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Acadia's Anniversary.

The exercises in connection with the closing of Acadia College, Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary last week attracted a large number of the friends of our schools at Wolfville. And as far as we know, all were delighted with the beauty of Wolfville and with the exercises throughout. The weather was altogether favorable and the grumbler was hard pressed for grist for his mill. The presence of a number of distinguished persons from various parts of the country added interest to the occasion. Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Minister of Railways accompanied by his mother and other friends. Rev. J. D. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman of Toronto, Rev. A. Cameron and Mrs. Cameron, of Ottawa, Rev. Dr. Goodspeed and Mrs. Goodspeed of McMaster University, were cordially welcomed by the institutions.

The Exhibition of the work of the Schools began with the Graduating Recitals of Acadia Seminary, three in number given by eight pupils in the Departments of Pianoforte, Voice and Elocution. Of these recitals the first was given by Miss Hazel Wortman, Pianoforte; Miss Gertrude Heales, Voice and Miss Lillian Strong, Pianoforte. These young ladies were all residents of Wolfville. The second recital was given by Miss Gertrude Henderson, Amover, N. B., in Pianoforte; Miss Nina V. Shaw, of Avonport, N. S., in Elocution and Miss Faulein B. Price, of Parisboro, N. S., in Pianoforte. The third recital was given by Miss Frances Burditt, Middleton, N. S., in Voice and Miss Edith W. Spurden, of Fredericton, in Pianoforte.

Space will not permit the publication of the programmes in full; and the individuality expressed in the performances prevents comparisons, were they not always odious. It is enough to say, and these are no idle words of general encomium, that the work of each pupil reached a high level of excellence, reflecting credit upon the pupil, and exhibiting the careful and artistic work which is being done by Miss Archer in the department of Voice, Mr. Maxim in Pianoforte, and Miss Lynds in Elocution.

Alumnae Hall was well filled by the friends and invited guests of the graduates, and the evenings were seasons of great enjoyment. At the close of each recital the young ladies received their friends at an informal reception in one of the adjoining rooms which was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, as was also Alumnae Hall, through the courtesy of the members of the Junior class.

In College Hall, Saturday evening, Professor Tripp, of the Emerson school of Oratory, Boston, gave a series of readings of a popular character.

LORD'S DAY.

The Baccalaureate sermon was preached at the morning service by Rev. Professor Goodspeed, D. D., LL. D. of McMaster University, Toronto. Text: 1 Corinthians 16:13 "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

Dr. Goodspeed set forth the necessity and conditions of Christian strength with great force of argument. There must be alertness of mind, the compulsion of conscience, the impulsion of love and the attraction of a supreme purpose if we would gain strength and steadfastness in the faith is essential to these elements of power. The sermon was timely and in every way appropriate. College Hall was filled. A number of ministers listened with delight to their former associates in public service. Rev. Dr. Saunders offered prayer, Rev. A. Cameron read the Scripture.

The evening meeting was presided over by Mr. D. J. McPherson, President of the Y. M. C. A. The address was by Rev. J. H. Jenner, M. A., Pastor of the North Baptist Church Halifax, subject: The Biblical Doctrine of the Resurrection, Is it Credible?

The address was at once scholarly thoughtful and practical. It was clear and strong and founded on Scriptural teaching, and the delivery was excellent. Rev. Isaiah Wallace and Rev. J. D. Freeman, offered prayer. The music at both services was good. Solos were given by Miss Archer

Horton Collegiate Academy.

The closing exercise of Horton Collegiate Academy took place in the Assembly Hall on Monday evening. The large audience evinced a hearty interest in the proceedings of the evening. Principal Brittain presided and was supported on the platform by his coadjutors on the teaching staff of the Academy. The opening prayer was offered by President Trotter.

Following is the programme of the evening exercises:

PROGRAMME.

Military March Schubert-Tausig
Miss Lavinia Lewis and Eunice Haines.

PRAYER.

The Work of the Year The Principal
Piano Solo—Nocturne, "By Moonlight," Bendel.
Miss Faulein Price

Essay—"Nova Scotia, her resources and advantages."
J. Melbourne Shortcliffe, Freeport,
Digby Co. N. S.

Song—"Beloved." Neidlinger.
Miss Frances Burditt.
with Violin Obligato by Miss Evelena Warren.

Valedictory John Geldert, Moncton, N. B.
Address.—The Place of the Academy in our System of
Education.
Rev. Prof. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., LL. D.

Presentation of Prizes.
Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates.

ESSAYS NOT DELIVERED.

"The Evolution of the Sailing Ship."
Vernon C. Elderkin, Advocate, N. S.

"College Training and Physical Culture."
Stanley McMillan, Isaac's Harbor, N. S.

"Canada, the Better Half of the North American Continent."
W. L. Steeves, Salisbury, N. B.

"Monarchy."
W. M. Jenkins, Downeyville, N. B.

"Sir John A. McDonald,"
Earl Lewis, Truro, N. S.

"The War of 1812,"
Harold Spurr, Aylesford, N. S.

"The American War of Independence."
Thos. O. McCutcheon, Cambridge, N. B.

"Horatio Nelson,"
Harold Rising, St. John, N. B.

"One Year at Sea,"
John I. Flick, Halifax, N. S.

"Theodore Harding,"
Rand, D. C. I.

"The Evolution of Arms."
James Dancroft Barton, N. S.

"A Fishing Excursion."
Cameron V. Bailey, New Glasgow, N. S.

"Egypt and the Assouan Dam."
Jamie Douglas Densmore, Port Clyde, N. S.

Judson S. Margeson, Middleton, N. S.

Only two of the fifteen essays by the graduating class were delivered. These were of a superior order of merit and were listened to with much satisfaction. Mr. Shortcliffe's essay, both in matter and in delivery, was a very effective setting forth of the resources and advantages of his native Province. Mr. Geldert's valedictory was equally good in its way, and bore testimony to the high regard in which the teaching staff is held by the students. The musical members of the programme were excellent, Miss Burditt's solo being especially enjoyed.

That Dr. Sawyer's address was a valuable contribution to the occasion goes without saying. All were glad to see the honored ex-President in the enjoyment apparently of fairly vigorous health, and to hear his voice from the platform. Dr. Sawyer began by congratulating Principal Brittain and his coadjutors on the successful work of the year. The students were also to be congratulated, for the success was at least in part done to them and especially to the members of the senior class, and in this connection Dr. Sawyer recalled the remark of Dr. Thomas Arnold that he could not govern Rugby without the aid of the highest class in the school. The students now going out would doubtless have mingled feelings. There would be the joy of escape for a time from the restraints of school life and satisfaction at the accomplishment of the year's work, but with that there would be no doubt a measure of anxiety as to the future. The speaker called attention to certain qualities by which they had attained to their present position and by the cultivation of which they would doubtless be able to each forward successfully to things beyond. They had been forming habits, and he would call attention to some of the most important. There was (1) the habit of using their mother tongue correctly. This should be their endeavor, not only when writing an essay, but in their ordinary conversation. Unfortunately many who pass for well educated men fail at this point. (2) The habit of thoroughness which is essential to success in all important undertakings. (3) The habit of gentlemanly deportment which is both a virtue, and a stepping-stone to success. (4) The habit of maintaining a high sense of honor. However it may be explained, it is certain that an appeal to a man's honor will often go home to him where an appeal to his sense of right will not succeed. The latter part of Dr. Sawyer's speech was addressed to the audience in general. He spoke strongly of the importance of the Academy and its work, and said there was some reason to think that these had been undervalued. For the educational advantages as well as for the social and religious influences which it exercised over its students, be considered the work of the Academy essential. Dr. Sawyer said he would like to see a three storey building for class room purposes on the ground between the Academy House and the Manual Training Building. Such a building as he had in mind would cost \$20,000. He had a man in mind who might perform a great service for the denomination and leave a noble monument of unselfish devotion to the cause of Christian education by erecting

such a building, and he (Dr. Sawyer) was waiting to see whether this gentleman would embrace his opportunity.

At the conclusion of the address Principal Brittain expressed his gratification at Dr. Sawyer's closing statements. He had waited five years for some one who could speak with more authority than he himself could to say something like this, and now that it had been said so effectively by Dr. Sawyer he felt sure that results would follow.

In reference to the work of the year Mr. Brittain gave a very encouraging report. There had been a total enrolment of 92 students, with an average attendance of 42. There were 20 in the senior class, of whom 15 were prepared to enter college. The year had been very satisfactory to the teachers. The Academy Home had been well patronized. A large number had taken instruction in the Manual Training School. The number of students in the Academy now preparing for college was fifty per cent. greater than last year. The following prizes were then awarded, and the students who had completed courses received the certificates to which they were entitled:

SENIOR YEAR.

First, John Geldert, Moncton (N. B.); 2nd, J. Melbourne Shortcliffe, Freeport (N. S.)

MIDDLE YEAR.

First, George E. Glenn, Grenada, British West Indies and Sydney W. Thurber, Freeport (N. S.)

JUNIOR YEAR.

Bernard Trotter, Wolfville (N. S.)

In the bookkeeping department, Miss Mabel D. Hines, Acadia (N. S.), was awarded a prize of a fountain pen.

In the shorthand department the silver medal was awarded to Miss Genie Strople, Boylston (N. S.). It is worthy of note that this prize was last year won by Mr. Atwater, of Boylston.

Before the exercises were brought to a close President Trotter came to the platform and made the unwelcome announcement that Mr. Brittain had determined to retire from the Principalship of the Academy with a view to pursuing a course of special study. Dr. Trotter spoke in the highest terms of the work of Principal Brittain and expressed the deep regret of himself, the Board of Governor's and all who have been associated with Mr. Brittain at the loss of so efficient a head master. This regret the friends of the Academy and college will doubtless universally share.

Graduating Class Exercises.

The class day exercises of the graduating class of the College (which are to be distinguished from the graduating exercises) was held on Tuesday morning in Assembly Hall. This has become one of the popular features of anniversary week. The morning was fine, and the audience was a large one. The officers of the class are as follows: J. Howard Cunningham of Guysboro, N. S., President; Miss Louise Dunham of Canso, N. S., Vice-President; Miss Rosamond Archibald of Windsor, Secretary.

The programme of the morning was as follows:

1. Opening address, by the Class President.
2. Roll Call, by the Class Secretary;
3. Appointment of officers;
4. Class History by Roy Elliott Bates;
5. Medley Overture, Boccaccio, Suppe;
6. At '04 Utopia, by Carroll P. Charlton;
7. Valedictory, by Gordon H. Baker.

The exercises as a whole were very much enjoyed. Class Day is recognized as an occasion on which a little nonsense will be pardoned and appreciated by the audience. However there are reasonable limits in that direction even on class day, and we are glad that the class of '04 was wise enough to keep its nonsense within reasonable bounds.

We give you herewith the class ode written by one of the most brilliant members of the class.

CLASS ODE.

A glance along the pages of the past—
A vision of world-wonder yet to be—
A guess at Life's stern riddle, vague and vast—
Stray sands of knowledge, gathered by her sea—
While musing, dreaming here in sheltered glen,
We gird ourselves to join the world of men.

Beyond these happy walls, this elm-tree shade,
Our paths may lie through other fields as fair;
Perchance what men call Life itself was made
But for a wider, worldlier college, where,
Far-straining upward from this earthly clod,
We might prepare to join the World of God.

Comrades of mine, a little, on the way,
Strive! that Life's fulness be not lost to thee;
Serve! Let the world be gratified for thy day;
Then from the hand which holds thy destiny
May thou receive the laureate crown, "Well done!"
The last degree our hopes are builded on.

ROY E. BATES.

The Alumni Dinner.

The Alumni dinner took place in Chipman Hall at one o'clock on Tuesday, and proved to be a very enjoyable feature of the anniversary proceedings. Besides the members of the graduating class who were the guests of the Alumni Association for the occasion, there were present a very respectable number of the Alumni, and as each member had been permitted to bring a friend, a considerable number of ladies graced the occasion with their presence. The work of the caterer was very satisfactorily performed, and after