

cial responsibility in such a matter, have, nevertheless, decided to exercise the authority of putting agents into the field at once, believing that they will be justified in this action by the Governors at their next meeting. Application has been made already to Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. I. Wallace, and Rev. A. Cohoon, and the hope is cherished that some or all of these brethren will be disposed to enter on the work immediately, and continue in it until it is brought to a successful termination. As soon as definite arrangements can be made, proper announcements and explanations will be published. It is our desire that the purpose of the Convention may be carried into execution as expeditiously as possible.

In behalf of the Committee,
A. W. SAWYER.
Wolfville, Sept. 7th, 1876.

For the Christian Messenger.
Commencement at Acadia College.

The public exercises in connection with the opening of Acadia College for the present year, took place in the Baptist Church, Wolfville, on Thursday evening last. The attendance was larger than usual, making it necessary to occupy the large audience room of the Church. President Sawyer, D. D., occupied the chair and after opening the meeting with prayer extended a warm welcome to the many long-robed young men who had assembled from all parts of the Provinces to participate for another year in the various studies at the institution. He announced that the first matriculation prize had been won this year by Mr. J. E. Armstrong, of Annapolis Co., and that the second prize had been awarded to Mr. Walter Basse, of Wolfville, which announcements were received with applause. He then called upon the Rev. Dr. Crawley to deliver the first address of the evening.

The venerable Dr. said that the subject of his remarks would be "Ripened Thoughts," and certainly the rich and eloquent manner in which he enforced the benefits and pleasures of mental culture, by illustration from the natural world and experience, demonstrated clearly that he at least was no stranger to the blessings of a matured mind.

Prof. D. F. Higgins followed in an address of a much more practical nature. He invited the students to a year of persistent, hard toil. He gave prominence to the fact that Acadia College had now to compete single handed with the other Colleges of the Province combined, and that it is not enough to simply say that our College was the best, but that they must shew by results that that was no empty boast. And this meant work. What had been done well in the past, must be done better in the future. Professors and students must alike do their utmost, not alone for the advancement of higher education, but the honor of the College demanded their best combined efforts.

The Rev. S. B. Kempton, urged upon the young men the importance of forming good habits. It was a common remark that the four years spent in College made or marred the students' prospects in life; and he gave it as the experience of himself and others that habits of devotion, of labour and of correct deportment in the duties and recreations of College life had an influence in moulding the life and character of the man that could not well be over-estimated.

President Sawyer remarked that during the vacation he had had an opportunity of visiting various localities and institutions in the Provinces and in the United States, and that he was more than ever impressed, upon returning home with the many superior natural advantages Acadia possessed in its location over all others. Advantages, which, if entertained and properly appreciated, could not fail to awaken a response in our higher natures, quickening our taste for all that ennobles and beautifies our lives. He led us in fancy to the little clump of trees at the west front of the College building, and invited our attention to the remarkable panorama spread out to our view, to Blomidon with its majestic proportions stretching far into the Bay, and the Cape on the western shore, both casting their heavy shadows upon the glassy surface of Minas Basin, while beyond the Londonderry shore formed a belt of blue reaching far up to where the Westchester Mountain skirts the horizon. At our feet the marshes of the classic Grand Pré spread out its vast expanse of green, supplying the foreground of a picture of beauty and sublimity upon which the eye rested with pleasure. Again he took us to the hill, back of the College grounds,

and asked us to look down upon the quiet rural scenery of the lovely Gaspareaux valley, and from the top of the hill to survey the surrounding prospect reaching away up into the Horton Hills, dressed in richest foliage, and over the Cornwallis farms and orchards far down the fruitful Annapolis valley. "No one," said Dr. Sawyer, "Could daily survey these striking pictures with their various changes of light and shadow, for four years, without receiving impulses of both an ennobling and elevating nature." To these scenes and associations he again welcomed his young friends and expressed the hope that the wise and beneficent Hand which had given them such an auspicious beginning would give them a pleasant and prosperous journey together.

The teachers in the Academy informed me that they are prosecuting the work of the year with full classes, and the prospect of having even a larger attendance than last year, as the season advances.

A VISITOR.
Wolfville, Sept. 11, 1876.

The Christian Messenger.
Halifax, N. S., September 13th, 1876.

ANTICIPATORY LEGISLATION.

The following act was passed in the last session of our Legislature, on the 4th, of April 1876. It has been slightly alluded to in the discussion of the University question but not published as a whole in our columns, and perhaps imperfectly understood in its operation. It is entitled "An Act to further alter and amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, 'Of Public Instruction.'"

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:
1. A graduate in the Faculty of Arts of any University in Her Majesty's dominions having power to grant degrees in Arts, who shall have obtained his degree between the first day of January, A. D., 1866 and the 1st of January, A. D., 1877 shall, upon application and upon passing a satisfactory examination in the subjects, usually known as professional subjects receive a license to teach of the grade commonly known as Grade A.

2. No persons shall be entitled to the privilege mentioned in the preceding section who shall graduate after the first day of January, A. D., 1877, in any institution other than the University of Halifax, incorporated during the present session of the Legislature. All graduates in Arts of such last named University shall be entitled to the privilege aforesaid.

3. So much of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Instruction," or any Act in amendment thereof, or of any regulation of the Council of Public Instruction, as is inconsistent with this Act is repealed.

The portions of the Act which we think should be carefully noted, we have put in Italics. It will be seen that this act discriminates in favour of the Halifax University. Not only this but this civil privilege has been put on our Statute book perhaps three or four years before the educational birth of the first son of the University for whom the special provision of this act has been made. After twelve o'clock at night, on the 31st of December next, every graduate of the University of Halifax comes into possession of this educational advantage, should such an one exist, and every graduate of Acadia, coming into being after that date, comes not into possession of "Grade A" honour, and "Grade A" privilege. This is something for the Baptists to note, and for the students of Acadia College to note, especially in view of the action of the Convention at Sackville.

The late discussion of University matters in our columns and in some of the secular papers, and especially at the Convention, developed a state of feeling on the subject which we believe is not well understood by the public. The unfavorable view which has been taken, by many, respecting the University of Halifax has been much intensified, we believe, by the rough treatment some of its advocates gave to one or two of our aged ministers, who are deservedly held in high esteem. Nova Scotia Baptists have long been distinguished for the respect in which they hold their aged ministers. Without anything approaching to a servile deference to their opinions, we know of no one of our ministers in the three provinces who would for a moment tolerate any attack on their aged brethren, and we hope the day is far off when there shall be any deterioration in this feeling of respect for those who have spent a long life in making known the truths we hold as our common inheritance.

It is not unlikely that this circumstance, as we intimated some weeks ago that it might, had something to do with the result arrived at by the Convention.

Our New Brunswick brethren no less than ourselves are opposed to the endowment of one State Teaching University knowing that such an institution must, to a large extent, ignore religion in its halls, or else unfairly give a preference to some one denomination. They, as well as we, know that our wants as a denomination will not be met by such an institution. They are, therefore resolved to keep Acadia College from even a semblance of being controlled by a body created by the Government.

The determination is perhaps greater than ever before that we shall maintain our College in its integrity, and consider its interests as paramount. This feeling in reference to collegiate institutions is also participated in by other denominations. Many Presbyterians even have strong objections to make use of a State University for teaching purposes.

If the University of Halifax is found to lead at all in that direction it will soon be pronounced a mistake and a failure. The Baptists, as a body, are unwilling to enter into this new experiment. Still, as implied by resolution of the Convention, we do not see that the Baptist brethren appointed on the Senate, except those directly opposed to the University, need withdraw from it, until they find that they are compromised by remaining. The University is a public institution, and, if intended to benefit the cause of higher education, they are under obligation to serve the public in this way, as well as others, as far as they may be able.

We see no reason for placing Acadia in antagonism to the University as an examining body, or hostile to any of the other denominational Colleges. Acadia has never given any countenance even to a spirit of rivalry. When such spirit has been invoked, by others, then her friends have stood up in her defence, and we hope will ever do so.

"We understand that Chancellor Hill, in view of his appointment as Head of the University of Halifax, which office demands from him an equal interest in all the colleges embraced in the Act of the Legislature, has resigned his seat at the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College, to which important position he was appointed several years ago, in order to fill the vacancy occasioned by our late Lieutenant-Governor the Honorable Joseph Howe."

We copy the above paragraph from the Morning Chronicle of Thursday last. Our correspondent "W" will perceive that his exposé of a few matters concerning the Senate of the New University has borne fruit. If a few of the other points which he noticed were rectified, he might then begin to feel that the grounds of his supposition that the University of Halifax had some ulterior objects in view were giving way, and to think that the Act is not intended to operate on behalf of the "Metropolitan College."

What a pity the above resignation had not been tendered and announced before our Convention was held!

The Editor of the Presbyterian Witness, alluding to the recent action of the Baptist Convention to raise \$100,000, says: "This is an example which others should note and profit by. We have heard nothing of late about the \$100,000 for Dalhousie College. Surely the project will not be allowed to slumber."

That is the proper spirit. Nothing would be easier for our Presbyterian friends than to endow their College with \$100,000.

CORRECTION.—We regret that our report last week of what Rev. E. M. Saunders said at Convention did him some injustice. Instead of saying, "He believed that in accepting the University we yield the point of objection to a Provincial Teaching University," to express the views held by Mr. S. it should have been "we do not yield," &c.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE No. 4 for 1876, completes the year with a fine list of bulbs and things for autumn planting and house culture. It also gives valuable directions as to planting and the care of plants during the winter. The "Floral Guide" is 25 cents a year of 4 numbers. The volume for 1877 will be issued, Dec. 1st, and is to contain brief sketches of plants, with a mass of illustrations.

Mrs. HUNT-MORGAN is on a lecturing tour along the Western Shore. She has had good audiences at Ingram River, Black Point, Hubbard's Cove and was last week invited to Tanook and Chester Basin. She will probably reach Liverpool about the middle of October. We have received a copy of her new book, "Elvira, or the power of the Gospel; a story of the new awakening in the land of the Cid" (Spain), just published in London. We intended to have given our readers a taste of its contents, but have not as yet been able to peruse it. We recommend them to purchase the book.

Our attention having been called to some errors on page 23 of Minutes of Western Baptist Association, we compared them with the copy sent us, and found they agreed with it; we then wrote to one of the clerks of the Association, and in reply have received the following:

"The errors are real. Greenfield has the Freeport money annexed—and Freeport that of Greenfield."

In regard to Westport it should be Missions \$60.20; Pastor's salary \$500. Meeting House \$70. Parsonage \$16. Other purposes, \$28.60. Total \$674.80, and th \$340 in column of Pastor's Salary now opposite Westport, should have been in the same column but opposite Wilmot Mountain, which I regret has been omitted."

We took the opportunity when at Sackville to look over the new Methodist Church, now nearly finished. It is a handsome structure. The inside walls are tinted in four neutral shades to imitate stone. The roof is open, displaying the principal rafters—all varnished and grained. The pews are of ash pannelled, trimmed with black walnut. The pulpit is on a platform raised about two feet. The organ is to be on the side of the pulpit facing the congregation with the choir little less elevated, all admirably adapted to promote singing by the congregation. The basement has two fine rooms for social meetings, and two or three other smaller ones. It will accommodate a congregation of 800 people, and will cost about \$13,000. It is convenient to the College and Academy, and highly creditable to the Methodist people.

We beg to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in our columns of the Halifax Infants' Home Bazaar. The Ladies who have entered upon this project deserve the sympathy and co-operation of every benevolent heart. There are, we learn, about forty babies rescued from suffering and probable early death. The institution is we believe under excellent management. A lady called the other day and was greatly struck to find that although there were forty infants in the rooms, yet not one was crying. This she mentioned as proof of the general healthfulness of the children.

The Methodist people of Amherst made a fine speculation the other day. They got up a monster railway excursion to Folleigh Lake, taking their patrons there and back for one fare. About 2000 people availed themselves of the opportunity, filling 18 cars. The cost of the cars was the only expense to the projectors, and a fine balance of near a thousand dollars must have been left for the purchase of a new church organ. As we came on to the station where they had stopped, it seemed like coming into a city, by the crowds of people that appeared on every hand. Success to enterprise!

MCALPINE'S HALIFAX DIRECTORY for 1876-77 is out, and is got up in his usual capital style. Printed by James Bowes & Sons. It is invaluable to every merchant, and exceedingly convenient in every household. Those who have not as yet had the Directory should get one, and they would not then be willing to do without it.

The Editor of the Wesleyan is making a trip to Bermuda as President of Conference for the ordination of two young ministers. We congratulate our brother on his relief from editorial labors for a short time as well as on the pleasant occasion which calls him to visit those "Somer's Islands."

(See Notices on 6th page.)

50 VISITING OR CALLING CARDS, with your name finely printed, sent for 25 cents. Agents wanted. 6 samples sent for three cent stamp.

Address
A. W. KINNEY,
Yarmouth, N. S.
May 24. 3m.

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HAZEN B. BIGNEY & CO.,
28 and 30 St. Francis Xavier St.,
MONTREAL, QUE.
Sept. 13.

HALIFAX INFANTS' HOME; BAZAAR.

The ladies of the Infants' Home intend holding a Bazaar in the last week in October. They respectfully solicit the aid and co-operation of all who wish to help destitute and helpless infancy. Donations in money or in

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will be thankfully received by the following ladies:

Mrs. Ronne, 14 Annandale St. Mrs. J. H. Liddell, 24 Bauer St. Mrs. W. H. Black, 111 Lockman St. Mrs. J. Scott Hutton, Institution for Deaf and Dumb, Gittingen Street. Mrs. Jas. C. Mackintosh, Tower Road. Mrs. P. Kuhn, Dartmouth. Aug. 30.

OXFORD MILLS

HOMESPUNS.

A full range of these very excellent goods will, from this time, be kept by us which will be offered

AT A VERY SMALL ADVANCE.

N. B.—Our Mr. J. W. Smith sailed for Europe by the last mail boat for the purchase of

AUTUMN & WINTER GOODS.

Any special orders which any of our friends may entrust to us will be forwarded without delay.

SMITH BROS.

July 5.



POST OFFICE.

HALIFAX, N. S., 29th July, 1876.

Notice to the Public.

The sale of Postage Stamps to the Public, at the Halifax Post Office, will be discontinued after

Tuesday, the 1st of August.

Postage Stamps can be obtained from the following vendors:—
G. E. Morton, Hollis St.
T. P. Connolly, Granville St.
M. A. Buckley, Granville St.
A. W. Nicolson, Wesleyan Book Room, Granville St.
A. McBean, Book and Tract Depository, Granville St.
H. A. Taylor, Barrington St.
J. Courteney, Pleasant St.
R. Urquhart, Spring Garden Road.
G. W. Jones, Birmingham St.
A. P. Power, Brunswick St.
H. C. Tully, Upper Water St.
James Crawford, Upper Water St.
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Licenses will shortly be issued to other vendors.

By order of the Postmaster-General.
H. W. BLACKADAR,
Postmaster.

Aug. 2.

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FARM and CROP.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers to sell an excellent Farm in Colchester County, two miles from Stewiacke Station, containing 300 acres of upland well calculated for woodland, pasture, and tillage, 40 acres under good cultivation free from stone, and 14 acres of marsh. The lot is well calculated for two good Farms as there are two public roads passing through it about a mile apart.

On the premises are good buildings consisting of a commodious Dwelling House well finished, a large double Barn, Coach House and Stable, beside other out Buildings necessary for Farming operations. There is also a nice Plum Orchard bearing well and a few Apple Trees.

Within half a mile is a good School, just across the street a New Baptist Meeting House, and about two miles off a Presbyterian and Episcopal Church, Telegraph, and Post Office. Any person wishing to secure a pretty situation in a nice locality with every convenience almost for farming, will do well to call at an early period and examine for themselves. It can be sold in two lots if necessary, with or without the present growing crop.

For terms of sale and other particulars please apply to JAMES A. COX, Upper Stewiacke, or the Subscriber on the premises.

E. C. BANKS.
Lower Stewiacke, July 15, 1876.
July 19. 2 mths.