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THE ANNIVERSARIES AT WOLFVILLE.

The return of June awakens the beauties of Nature, and brings forth the slumbering vitality of vegetable life, covering the trees with its most brilliant foliage and fragrant blossoms. It also kindles the desire to break up the monotony of our every day pursuits and go forth to catch a glimpse of those beauties, and get a breath of the air that has such different elements in its composition from that we have been accustomed to breathe through the dreary months of winter.

Our summer may be regarded as fairly begun by the first week of this joyous month, and

A TRIP TO WOLFVILLE

for a day or two combines a healthful change with an intellectual feast, and the pleasant experience of all the delights of a renewal of friendship of the hosts who come together on a similar errand.

The anticipation, the enjoyment, and the remembrances of Anniversary week at Wolfville together afford a supply of pleasurable thought to a large number of the friends of Acadia and of its students.

The Governors of the College who have the financial concerns of the institutions in charge, and the members of the Senate to whom is committed their literary condition and requirements had already assembled in the early part of the week, and devoted much time to their several departments of the work.

On Wednesday we made our trip to the land of Evangeline, and in thinking of the past could but contrast again the ease of the journey of to-day with that of earlier times when it had to be made by the stage coach, often crowded within, and dangerously piled up on the roof. Whilst changes for the better are evident in the mode of travelling, yet the variety and grandeur of the scenery observed by climbing the hill tops and getting new views from different points of sight, almost repaid us then for the additional amount of effort employed.

After the many days of uncongenial rainy weather we have had in the past few weeks, the proverbial brightness of Anniversary Day breaks forth to rejoice the hearts of visitors, and those who are at home in this lovely rural town. Many who have travelled in other countries cannot refrain from indulging in exclamations at the surpassing beauty of this locality, intimating that it very favorably compares with the most favored and renowned spots in many lands.

Our joys are enhanced by a participation of them in common with others. They are increased an hundred fold by the sympathy of numbers who assemble around the Horton Institutions.

The examinations having been completed and the actual work of the Term finished; the several Schools are now prepared to come forth and give the friends and the public specimens of what they are able to appreciate of the results of the culture expended upon the maturing minds of the students in College, Academy and Seminary.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON was appropriated to the HORTON ACADEMY EXHIBITION. This was presided over by Mr. Everett W. Sawyer—one of the Teachers—son of the President of Acadia College. The other Teachers were attending to their duties in the Senate. The following is the programme:

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Pryor.

1. Music—Piano Solo—by Miss Eaton.
2. Essay—William Pitt—by Hubert Harris, Canning.
3. Reading—The Lost Steamship—by Alex. B. Holly, St. John, N. B.
4. Essay—The Will and the Way—by John Dewis, Advocate.
5. Reading—The Engineer's Murder—by Lewis Lovett, Kentville.
6. Music—Vocal Duet — by Misses Higgins and Hill.
7. Essay—Napoleon Bonaparte — by Arthur Harris, Canning.
8. Reading — The School-master's Guests—by A. E. Shaw, Hantsport.
9. Essay—Self-Culture — by Howard Harris, Canard.
10. Music — Vocal Solo — by Miss Annie Campbell.
11. Essay—Our North-West—by A. E. Shaw, Hantsport.
12. Reading—Speech of Spartacus to his Fellow Gladiators — by Clarence Minard, Cornwallis.
13. Music—Vocal Trio — by Misses Gourley, Wallace and Rogers.

National Anthem.

The Essays were all well prepared and given with remarkable freedom and appropriateness of manner. That of "William Pitt" shewed a full appreciation of the subject. The dates given, and descriptions of the condition of England at the time, shewed mental power and gave promise of our hearing again of the essayist. "Self-culture" was an excellent essay and evinced independent thinking. "Our North-West" indicated familiarity with "this Canada of ours" derived from diligent study and earnest enquiry into its extent and capabilities.

At the close, Mr. J. B. Calkin of the Truro Normal School, and others complimented the students on the creditable manner in which they had rendered their Essays and the Teachers of the Academy on the gratifying results of the careful training and the efficient culture given by them to the students. The Music—Vocal and Instrumental was a very pleasing part of the Exhibition.

There are nineteen in the class of Matriculants from the Academy to Acadia College. Their names are as follows:—

H. W. Brown, M. D. Hemeon, C. R. Higgins, M. C. Higgins, Wolfville; D. J. Bethune, Loch Lomond, C. B.; L. D. Morse, Lawrencetown, Annapolis; W. H. Morse, Weymouth; Lewis Lovett, Kentville; A. E. Shaw, Hantsport; H. O. Harris, Canning; A. Harris, Canning; Howard Harris, Canard; Charles Lyons, Waterville; Charles Eaton, Canard; John Dewis, Advocate; Clarence Minard, Cornwallis; H. E. Wilson, Miss Lena B. Lyons, Waterville; B. Oxley, Wolfville. The last named and W. H. Morse will enter the college as partial students.

The evening of Wednesday was occupied by the closing Exercises of

ACADIA SEMINARY.

The Assembly Hall was filled by a deeply interested company long before the time of commencement. The circumstance that four young ladies had passed through the prescribed four years' course of studies, and would receive diplomas gave additional interest to the occasion. The entrance of the Teachers and Young Ladies of the Seminary filled up the reserved seats. The Processional March as the ladies came into the room and took their places was played by Misses Dickie and Campbell.

Professor Dr. Higgins stated that he had been requested by Miss Graves the lady Principal, to preside over the exercises of the evening, and he had no alternative but to yield loyal submission.

The following programme was presented in excellent order. After the opening prayer Dr. Higgins called forth the several lady graduates with their Essays:—

1. Piano Trio — Barber of Seville, (Rossini)—by Misses Holly, Rand and Rogers.
2. Essay — Grecian Sculpture — by Miss Lizzie C. Hill, New Westminster, B. C.
3. Vocal Solo—One Sweetly Solemn Thought, (Ambrose)—by Miss Hattie E. Wallace.
4. Essay—The World's Heroes — by Miss Lilian J. Benjamin, Wolfville.
5. Piano Solo—Rondo Brilliante, Op. 62, (Weber)—by Miss Lizzie C. Hill.
6. Essay—Shakespeare's Heroines—by Miss Fannie C. Cox, Stewiacke.
7. Vocal Solo—Water Cresses, (Laforl.)—by Miss Ermie A. Day.
8. Essay — The Common-place — by Miss Laura E. Hart, Whycocomagh, C. B.

It will afford our readers pleasure to have one or more of these Essays verbatim in our next.

THE VALEDICTORY.

At the close of the last Essay Miss Hart turned to the Lady Teachers on the platform and most appropriately addressed them as follows:—

Standing within the closing portals of Acadia we naturally turn to look back over the years we have spent within its walls. Truly the time has been well employed. We know ourselves to be better fitted for whatever the world may hold for us of brave endeavor, or if it should not be ours to strive then are we better prepared to serve, by waiting. An intellect even but partially cultivated can better endure the test of isolation than one which is totally devoid of culture.

"The millstone and the human mind
Are driven ever round;
If they have nothing else to grind
They must themselves be ground."

Among all the influences surrounding us while prosecuting our studies here, we have not recognized one which has had a tendency otherwise than elevating and refining. As those to whom these favouring circumstances are almost wholly due, I in behalf of the class, would express to you, our Teachers, the gratitude which we owe you, not only for your invaluable instructions but more particularly for your nobly consistent lives, which we have had always before us as open books from which we could not choose but read. We would also thank you for your kindly personal interest in us, which we have felt to be specially helpful during temporary discouragement or failure. For all your endeavours to bring us up to higher planes of thought we desire to tender you our truest thanks mixed with sorrow as we part.

Turning to her fellow students she said:—

To our schoolmates who have done so much to render our life here enjoyable we say: "Whatever the niches in life you may be appointed to fill, above all other characteristics seek to be earnest and true; find out speedily what work awaits you and perform it with all good will, then will you be Acadia's daughters in spirit as well as in name; make your lives helpfully beautiful and you will surely find not only happiness but true content.

Our lives are songs, God writes the words,
And we set them to music at pleasure,
And the songs are glad or sweet or sad
As we choose to fashion the measure."

As classmates we have now a sorrowful consciousness that we are enacting our last scene in this part of our life drama. We have worked together so long under the same wise administration, that disbanding seems to possess some of the elements of anarchy. A few more weeks will probably find us hundreds of miles apart, with new duties and new friends, yet when surrounded by other scenes and faces we shall not forget the friendships of the classroom.

As a life-inspiration let us always keep before us our chosen motto "Plus Ultra," firmly believing that there is infinitely more beyond of

"Marvels and secrets and glories
Eternity only can show."

As the years unfold and the Great Teacher lays before us the text-book of experience let us permit this thought More Beyond, Midas-like to transmute the smallest services into the pure gold of duties well done.

"So school days vanish one by one,
Like blossoms sweet they fade and die;
But changing seasons bring not back
The happy hours now passing by;
Yet memories of those by-gone scenes
Shall live through many a coming year;
And future days will brighter be
For ties of friendship now held dear."

Diplomas were then presented to the four young Ladies who had completed the four years course of study. Lilian Jane Benjamin, in the Literary Course. Frances Elmina Cox, in the Classical Course. Laura Eliza Hart, in the Classical Course. Elizabeth Carrick Hill, in the Literary and Musical Course.

Thursday morning opened bright, clear and beautiful, and the village was all astir in anticipation of the

ANNIVERSARY OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

Long before the time of meeting, carriages were coming in from all directions, and the vicinity of the College was animated by friends and visitors who had come to celebrate the day and listen to the Orations of the Graduates. The fact that one member of the Class was the first lady who had taken a degree in Arts gave special interest to the Class of 1884.

Everybody was curious to see how she would dress and how she would appear on the platform when giving her oration. These questions were agitating the minds of not a few, both ladies and gentlemen, but they were soon settled when the procession formed in the rear grounds to take their place in the Assembly Room. The students were called by the marshall and the six forming the Graduating Class as follows came into line two aad two:

H. B. Bert Ellis, Fredericton.
Frank R. Haley, St. John.
Erick H. Sweet, Newport.
Frank M. Kelly, Collina, N. B.
Benj. A. Lockhart, Lockhartville.
Clara B. Marshall, Lawrencetown.

Miss Marshall appeared in cap and gown in all respects like the other members of the class. Her student's gown had some additional shirring, giving it a more graceful appearance, a neat lace collar and a cluster of yellow rose-buds at her throat, and a dark wine colored silk dress completed her costume.

The circumstance of the Junior classes of the College having previously finished their Term and gone to their homes, made the procession smaller than formerly, and failed to show the real strength of the College. The Faculty and several of the Governors having taken their seats on the platform, President Sawyer called on Dr. Welton to offer prayer. A brilliant piano trio was then performed, after which the

ORATIONS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

were called for by the President in the following order:

The Genesis of Scepticism in Thought, by Enoch H. Sweet, Newport, N. S.

Education a Natural Process Directed by Human Art, by H. Bert Ellis, Fredericton, N. B.

Vocal Music, "The Lost Chord," by Miss Prudie Hartt.

The Supremacy of Law in the British Constitution, by Benjamin A. Lockhart, Lockhartville, N. S.—Excused.

The Harmony between the Artist and his Work, by Miss Clara B. Marshall, Lawrencetown, N. S.

A Piano Duett.

The Classical and Modern Theatre, by Frank R. Haley, St. John, N. B.

The Origin and Permanence of Civil, Social and Religious Laws, by Frank M. Kelly, Collina, N. B.

Miss Prudie Hartt, then sung "The Day is done," music by Balfour.

The orations were all fine productions ontaining much mature thought, and showing the individual characteristics of the speakers in pleasing variety. They were all delivered with vigor and earnestness.

Miss Marshall held her manuscript in her hand but scarcely needed it at all in the delivery. Miss M. has kindly consented to our request to allow her oration to appear in our columns. Our readers will greatly enjoy its perusal in our next.

Honor Certificates were then handed to Mr. F. R. Haley and Mr. F. M. Kelly.

A splendid piece of music (six hands) was then performed by three young ladies of the Seminary.

The class was led by Rev. W. H. Warren to the President, and the request given in Latin for the coveted credentials and degrees.

The President then gave in due form to each the desired parchment.

This was the signal for a hearty round of applause and congratulation from their fellow students and friends. But as in every other case here, it was all in the best of order, such as is observed in a company of gentlemen. Nothing of any other character was to be seen or heard in any of the various meetings. The students' deportment in the halls, the corridors, and on the grounds, was highly creditable to themselves and to the institutions.

OTHER DEGREES.

After the degrees had been conferred on the graduates, they retired, and Mr. Warren presented Mr. Walter Barss to the President with a request for the degree of Master of Arts, which was granted.

The President also announced that the Senate had been pleased to confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. D. M. Welton, Ph.D., of Leipsic; and the degree of M. A. upon Mr. L. E. Wortman, of St. John Seminary, and Mr. J. P. Chipman, of Kentville.

Mr. Warren subsequently conducted the six graduates to the President, wearing their Bachelors' hoods. Having taken their stand in front of the platform, the President gave them a most affectionate farewell address and pronounced a benediction upon them in all their future years.

Dr. Welton was then invited to address the Convocation. In doing this, he expressed his high appreciation of Acadia and its Faculty, and was pleased to say that in all his experience in associating with the teachers in other institutions his respect for Acadia had not been in the slightest degree diminished, but had rather increased. He believed that the course pursued by Acadia was the best for giving a full, well-proportioned training to the minds of the students. He concluded by hoping that God would raise up a McMaster for Acadia, with a heart to devote his means to her sustentation.

The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

The Alumni Dinner followed—a fair repast at 50 cents a head. Speeches followed from several gentlemen of a general and genial character.

At 4 o'clock a large number of ladies and gentlemen, by invitation assembled in the College Library to witness the unveiling of a tablet erected to the memory of the late Professor Charles Frederick Hartt, by his classmates of 1860. Five of his surviving sisters were present. Dr. Rand made some appropriate introductory remarks, and intimated that Dr. Alward, of St. John, N. B., a member of the same class, would read an address on Professor Hartt, his life and work. Dr. Alward's address was a very brief but admirable sketch of his character and career. Mr. H. had taken part in four Brazilian exploring expeditions previous to his appointment by the Emperor Don Pedro II. in May, 1875, as chief of the geological survey of the whole empire, which was expected to occupy seven years. His salary was $10,000 per year. But he had hardly completed three years of work when over-exertion had so taxed his powers that he could no longer resist the attacks of disease, and he succumbed after only three days illness to an attack of yellow fever at Rio Janeiro. His accomplishments included an acquaintance with ten languages, and he was able fluently to speak five modern ones. He had lectured in Portuguese before the Emperor and court of Brazil with eloquence. All regretted the cutting down in the prime of life such a noble specimen of man, a credit to his country and his *alma mater*.

It is to be hoped that the address of Dr. Alward will be put in print in a form suitable for preservation. A copy would be highly appreciated by his many friends and earlier acquaintances.

The presence of Professor Foster enlivened the Alumni Dinner, and as previously announced he gave a capital lecture on Thursday evening on "Patriotism." He apologized for appearing without any notes, but it soon became evident that he needed none, but was able to present his subject in a manner so that every hearer would listen and carry away the valuable thoughts. We well remember going from St. John to Fredericton in the same steamer with Professor Foster in 1872, then just appointed to a professorship in the Fredericton University. He then appeared but a stripling for a professor. He has now attained his maturity, and appears as a distinguished member of the Dominion House of Commons, who can always command a respectful hearing.

By request he remained over to lecture on Friday evening on his favorite topic—Temperance.

Miss Clara B. Marshall, B. A., of Acadia College, Class 1884, is appointed Instructor in Latin and English in Acadia Seminary, and Assistant of Miss Graves, the Lady Principal.

Two other young ladies are taking the College Course—Miss Bishop, in the Sophomore year, and Miss Fitch, in the Junior Class; Miss Lyons will pass from the Seminary to the College next term.

The Associated Alumni of Acadia College held their annual meeting on Wednesday last. The secretary reported a membership of ninety-nine. The Alumni, in accordance with their privilege of nominating a member for the Senate, nominated Mr. W. M. McVicar, M. A., Principal of the Baptist Academy, St. John, for the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. J. A. Durkee.

The following officers were elected:

President—Judge Johnstone.

Vice-President—Rev. D. G. Macdonald, Sackville, N. B.

Sec'y.-treas.—Frank Andrews, B. A.

Board of Directors—W. L. Barss, B. A., E. D. King, M. A., J. W. Manning, B. A., Rev. E. J. Grant, Prof. Jones, M. A., B. H. Eaton, M. A., and J. W. Longley, M. A.

A. J. Denton, M. A.—*Auditor.*

At a subsequent meeting, Rev. D. G. Macdonald was nominated for membership on the Board of Governors of Acadia College in place of Dr. Rand resigned.

ONE of the class rooms in the College Building during the Anniversary was occupied by drawings and paintings, the work of the young ladies of the Seminary—all done since Christmas. The following are some of the names attached to the specimens: Misses Minnie Magee, Melvern Square; Lizzie Rogers, Amherst; Fannie Cox, Stewiacke; Hattie E. Gormly, Truro; Alice Crosby, Yarmouth; Minnie Long, St. John; Fannie Jamieson, St. John; Bessie Benjamin, Wolfville; Carrie Kempton, Wolfville; Annie Campbell, Hawkesbury, C. B.; Annie Fitch, Wolfville; Sadie Harrington,——; Annie Robertson, Liverpool; Miss Dodge, Middleton; Laura Borden, Wolfville; Minnie Parks, St. George.

WE are pleased to learn that at the late meeting of the Governors of Acadia College, it was agreed to name two members of the Faculty to attend each of the Associations in the three Provinces, except the Southern, N. B., at Fairville, which was too early for any to leave home.

The financial statements given in to the Board were quite encouraging. It is hoped that, if there is no relaxing of effort up to the time of the Convention, the income will meet the expenditure.

THE Governors of Acadia College last week expressed their gratification at what had appeared in the *Christian Messenger* respecting the permanent grant of $400 in consideration of allowing Dalhousie College to retain the $20,000 loaned to them by the Province.

WE perceive that Mr. Barss took for the subject of his graduating Essay at Rochester University, "The Regions beyond." A very good subject for one engaged to labor in British Columbia.

PROFESSOR FOSTER'S lecture on Patriotism proved a very happy and appropriate close of the Anniversary meetings on the Hill at Wolfville. What he said and how he said it combined to make an impression that will not soon be effaced.

Miss Hartt's songs too were the best part of a concert and together made up a very enjoyable and instuctive evening.

AT the late Convention of Mount Allison College the degree of D.D. was conferred upon Rev. John Lathern, and the degree of D.C.L. upon A. A. Stockton, L.L.D., St. John, and Hon. Matthew Richey, Halifax.

CHRISTIAN LIBERTY.

Our Pedobaptist friends have lately been seized with a fit of ardor in the cause of Christian Liberty. The characteristics of the accession, and the occasion which evoked it, are remarkable and instructive. It is limited in scope, being confined exclusively to the mode of baptism, so-called, and it originated on the lately exhumed "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles."

The permission given in the "Teaching" to substitute for baptism, under certain specified conditions, the pouring of water on the head of the candidate, has seemed to afford to our brethren a color of support for their own substitutions of affusion for baptism under all circumstances; and with an exultation