conspicious example, of the Christ-like Spirit in its treatment of injuries received.

—In the Island of Cuba the native shows a tree that looks fair and beautiful to the eye. Giving it a blow with the ax it topples over, filling the air with a fine white powder the secret being that a tiny insect eats its way into the fiber and turns the beautiful tree into a mummy of enswathed dust. This is what mere morality does for a man—sin lies at the roots of life, unless it is killed it burrows and does its deadly work. The exterior may be fair to look upon, but some gust of temptation sweeps down and over it goes with a great crash—a new life must take the place of the old. Only Jesus Christ can make the dead live. One word from his lips and Lazarus comes forth. One touch of his hand and the maid arisef.

—Robert E Speer says: "Jesus may go to lodge with sinners, but he will not lodge with sin. That must go out, and if it will not, then Jesus will go. What he seeks is sole tenancy. He enters for the purpose of expulsion. These can have him who will pay the price, and what a price! How eagerly life should leap at the desire of paying it! We give sin and get the Saviour. We give death and get life. We give time, and get time and eternity both. We give what is nothing but misery and wretchedness, and we get joy and power and usefulness eternally.' A great exchange surely! If the men who are after material things with such a mad rush, would put upon them a proper estimate and let God's light flash upon the heavenly treasure there would not be gold enough in the Klondike to keep them from the pearl of great price."

—In the Paris Salon there is a striking picture, the death of William the Conqueror. The soul is represented as having just taken its flight, and the servants who a moment previous would have leaped to answer his every nod, are robbing his wardrobe. Underneath is written, "William the Conqueror." Think of it! Just dead, and his own life attendents rummaging for booty! What a victory! "What a failure" rather would not the Master of all good workmen say? For the man who does not own a penny, but who lives daily in the love of whatsoever things are true and noble and of good report, who can kneel by his bedside, clasp his wife and child in his arms, then committ them into the keeping of the all-seeing, all-loving and sleep as soundly as his curly-headed darling—that man is the true conqueror. The child of a King is he, the heir of the ages.

Acadia Seminary.

ELOCUTION RECITAL.

This recital, the last in the students' series of 1902–1903, was given in Assembly Hall, Friday evening, April 17. Flattering reports of it have already appeared in the daily press; rendering extended comment from me superfluous.

The students in elocution were assisted by Miss Kathryn Gillespie, representing the Pianoforte Department, by Miss Jennie Eaton of the Vocal Department and by Mr. Thomas Wilson, who in connection with his work in the Horticultural School has been taking work in Vocal Culture with Miss Marvin.

A glance at the programme will show the choice, variety and range of the selections; but it will not show what all are unanimous in declaring, how almost uniformly strong and artistic was the work of all who took part.

The department of Elocution was never so full of students as now, and Miss Lynds is to be warmly congratulated upon her success in her first year's work.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Unexpected Guests (Monologue), Miss Louise Morse.
2. Moment Musicale, C. sharp Minor, op. No. 2, Moszkowski, Miss Kathryn Gillespie.
3. The Trial of Joseph Nadeau, Miss Pearl Reid.
4. (a) Discovered, (b) A Coquette Conquered, (c) When the Organ Plays — Miss Laurie Cohoon.
5. The Holy City (Song), Miss Jennie Eaton. (Pantomime; Misses Faulein Price, Edith Clark, May Green, Louise Morse).
6. The Honor of the Woods, Miss Gertrude McDonald.

PART II.

7. Judgment Day, Miss Maysie Willis.
8. The Indifferent Mariner (Song) Mr. Thomas Wilson.
9. Sidney Carton's Sacrifice, Miss Adelia Gormley.
10. Ingomar, the Barbarian, Mr. Ralph Slipp (Parthenia, a Greek girl), Miss Beatrice Oulton
11. March, "Gold Star," By Sixteen Girls.

The closing exercises of the Seminary will be held Tuesday evening, June 2nd, if present indications are to be relied on. Thirteen girls will be graduated, right in the collegiate course, two in piano, three in voice, and in addition one student receives a diploma for post-graduate work in piano. Rev. W. C. Goucher, M. A., of St. Stephen will address the graduating class.

The recent quickening of interest in the religious life under the faithful preaching of our brethren, Parker and Hutchinson was not confined solely to the College. Several of our students expressed a desire to enter into the larger life, and some have definitely yielded to Christ. Work has been done in a quiet way that is bound to be fruitful in later years. For these blessings we are truly grateful to the Lord.

LECTURE

Since my last writing the students, many of them for the first time, have had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Sawyer. His subject was the Friction Match, and under his skilful handling the common place became glorified, and the students were led to see that the apparently trivial and prosaic may become alive with suggestion as to the meaning of history and life itself. Dr Sawyer has our hearty thanks. H. T. DeWolfe, Principal.

The Summer School of Science.

The Summer School of Science for the Maritime Provinces of Canada, will be held at Chatham, N. B., July 21 to August 7, inclusive. This is the seventeenth session of the school. It is increasing in popularity and efficiency each year and is of very great advantage to the teachers in our public schools, and others who have to do with the training of the young.

The booklet giving all necessary information is well gotten up. It contains a short sketch of last year's work together with a full outline of the course of study for the present year. Any further information regarding the school can be obtained from the Secretary, J. D. Leaman, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Chatham will be a pleasant place to visit in the summer, and the school will receive a most cordial welcome from the citizens.

A European trip is in contemplation. The idea is, to to make it economical as well as educational. It is hoped that the cost will not exceed $150.

The Unfolding of Life.

In the realm of nature, one of the most interesting and mysterious processes is the unfolding of life. The tiny seed contains a living germ. Yet through lack of resources from without, this invisible germ may lie dormant indefinitely. Illustrations are not wanting of the Egyptian wheat, encased with the mummy, with its life undeveloped for thousands of years.

Something akin to this there is in every man. He, too, bears the germ of the spiritual. Yet this germ may begin to grow only after the sun has crossed the meridian of life. Or it may remain undeveloped from infancy to age.

But every schoolboy knows just how to make the seed germinate, and thus fulfill its God-given mission. Placed in the proper soil, warmed by the sun, watered with the showers of heaven, and appropriating to itself the nutritive elements from without, the hidden germ will surely obey its own instinct, and begin to grow.

And in the history of man, the secret of all spiritual success finds answer in the story of the seed. Let the germ have proper footage, receiving the benignant influences of the spiritual Sun, let the dews of divine grace water it according to its need, and with right appropriation of spiritual nourishment, the life will truly and successfully unfold.

What possibilities are in the little seed! What possibilities, too, are in the human life! The mustard seed becomes a tree on whose branches the fowls of the air may lodge, the acorn a mighy oak. So the humblest child of God may become a prophet, a priest, a king, whose ultimate destiny is to sit with Jesus on the throne of the universe.

But while the seed is passive, and therefore, without accountability, man is active, and hence, responsible. My brother, my sister, live up to the full measure of your responsibility. Be faithful in the appointments of the church. Frequent the house of prayer. Associate much with Christian people, and still more with Christ. Be a careful student of the Word. In imitation of the Master's example, let the "Father's business" engross your most serious attention. In everything "study to shew thyself approved unto God.' And he who works with the acorn, shaping it into a stately tree, will in like manner work with you, for your good always, and for His eternal glory.—Sel.

New Books.

"Earthly Discords and how to Heal Them," by Malcolm J. McLeod is before us.

It is a volume of 216 pp. and deals with the subject in a fresh, racy and suggestive manner. There are nine chapters, of which the first treats of education, legislation reformation, regeneration; or the college, the congress, the club, the church. Chap 5 treats of the noisy passion for self—and ch. 9 or the closing chapter treats of "Heaven the healing harmony." The book is readable, informing and consequently helpful. The quotations used are apt, and the illustrations are of the kind that impress. When it is known that the author's book on "Heavenly harmonies for earthly living" has passed through five editions in a single year it will be seen that Mr. McLeod has caught the ear of the public. The publishers are the Fleming H. Revell Co. and the price 75c net.

Many Talks to Children by Perry Wayland Sinks.

This is a little volume of 100 pp. which deals with money, in seven chapters, each of which discusses the question of money in as many phrases. Getting Money, Spending Money, Sharp Bargains, The Poor Poor, The Poor Rich, The Rich Poor, and The Rich Rich. These were talks to children, and the thought of the author was to impress the youthful mind with the value of money, its use and abuse. To pastors of churches who desire to deal specially with the young in their congregation these "Talks" would be very suggestive. Published by the Revells. Price 40c net.

In the Nineteenth Century the four leading articles are all in some phase of the Church question. The revelations which are made are certainly a surprise to most readers. Lord Halifax writes on "The Crisis in the Church" in such a manner as to indicate the real meaning of the forces which are at work within the Established church. It seems strange that while the nations that have long been under papal rule, are throwing off the fetters of which they have been bound, there are signs of a movement towards Rome in the part of many in the church of England. A leader in this movement is Lord Halifax himself. Other articles of real value will be found in this Review, and will repay reading. "The Nineteenth Century" is up to date in the contents of its pages. Published by the Leonard Scott Pub. Co.

The publishing house of William Briggs, Toronto has just issued from its press a volume of nearly 450 pp. which is of more than ordinary interest and ought to command a wide sale. It is the story of the life of Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf and dumb, but who overcame these obstacles and received for herself an education which few obtain who are in full possession of these faculties. The book is divided into three parts, "The first two, Miss Keller's story, and the extracts from her letters, form a complete account of her life as far as she can give it." The third part is a supplementary account of the life of this remarkable girl for which the editor only is responsible through acknowledging his indebtedness to others, especially to Miss Sullivan, who has been to Miss Keller everything that one person could be to another. The story as Miss Keller tells it is interesting, it is more, it is fascinating, more so than most novels, and even so much more healthful and stimulating. It is such a book as a wise parent would place on his table for his children to read. The editor is John Albert Macey of Cambridge, Mass., who has done his work well. It contains 14 illustrations. We would like to see the volume in every Sunday school library in the land.

Margaret E Sangster has written a little volume of sweetness and tenderness entitled "When Angels Come to Men." It is dedicated to the memory of a sainted mother, who requested in the last days of her earthly pilgrimage that she write "a book about the angels." This volume is the fulfilment of that request. The author says, "In this little study of our heavenly helpers, I have found a great deal of inspiration and cheer, and I pass it on, for the comfort of those who dwell in the house of mourning." To many a weary watcher who may sit beneath a "juniper tree" or who may be cast in some "fiery furnace" of affliction, there will be help and cheer found in these 150 pages. Miss Sangster has a charming style, which makes the reading very attractive. It is nicely gotten up by the Fleming H. Revell Company. Price $1.00 net.

The Year Book of 1903 of the Baptists of the United States contians much valuable information. Last year there were added to the churches by baptism and experience 233,098. an average of 639 baptisms a day. The gain in churches for the year was 376, about one a day; in ordained ministers there was a gain of 248. There are 44,829 churches in the whole country and 30 809 ordained ministers. There are 9 Theological Seminaries, with 77 teachers and 1088 pupils. Of Universities and Colleges there are 100, with 2 033 teachers and 31,314 students. Of Academies and Institutes there are 828 teachers and 15 041 students. These institutions have property and endowments to the value of $48 876,113. Yet there is scarcely one o' them that is not as lean and gaunt (from hunger) as our own Acadia. There are 42 charitable institutions with over $1,500,000 worth of property. Of Baptist periodicals published in the country there are 120. The numerical strength of the denomination lies in the South. When it comes to contributions however, the most of the money comes from the North. New York State leads in contributions, Pennsylvania comes second with Massachusetts a good third. Georgia still leads all the states in the Union in the number of Baptists over 400,000. New York contains the largest number in the North—753 700. There are more Baptists in the United States than are found in all the rest of the world. They are a great and growing force, and tell for righteousness and true holiness whereon they are to be found, and this will continue to be increasingly so, as their principles come to be more clearly understood, and more devoutly lived.

The annual Convention of the B. Y. P. U. of America will be held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, July 9 to 12 inclusive. We understand that the key-word of the Convention will be *Service*. It is a royal word, and will be royally used during the meetings. This gathering of the Young People in a Southern city will afford Canadians and others an opportunity to enjoy the warm-hearted southern hospitality, and will bring them in touch with a different element than that to which they have been accustomed in cities farther north. The meetings will be deeply interesting, This cannot well be otherwise in such a Baptist stronghold. There will be a very large attendance. Representatives from the Maritime Provinces would be warmly welcomed.