

College Library. The thirteen members of the Graduating Class were present, by invitation, and partook of the repast with their predecessors. The material discussion was enjoyed by all, and was followed by a number of lively short addresses from members of the Alumni, representatives of the Halifax press, and Graduates, and it became a real feast of reason and flow of soul. The chairman, Rev. J. W. Manning gave the keynote in a pleasant strain. This was taken up and carried on by Prof. Higgins, J. W. Longley, Dr. Rand, Rev. E. M. Kierstead, an alumnus of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, B. F. Simpson and others. A short visit was paid by some of the Board of Governors—Hon. Dr. Parker, Dr. Sawyer, and Rev. E. M. Saunders. About 1/2 past 10 o'clock the supper was finished, and the members of the Society adjourned to close up the business of the year.

ANNIVERSARY DAY

has been for many years noted for its fine weather. The opening of Thursday was not promising that this would be of the same character. It was cold and the clouds were dark and lowering. It improved however and became fine before the arrival of the special train from Halifax. Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock and Lady McClintock, and attendants who had come up in the train were invited to the carriages of the County Warden, J. W. Barss, Esq., John O. Pineo, Esq., and other gentlemen of the village, and were taken to the new Seminary to breakfast. They were shortly after taken to see the scenery of the locality.

The Hall was well filled before the time announced. The Governors, Faculty and Students of the College formed in procession on the grounds in the rear of the College, and marched thence into the Assembly Hall.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George Armstrong, and an Anthem sung by the musical friends who had come from St. John, N. B., for the purpose.

The programme was being proceeded with when General Sir Patrick McDougall, and staff entered and took seats on the platform, and in front, to which they were conducted.

Shortly afterwards the Admiral and suite entered, and he was directed to a chair on the platform.

The following is the list of subjects of the

ORATIONS, AND NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

"The Church in England in the time of Henry III," by Caleb R. B. Dodge, Middleton.

"Diversity of Race—its Influence on National Prosperity," by Clarence E. Griffin, Canard.

"Mohammedanism in the East," by Howard Chambers, Truro.

"Philosophical Speculations—their Influence on Life," by Edward J. Morse, Paradise.

"The Literary Profession," by Everett W. Sawyer, Wolfville.

"Commerce and Civilization," by Richmond Shafner, Williamstown.

"The Permanence of the Poetical Element in Man," by Benjamin F. Simpson, Bay View, P. E. I.

"Literature as subject to the Law of Demand and Supply," by Samuel N. Bentley, Wilmot.

"The Statesman and the People," by G. J. Coultrie White, St. John, N. B.

"To what extent does the Advancement of Science promote Human Happiness?" by Isaac C. Archibald, Upper Stewiacke.

"Simplicity a Test of Thought," by G. Wilbert Cox, Upper Stewiacke.

"The Unrest of the People," by Geo. E. Croscup, Granville Ferry.

"Alius et Idem"—Valedictory, by Walter Barss, Wolfville.

The time was insufficient to admit of all being given, five—those marked by an asterisk—were consequently excused.

Music, vocal and instrumental, under the direction of Miss Prudie Hartt, of St. John, N. B., was given, in splendid style, at intervals between the Orations.

Miss Hartt is daughter of the late J. W. Hartt, for many years Principal of the Horton Collegiate Academy, and is much beloved and respected by the people of that locality.

The platform was occupied by the Faculty of the College. During the delivery of the fourth essay, Rev. Dr. Cramp entered the Hall and took his seat on the platform. His appearance was greeted by the gentlemen who were formerly students under him, many of whom are now becoming the senior ministers of the body.

The conferring of the Degree—Bachelor of Arts—upon so large a class was an imposing sight. We regretted much that the President, Rev. Dr.

Sawyer, omitted the usual Farewell Address to the Graduates—commonly the best part of the Anniversary—probably in deference to the distinguished visitors, who it was hoped would address the audience.

The President said the prizes would be given at the beginning of the ensuing term. He gave Honor Certificates for work done, in addition to that assigned, to Arthur Chute, (junior), in History; H. C. Moore, (Sophomore), in Classics; O. C. S. Wallace, (Freshman), in Classics; J. Hutchins, (Freshman), in Classics.

The Valedictory, entitled "Alius et idem" was a fine essay full of thought of a high order, very touching in its allusions to the past and the future. Mr. Barss we are glad to know proposes shortly entering upon literary work, and we doubt not he will soon make for himself a large place in the hearts of many friends.

We are glad to inform our readers that we shall be able, in our next, to place before them, verbatim, the Oration delivered by Mr. Simpson. Without making invidious comparisons we may say that it is in nothing behind the best of them for its lofty conceptions of thought and its fine ideal of the mental characteristics of mankind.

Dr. Sawyer here introduced the distinguished visitors, General Sir Patrick McDougall, the Commander of the Forces in Canada, and Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock, Naval Commander on the British North America and the West Indies Stations, and invited them to speak.

The General expressed himself greatly pleased with what he had seen and heard. He passed a high compliment on the Essays delivered. The beauty and fertility of the soil he was glad to find was fully equalled by the intellectual force and culture of its people. The attention given to education had great promise of future good. He was thankful for the kind invitation given, and for the opportunity afforded of being present on this occasion. He said it might perhaps come better from his aid-de-camp, who was a younger man, yet he could but admire the beauty which appeared on every side in the Hall, and that looked down from the galleries.

His Excellency the Admiral also spoke very briefly, and in doing so noticed the vast benefits that arose from a liberal course of education. The great object of mental culture being to know and serve God, and to be the means of doing good to our fellow creatures. This he was glad to observe had been so well developed in the addressed they had just heard. He had not supposed that so much had been accomplished as he here found evidences of, and warmly commended the educational work in which the people were so greatly interested.

St. John, N. B. was well represented by J. H. Harding, Esq., and G. G. King, Esq., M. P., Rev. J. E. Hopper, W. M. Witt, Esq., and others. J. R. Kinney, Esq., M. P. P., for Yarmouth, and Avar Longley, Esq., M. P., for Annapolis were among those present at the Anniversary.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the audience joining with the choir in singing

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

THE CONCERT

under the auspices of the Graduating Class, held on Thursday evening, was a most pleasing and satisfactory closing up of the Anniversary gatherings. The Assembly Hall was closely packed. The reputation of Miss Prudie Hartt, and the taste given in the morning of what might be expected from her and the musical friends who accompanied her from St. John for this purpose, was sufficient to induce six or seven hundred people to come together. The programme was varied, it opened with the chorus "Angel of Peace."

The other pieces were

"Duett," by Miss and Mr. McInnis.

"There's nothing like a freshening breeze," by Mr. Mays.

"The Venetian Regatta," by Miss Hea and Miss Ella Knight.

"The Sailor's Story," by Miss Prudie Hartt.

"Sleep my Darling," by Misses Ida and Maggie Crothers, Messrs Mays and McInnis.

"Waiting," by Miss Knight.

Piano Duett—"Le Strot du Cavalier," by Miss Hea and Miss Ida Crothers.

"O loving Heart Trust on," by Miss McInnis.

"Land of the Swallows," by Misses Prudie and Emma Hartt.

"He thinks I do not love him," by Miss Hea.

"Trust her not," by Misses Ida and Maggie Crothers.

"Magnetic Waltz Song," by Miss Ella Knight.

"Hush! thee, my baby," by Misses McInnis and Hea, and Messrs. Mays and McInnis.

"Saved from the Storm," by Miss Prudie Hartt.

"Memory," Henry Leslie, by Miss Prudie Hartt, Miss and Mr. McInnis.

By special request, Miss Hartt sang the beautiful song, "The clang of the wooden shoe."

Closed by GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

We would linger around these matters, and give, to all the parties concerned, something more like what is due to them, if our space would permit; but must content ourselves with this very hasty outline leaving the imagination of our readers to fill up whatever is omitted, that might otherwise be said.

The Virginia Star published at Richmond, Virginia, has a pleasing account of the commencement exercises of the Richmond Institute. These exercises we are told were witnessed and enjoyed by a large number of persons—indeed the handsome edifice of the Second Baptist church was crowded to its utmost capacity. After prayer Mr. John M. Scott came forward and delivered the salutatory. His theme, the "Advantages of Languages," was a fine thoughtful production and riveted the attention of the intelligent and appreciative audience. "Justice May Sleep, But Never dies," by Ellis Watt. "Africa as she has been, and as she will be," by Dabney D. Minor. "The Wisdom of God in Nature," by Andrew M. More. The March of Intellect, by James H. Blackwell. This closed with an earnest appeal to the Negro to strive for a grander development of the energies of heart and mind.

Mr. Ruben T. Hill, of Richmond, delivered the Valedictory Oration and Address, Subject: What Will It Be?

Each of the young gentlemen were the recipients of splendid bouquets, presented by admirers in the audience.

The diplomas were then presented to the class by the President of the Institute, Dr. C. H. Corey.

After which, Prof D. N. Vassar delivered a Farewell Address to the class; which was full of sound, practical advice, and teeming with true and beautiful instruction.

Dr. Hawthorn was then introduced to the audience and delivered a most eloquent address. "These exercises," he said during the course of his remarks "demonstrate to me the capacity of these young men to acquire learning. I thank God for this noble Institution, the man who stands at its head and the men who are associated with him in its administration."

Dr. Hatcher then made a few remarks in a vein of inimitable humor that was much enjoyed by the audience.

Just before the close of the exercises Dr. Corey announced to the assemblage the welcome news that two and-a-half acres of ground, had been purchased in the West End on which will be erected as soon as possible, a spacious building for the Richmond Institute, to which will be attached a female department.

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from this date to JANUARY 1st, 1881.

The London Baptist of the 14th Inst gives a list of 54 places in which the ordinance of Christian Baptism had been administered, from one and two to twelve and thirteen in each. One of these notices is as follows:—

Southport.—April 25, Three, by the pastor, L. Nuttall. [One of the candidates had been a preacher for many years in the Methodist body, and before his baptism he gave his reasons for the step he was taking in the presence of a large congregation].

Another says, Waterhouse, Durham.—May 10, (four from one family, viz., father, two sons, and daughter).

The following from the Leadville (Colorado) Daily Herald is sent from there by Mr. Henry McKeen. He states that deceased was son of Mr. Adam McGrath. A cousin of his, Angus Kirk, was killed about six months ago by falling down a shaft in Leadville:

IN MEMORIAM.

Died, on Monday, May 17, of pneumonia, Matthew McGrath, in the twenty-fourth year of his age.

Deceased came to Leadville from Nova Scotia about four weeks since. He had been but lately married, and leaving his

young wife, he came to this far-off place to avail himself of the advantages offered here to the enterprising and industrious, allured, no doubt, by the accounts of the prosperity of many of his friends and companions who had preceded him to the great carbonate camp. But he had been here scarcely a fortnight when that dread scourge, pneumonia, seized upon him, and to-day while his body lies at rest in Evergreen cemetery, his free trusting spirit is in the enjoyment of that ineffable bliss found "in the presence of the King," whom having not seen he loved.

When first taken, he considered it merely a cold, and until Friday last was not thought to be seriously ill. From that time, however, he grew rapidly worse, and his many friends, who were unremitting in their attentions to him, knew that in this world he would not be again permitted to behold the faces of the loved ones in his far-distant home. He had every attention that kind and thoughtful friends and medical skill could suggest, but despite everything that could be done to arrest the progress of the fell destroyer, he succumbed to its ravages, and on Monday morning at two o'clock he peacefully breathed his last. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning, May 18, at half-past ten o'clock from the Baptist church.

The service was conducted by Rev. Fleenor, who preached an excellent discourse from First Thessalonians, 4, 14: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

The sermon was full of comfort to the many friends who had gathered to attend his remains to their last resting place, and to drop the tear of sorrow for the dead and of sympathy for the living; and their comfort was deepened and strengthened by the knowledge that ever since he united with the Baptist Church at St. Mary's, Guysborough Co., Nova Scotia, six years ago, his life had been a consistent and beautiful exemplification of the teachings of Christ. "May the God of all comfort" comfort the hearts that mourn, and may He who has said "I will be a husband to the widow," richly fulfill His promise to her who, in His wise providence, has thus been left so early and so suddenly alone. May she in this dire affliction, draw near to Him who holdeth the rod, and thus lighten the severity of the stroke, for He who doth not willingly afflict nor grieve the children of men, has said: "Though no affliction for the present be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

A FRIEND.

FOSSIL MEN, AND THEIR MODERN REPRESENTATIVES. An attempt to illustrate the character and condition of prehistoric men in Europe, by those of the American races. By J. W. Dawson, L. L. D., F. R. S., F. G. S.

This is an interesting and valuable volume, but it is brimfull of uncertainties. That however, is not the author's fault. It is the fault of the subject. "Fossil men!" Who were they? When and where did they live? Nobody knows! That is all that can be said. It is a clear case of agnosticism—or in our plain Saxon, of know-nothingism.

Facts and dates are the essentials of history. But the periods before the invention of writing were pre-historic. History did not then exist. Facts existed—records were unknown. There were no readers; and so, though traditions kept alive the memories of certain deeds, those memories at length faded away, or became mixed up with other recollections, and certainty was lost.

Geologists tell us of the Glacial Age—an intensely cold time, in which our northern hemisphere was covered with ice. They are very positive about it, but they have no dates.

Geology is a fascinating science. Many a man is proud of the appendage of "F. G. S.," to his name, and is delighted with opportunities of talking with technical propriety about systems, and formations, and distinguishing between the paleo and the neo—the eocene, the pleiocene, and the pleistocene. But the want of dates is sorely perplexing, and gives enormous play to the imagination, involving the science in uncertainty, and encouraging guesses without end. In fact, it is the science of conjecture. A given formation may be ten thousand years old; it may be a million, nobody can tell. Strange as it appears, the students of this conjectural science, are among the most positive of men. They laugh at the limitations of the world's age, according to Bible chronology. Nothing less than millions of years will satisfy them. It may be so. The world may be half a million of years old. But who can prove it? One guess is as good as another. The verifying power is not possessed.

Dr. Dawson gives us engravings of skulls, exhumed from various formations. He cannot tell, however, how

old they are. But he can protest, as he does, against the pretentiousness of would-be scientists, whose boastings are only equalled by their ignorance, and illustrate the saying of the Apostle Paul, that there is a knowledge which "puffeth up." We are particularly pleased with his exposure of the folly of those who maintain that the savage state was the original condition of the human race. The case is abundantly clear; Jabal, who was "the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle," was not a savage; Jubal, "the father of such as handled the harp and the organ," was not a savage; Tubal-Cain, "the instructor of every artificer in brass and iron," was not a savage; nor was Noah, the great ship-builder.

Savages are fallen men, degraded, darkly ignorant and superstitious, the victims of bad passions. But in the nineteenth century, savages can become saints, as the records of our Missionary Societies prove. The grace of God is omnipotent.

We have read "FOSSIL MEN" with much satisfaction. C.

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