the college, through a committee consisting of J. W. Bigelow, S. C. Parker, B. W. Starr, and W. C. Archibald, Esqs., in respect to affiliating the Experimental Fruit Station and Horticultural School, which they propose to establish, with the university. They wish to lease land for experimenting in fruit growing, and to avail themselves of such classes in the college as their students might require in the pursuit of their studies. The society has already 600 members, a \$1,000 capital, a grant from the Local Legislature of \$2,000 a year, with the prospect of getting the same amount from the Dominion Government. They expect about fifty students the first year. The Board appointed a committee, of which the president of the college is chairman, to confer with the executive committee of the society and report to the Board meeting in August next. The full committee is Dr. Sawyer, W. C. Bill, C. W. Roscoe, Prof. Halyer and Rev. A. Coburn. This society believes that when this branch of industry is thoroughly understood it

will give employment to many young men who now leave the country.

THE DEWOLF SCHOLARSHIPS.

were taken this year by the following students: W. G. McFarlane, S. J. Case, \$30 each; M. B. Whitman, Miss M. E. Archibald, Miss A. Power, \$25 each; N. E. Harman and Miss M. Brown, \$20 each.

Miss Crowell, of the Ladies' Seminary, has leave of absence to pursue her studies at Harvard University. Miss Jackson, teacher in New Hampshire Normal School, will take her place. Miss Wallace, teacher of elocution, has resigned. Miss Barnett, of New Brunswick, a graduate of Acadia College and highly commended by the principal of the School of Expression in Boston, is appointed to take the place made vacant by the retirement of Miss Wallace. Miss Brown, teacher of vocal music, has resigned. Her place has not been filled. The attendance at all the schools last year was good. The religious condition of the students in all the departments was satisfactory. Two out of the ladies' school professed religion. There was also a number from both college and academy.

Except in the matter of finance, the university is in a most healthy and flourishing condition. A large committee has been appointed to raise money to relieve the financial embarrassment. There will, no doubt, be a liberal response to the appeals of this committee.

The time seems to have come when our richer brethren are called upon to come to the rescue, and keep the institutions in an efficient condition.

Notes by the Way.

The graduating class is a central figure in the college anniversary.

To the parents and particular friends of these young people, who are present in large numbers usually, this is a day of peculiar experiences. To many there comes at the close of this day the respite, though short it may be, from a struggle and anxiety not easily endured. To the true and intelligent Baptist heart the annual day of Acadia University is big with hope; for in her graduating class the "sanctified and sent" with the gospel message are always found. From our heart we pray, God bless them, as like Abram, they go out not knowing whither. Dumb be the tongue that in the Christian church is found speaking in disparaging tones of the efforts of these young men. May they be true to their purpose. The address of President Sawyer to the class this year, at parting with them, was a fine word-picture of a model for their future, and a motto to guide them.

The annual dinner of the Associated Alumni and their friends was spread in Chipman Hall. Some one hundred and twenty sat down to this feast. Dr. Hall, president of the association, presided. The dinner was excellent, so also were the appetites of the guests; and the usual toasts for occasions similar to this were proposed and responded to, with a most remarkable exception.

"The press," and especially the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, which has always held a front place in the work of higher education, was passed by unaided or unused. Having mothered these institutions from their infancy, the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will still with mother love overlook this slight. The speeches were witty and wise and otherwise—true to the type of after-dinner speeches. These annual dinners culture the social and fraternal graces at small cost of purse and brain, and therefore are quite worthy of perpetuation.

The Manual Training department of Horton Academy commands and deserves more than a passing notice of the visitor to the anniversary at Wolfville. Its success is fully assured by its first year's work. The union here of the theoretical and the practical mechanical sciences in their natural order, is of untold value to the student of this practical age in a new country like our own. The progress made in wood-working in so short a time is highly encouraging. When other lines of work are added, as they doubtless will be as the years go by, this department will take first place in this cluster of schools. A visitor with an eye to the practical can scarcely avoid, in thought, a comparison of the academy as it now is with the seminary in its present elegant and well-furnished home. In the first the young men are learning to build homes and to support them. Are the young women in the latter learning as well the theory and practice of skillful, economical and comfortable housekeeping? Is the gymnasium in the seminary equal to the Manual Training department of the academy in its ability to develop the physical? If the coming woman is to

take first place in a new country like our own, with but partially developed natural resources, she cannot afford to abandon many of the industries or the thrifty habits of the women of the early days of our provinces, who did so much to lay foundations for the wealth and home comforts of the present generation. In all our educational enterprises it may be well to have an eye on the swing of the pendulum.

The "At Home," held in the University Hall, on Thursday evening, by the faculty of the college and teachers of the associated institutions was largely attended and very enjoyable. The museum commanded the attention of many. The work of Professor Caldwell, as here seen, was duly appreciated. This collection is quite worthy of fireproof quarters. This was the closing piece of the programme for 1898's anniversary of our beloved "Acadia." The worthy president of the university and his associates, the principals and teachers of the academy and seminary and their students, had done much to make this occasion a pleasant one, and right well did they succeed. More fully, year by year, do these schools deserve the confidence of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. It must never be forgotten that Acadia University and her associates are by the Baptists under God, and of the Baptists as the servants of God, and for the Baptists in the service of God. To the highest and best service of all men of every name and every clime it stands pledged from start to finish; but to all outsiders, in ranks high or low, it emphatically says "hands off" of all that belongs to its management. It has the mission of a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Secular education is not its ultimate; this is only a means to an end.

To the casual observer the effect of hard work on many of the teaching staff and students was plainly to be seen. They well deserve the rest the coming vacation will afford them. May theirs as well be the rest of faith in the God of our fathers, and so may they be well fitted for future toils on useful lines.

An incidental and pleasing part of the graduating exercises was the informal placing upon the wall of College Hall a portrait of John W. Bars, Esq., Dr. Sawyer, in a few words, informed the audience that this portrait was presented by Mrs. Jones, wife of Professor Jones, and accepted by the Board of Governors to hold a place on these walls among the portraits of the fathers, founders and early supporters of this University. Mr. Bars was introduced, and acknowledged this unexpected honor in fitting words. This token of regard for Mr. Bars is but giving honor to whom honor is due. "Acadia" will ever hold in loving remembrance the services and sacrifices of those, of whom but few are with us still, who outlined our educational policy and wrought it out to its present fine proportions. Among these John W. Bars holds a foremost place as a financier of ability and a loyal Baptist.

The Free Baptist Position.

I noticed in your issue of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR dated April 12th, a quotation from a sermon by Rev. A. C. Chute on "Baptist Position" as follows: "It is a mistake to call Baptists 'close' communion and other denominations open communion, inasmuch as all substantially agree that there are just two essential prerequisites to communion, viz.—regeneration and baptism." I also read a few weeks ago a sermon by Rev. R. C. Mosher, headed, "The Distinctive Principle of Baptists," in which he states that Baptist requirements for the "communion are exactly the same as those of every other church," which statement, if believed by your readers, must cause the Free Baptists to appear in their minds guilty of gross inconsistency, indeed, as they believe immortality on profession of faith and that only to be the New Testament baptism. I also find the idea entertained by the above mentioned gentlemen is quite prevalent among Baptists, even in communities where the two denominations exist. I have before me a copy of "A Treatise on the Faith of the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia." On Church Usage, Sec. 8. It says: "This church admits to full fellowship only such as give satisfactory evidence of being born of God and are immersed, but admits to communion and equal privileges in worship all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth."

I have no disposition to enter into controversy on this subject, I merely wish to correct those who have wrong ideas as to what the Free Baptists believe to be the prerequisite to the communion service.

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MEMBER OF THE
"As the Father has loved me, even so I send."
Rev. J. J. Jones, N. B.

For our Association's gathering, that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit may be felt in a marked degree, so that liberal things may be devised for the extension of the Saviour's kingdom.

A Question of Delegates and One of Expenses.

The above is the title of a bright little leaflet issued by the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions, and added to our supply this winter. The extracts given below are timely, in view of our associational and annual gatherings in the very near future:

"Why send delegates? Trades, professions, politics, art, science, to ensure life and progress must encourage study, experiment, frequent interchange of experience and results. Hence the political, campaign, medical, musical, literary and scientific associations, from the most unpretending village club to the Royal Society of London or Paris. Missionary interest is no exception to this general work. These meetings stimulate and supply our first great want—knowledge, information. These meetings promote sympathy for the work and for each other. These auxiliaries are not isolated, independent bodies. Sun and satellite bound together in a system. Parts of a grand organism, each one is a feeder, a vitalizer. The great sympathetic nerve should thrill, the life-blood pulsate in every fibre. With the knowledge and the sympathy comes the inspiration."

"We build our altar, lay our wood and our sacrifice, and the fire comes down from heaven. Or we are gathered in the large upper room, and in no mysterious manner but according to the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit descends. "It has several times been my privilege to enjoy with my Congregational friends a meeting of the American Board that annual overflow of their Nile. With the stirring words of the leaders, the sight of the reapers as they came in from fields near and distant, hearing their sheaves with rejoicing, raise the tide of feeling. With the tide of feeling came the purposes, the plans and the new consecration. And like the similitude of the sons of men, touched the lips which were to carry the message to country, to hamlet, to village, to city over our own and other lands."

"Who can estimate the possibilities of a meeting of one of our Women's Boards? Four hundred bright, cultured, consecrated women, 'this one thing I do' written upon their faces; the magnetism of a great common interest flashing from eye to eye, and throbbing from heart to heart; engaged in the most unselfish of all work—Christ's work. Oh, the baptism of such a meeting, and the resistless influence as they return to different homes and quietly work the leaven into the community through the auxiliaries and bands."

"Send the sister whose horizon needs broadening. Send the timid, modest, shrinking sister, so bright, active, efficient; so quick to perceive, so clever to plan, so brilliant to execute in the home and social circles, but who is tongue-tied in the missionary meeting. The dumb may speak."

"Send your woman of one idea. She may return with two."

"Send the critical sister who thinks that missionary societies are made up of peculiar people, and women who are unfitted to shine in other walks of life. Their eyes will be opened."

"Send the hard worked, busy wife and mother who treasures up her scraps of time and bits of coin that she may make an offering for the cause she loves. It will be a strengthening cordial to her."

"Send the girls, that in this fresh young life they are taking on, this great subject may have its place."

"Do you wish to create a missionary sentiment in your community; to bring about a revival of faith and zeal to draw out the latent sympathy and the latent talent of your church; to educate your children, and enlist your young people? Do you desire a full treasury, to nerve the arm of the Boards, to hold up the hands of the missionaries, to speed the coming of the King? If so, these meetings are of vital importance—the closest meeting, the band meeting, associational and annual meetings, and county conventions. Attend them, study for them, pray for them."

A sister said to me the other day: "I offered last year to pay our president's expenses if he would go to the annual meeting." Her remark led to thoughts which resulted in sending you the above extracts. Many of our societies and bands have workers who would gladly attend these meetings, but shrink from speaking of their desire, knowing that they lack the means. Let the sister who has the means send the one who has not. Or it will pay the society or band to meet these expenses."

Of Course You Read

The testimonials frequently published in this paper relating to Hood's Sarsaparilla. They are from reliable people, state simple facts, and show beyond a doubt that Hood's Cures. Why don't you try this medicine? Be sure to get Hood's.

Constipation, and all troubles with the digestive organs and the liver, are cured by Hood's Pills. Unequalled as a dinner pill.

Minard's Liniment for rheumatism.