

## The Christian Visitor,

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## Acadia Anniversary.

The year just closed will ever be a memorable one in the history of the Institutions at Wolfville. When the Governors met last year the site had not been selected for rebuilding. Now College Hill is covered by two new structures, as beautiful and commodious, we venture to assert, as any similar erections in the Dominion. The new College attracts much attention. Since the grounds have been graded, its fine proportions show to much better advantage, and it is the universal verdict, that a finer building or a finer site could not be desired. It is now completely finished and ready to hand over to the Governors.

The new Seminary has been very carefully and judiciously planned. Everything that experience could suggest for the comfort of its expected occupants, has been done. The building is now being supplied with a superior heating apparatus, which will maintain a uniform temperature through the rooms during our somewhat trying winters. The patrons of these institutions are under lasting obligations to the building committee for their energetic and thorough supervision of the interests committed to them. It is to be expected that the aspirants of higher education will show their appreciation of what has been done at Wolfville by crowding these buildings to their utmost capacity.

Considering the inferior accommodation of last year, the attendance has been gratifying. 73 students have attended the College Classes, and 119 in the Academy of whom 62 were males and 57 females.

## THE GEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION

had a further object this year than the individual benefit of the student, a large collection of Minerals for the New Museum being an important result. Prof. Kennedy, with a party of fifteen, on the last week in May, visited Blomidon, Fraser's Head, Five Islands, Great Village, and the Acadia Iron Mines. They obtained a large number of specimens of brown, red and yellow iron ores, magnetite, copper and iron pyrites—gypsum, massive, fibrous and selenite—calcite in dog-tooth and twin crystals—lower carboniferous limestone, ankerite, barytes, massive and crystallized, specimens of metallic iron with slags, examples of vein structure—trap columnar and pisolitic—very fine specimens of amethyst, hornblende—upper marks found at Blomidon, it is thought, for the first time, fine specimens of fungi, and curious examples of abnormal growth of woods.

A valuable collection of rocks has been obtained by purchase from N. Y. State. This includes 110 specimens of typical rocks, 52 minerals, illustrating color. 43 crystal models—352 general specimens, and 275 selected minerals. There have also been received from the Canadian Geological Survey, 150 specimens of rocks and minerals. A series of Nova Scotia woods is in course of preparation. When these minerals and curiosities have been properly arranged, the whole collection will not be surpassed by any in the Lower Provinces. There is, however, ample space for future contributions, and it is to be hoped that the friends of Acadia will do all in their power to make this Museum the most valuable and attractive in Canada.

## ACADIA EXAMINATIONS.

The classes in Horton Academy have, for the last few weeks, been subjected to searching written examinations, to test the progress, and ascertain the comparative standing of the pupils. In addition to these, public oral examinations were held on Tuesday and Wednesday, classes were examined in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Physiology, Grecian and Roman History, English Literature, French, German, Latin and Greek. These exercises exhibited the usual thoroughness characteristic of this School.

## OPENING OF THE NEW COLLEGE.

On Wednesday afternoon a large audience convened in the beautiful Assembly Hall of the new College to formally dedicate the building to Educational purposes. Dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey. After music by a select choir, J. W. Bigelow, Esq., Secretary of Building Committee, read a report showing what that Committee had done and paid out, and what was still due.

## REPORT.

To the Governors of Acadia College.

GENTLEMEN: At this stage of the work of College and Seminary buildings, your committee beg to submit the following informal report, and have

much pleasure in stating that now, within a year from the date on which tenders were accepted, the College building is about completed and ready for occupancy, and the Seminary is favorably progressing, and will be ready for occupancy, thoroughly equipped and furnished, before the commencement of next school term. Your committee have endeavored to compel the builders to carry out strictly the conditions of specifications and avoid payment of any extras, but as the work progressed, in many instances the specifications were found imperfect, and a few very beneficial changes have been made at a very slight additional expense and although the accounts cannot be finally closed until after July 1st, your committee are justified in stating that the whole account for extras on both buildings will not exceed five hundred dollars.

Up to April 8th, the date of last payment, your Committee have paid contractors under terms of contract for building as follows:

On College and Seminary buildings	\$25,608
Contract price for both buildings is	34,500
Leaving still due on buildings July 1st	9,892
Add contract for heating	2,800
Cost of fitting up rooms and furnishing College	1,000
Cost of furnishing Seminary etc.	3,000
Leaving due July 1st, 1879	15,692

Which amount it will be necessary for you to provide.

Your Committee have effected fire insurance on the buildings at one half per cent per annum, as follows:

On College	\$18,000
On Seminary	11,000

As your Committee were appointed at the last meeting of Governors to improve the ground around the College, they have fulfilled that duty with a very trifling outlay of cash, most of the work having been done by subscription, and your Committee take this opportunity of tendering to Andrew Johnson, Esq., Capt. George Johnson, and Reuben Reid, Esq., and others engaged in improving the grounds, the thanks of the friends of Acadia, for the valuable services rendered.

Your Committee have also fully considered the question of furnishing both buildings, and after inviting the most urgent competition in prices, have accepted tenders from the following different factories for first class furniture at extremely low prices, delivered at Wolfville.

## OSHAWA CABINET CO.

120 hard wood stained and varnished cane or pine wood chairs per sample	\$ 65
80 Settees, hard wood, 7½ feet, per sample	2 00

## WINDSOR FURNITURE CO.

20 solid Walnut Bureaus with dressing glass 30x17	11 00
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## BIRMINGHAM IRON FACTORY.

30 fancy iron double bedsteads, per sample	4 50
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## JOHN RIEB, BRIDGETOWN.

30 hard wood wash stands, per sample	1 50
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The delf and cutlery etc., your committee found it most convenient to order direct from factories in England, thereby securing a superior article at first prices. The glassware, lamps, etc., your Committee selected at New York, at extremely low prices, and we are now in a position to say that we will have ready for occupation, respectively furnished, by August, the best College and Seminary building in the Provinces, at the lowest possible cost.

Your committee offered for tender and accepted the lowest, \$400, for furnishing the museum according to the plans and specifications furnished by Prof. G. T. Kennedy, which is paid for out of a special fund.

Your committee have much pleasure in acknowledging the donation of a suitable college organ from A. E. Killam, Esq., M. P. P., Moncton, N. B., also a donation of \$75 extra work from the contractors, Rhodes, Curry, & Co. Also a very excellent college bell, from the students of Acadia. A very valuable collection of the Botanical specimens of the Maritime Provinces, made by George U. Hay, Esq., and Mrs. Hay, of Carleton, N. B., also a handsome case for the same from John March, Esq., of St. John, and we hope other friends of the college will donate other useful articles so much needed.

The labors of your Committee during the past year, which may appear to you to have been light, have demanded our almost constant attention, and we have endeavored to secure the best possible value for the money expended.

As the College and Seminary buildings are to be formally delivered to you on the first of July and all payments thereon made the contractors, we request that you appoint two practical men to meet with us here on the 25th June and expend all the time necessary in thoroughly examining the buildings and comparing them with the specifications before the last payment is made, that any deficiencies may be rectified.

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
J. W. BIGELOW,  
Sec. Building Committee.  
Wolfville, June 3, 1879.

Mr. Bigelow supplemented his report by a very happy and practical speech on the necessity and benefits of education. Mr. Bigelow's speech was received with prolonged cheers.

Dr. Parker reviewed very felicitously the history of our educational work since the fire on Dec. 2nd, and expressed his great satisfaction with the college edifice and all pertaining to it.

Dr. Cramp gave a short address into which he introduced a reminiscence and an anticipation. He referred to his first visit to Wolfville and his being called upon to address a graduating class of five, one of which is, and has long been, pastor of the church at Wolfville—Rev. S. W.

DeBlois. He also referred feelingly to the venerable Fathers of the Denomination. He predicted a great future for the Baptists, and for Acadia College, and earnestly appealed to the young present to do all in their power to raise our Institution to a supremacy over all similar institutions in this country.

Rev. Dr. Crawley spoke of the wonderful results accomplished by the institution at Wolfville. He was one of the founders of Acadia College, and testified that it was an enterprise begun in the fear of God, and for his glory. He exhorted those entering into the work of the Fathers to remember that it can only be worthily consummated by a dependence on their God, who has proved himself to be a present help in time of trouble.

A telegram was read at this stage of the proceedings from G. P. Payzant, Esq., of Windsor, contributing \$100 to the building fund.

Rev. I. E. Bill spoke eloquently and appropriately of the beginning of things at Wolfville, going back to the founding of the Academy.

Dr. Rand saw in the completed buildings the product of a bold faith and great self sacrifice. He urged the carrying on of higher education up to the highest obtainable point.

Dr. Tupper closed with prayer and benediction.

A meeting of the Alumni was held immediately after the opening services and the following officers were elected.

President, Rev. J. W. Manning, A.M.  
Vice President, J. W. Longley, Esq., A.M.

## DIRECTORS.

R. N. Beckwith, Esq.,	Halifax.
H. H. Bligh, Esq., A.M.	"
B. H. Eaton, Esq., A.M.	"
Albert Caldwell, A.M.	Wolfville.
Prof. D. A. Higgins, A.M.	"
H. C. Creed, A.M.	Fredericton.
Hon. N. McLeod, A.M.,	Charlottetown.

## THE RHETORICAL AND MUSICAL EXHIBITION OF THE ACADEMY

was a decided success. The large Assembly hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and many were unable to obtain seats. The following is the

## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Music—Overture to Zampa.....Lattenberg	
Misses Steeves, Killam, White and Dickson.	
Essay—Not Yet.....Jennie Lovett, Kentville	
Essay—Self Reliance.....Louis Payzant, Halifax	
Song—Waiting by the Brookside.	
Miss Cann.	
Music—Scherzino.....Schumann	
Miss Donaldson.	
Essay—Cobwebs.....Emma Olding, New Glasgow	
Essay—Labor.....E. G. Sibley, Stewiacke	
Music—Sonata.....Mozart	
Misses Robbins and Cann.	
Essay—Echoes.....Annie Robbins, Yarmouth	
Essay—Uses of History.....Bruce Illsley, Berwick	
Essay—L'Etude des Langues Modernes.	
Ellen Freeman, Canning	
Music—Die jagd.....Rheinberger	
Mr. Troop.	
Song—"Wake not, Dreaming Maid."	
Misses Robins, Cann and White.	
Essay—The House that Jack Built.	
Ellie Carey, St. John. N. B.	
Essay—The Improvement of Time.	
Beecher Cox, Stewiacke	
Music (overture)—Ditcher & Bauer.....Von Suppe	
Misses Cunningham, Robbins, Crosby and Walton.	
Presentation of Diplomas. Distribution of Prizes. Addresses. National Anthem.	

The essays gave evidence of independent thought, and a commendable mastery of idiomatic English. Those of the young ladies, and that of Mr. Cox, received especial applause.

The music elicited much appreciation, and was pronounced by competent judges to be of a superior character. The musical training given at this school is not surpassed, we believe, by any in the Province.

At the close, Principal Tufts awarded the following prizes:

## PRIZE LIST.

Latin I.....Beecher Cox, Stewiacke	
Latin II.....Mabel Seely, St. George	
Geometry I.....James Ellis, Cornwallis	
Geometry II.....Miss Cunningham, Antigonish	
Ancient History.....L. K. Payzant, Halifax	
Eng. Literature.....Miss Olding, New Glasgow	
Mental Philosophy.....Ellie Carey, St. John	
Arithmetic I.....Harry March, Canning	
Greek I.....Beecher Cox	
Greek II.....Jennie Lovett, Kentville	
Geography.....Miss Cunningham	
Algebra I.....Brenton Munro, Middleton	
Algebra II.....Alice Fitch, Wolfville	
Eng. Grammar.....Barry Calkin, Kentville	
British History.....Welthe Crosby, Ohio	
Department.....W. C. Goucher, Truro	
Physiology.....Miss Steeves, Hillsboro	
Arithmetic.....Ida Jones, Wolfville	
French I.....Jennie Lovett	
French II.....Lizzie Higgins, Wolfville	
French III.....Emma Olding	

Four young ladies received Diplomas of Graduation, viz.:

Jennie Lovett.....Kentville, N. S.

Emma Olding.....	New Glasgow, N. S.
Ellie Carey.....	St. John, N. B.
Annie Robbins.....	Yarmouth, N. S.

## ANNIVERSARY DAY.

The day towards which all others drift, and for which they were made in the estimation of the average undergraduate, is Anniversary day. Toward it for years there has been an uphill struggle, and when it dawns, it is expected to bathe the landscape in a flood of sunshine, and nature in its fairest dress is to greet the glad some occasion. It was boldly answered to our murmurings as we saw the lowering clouds on the early morning of the looked for day that, "Acadia always has a fine Anniversary day." We felt a few unexpressed doubts, but rejoiced to have them all dispelled, and true to tradition, Acadia had an extraordinarily fine Anniversary day. From far and near carriages kept coming, and crowds began to swarm on College Hill, till the Marshal of the day, Mr. Morse, thought it wise to form the procession and charge for Assembly Hall, or the most important actors of the day might be barred out. He is well accustomed to the duty, and soon had students in caps and gowns, and grave Professors in scarlet and ermine hoods, and reverend and honorable Governors, Masters and Bachelors, marching from the site of the Old Acadia round to the imposing entrance of the New. Just before entering a halt was made and a Halifax photographer preserved the imposing spectacle. With difficulty the commodious platform of Assembly Hall was reached where President Sawyer, surrounded by venerable Clergymen, honorable legislators, astute lawyers, skilled physicians and successful business men, presided with dignity and grace. Prayer was offered by one of the founders of Acadia, the Rev. Charles Tupper, D.D. Music by a select choir from St. John and Fredericton followed, and then seven of the following thirteen delivered orations. The speakers had previously been determined by lot. The following is a copy of the programme:

* The Arabians in Spain.	Arthur W. Armstrong, Wolfville.
Law the Product of Public Opinion and the Creator of Public Opinion.	Henry B. Ruggles, Bridgetown.
* The Ancient or the Modern Languages in Education.	Charles D. Rand, Canning.
* The Reign of Constantine.	Ralph Hunt, Dartmouth.
Music.	
The Influence of Locke's Philosophy.	H. Albert Spencer, Mira, C. B.
* The Advancement of Science.	Willard P. Shafner, Williamstown, Ann. Co.
The Study of Greek Art necessary to a proper conception of the life and thought of the Greek People.	Horace L. Beckwith, Halifax.
* The French in America.	Frederic A. Hobart, Windsor.
Music.	
The Relations of Free Trade and of Protection to National Prosperity: A Discussion.	Granville B. Healey, Round Hill, Ann. Co.
Adoniram J. Denton, Waterford, Digby Co.	
Music.	
The Old Roman Priesthood.	G. Ormond Forsyth, Greenwich, Kings Co.
* The Duty of the Scholar to the Public.	Rupert G. Haley, Yarmouth.
The Compensations of the Student's Life. (Valedictory.)	Charles K. Harrington, Sydney, C. B.
Music.	

Those marked with a star were the speakers, and as they were not the picked men of the class, we may judge of the ability of all by what we saw and heard in these. And we are not in the customary spring whitewashing business, when we say that for intelligent grasp of the subject, logical arrangement, rhetorical finish, elocutionary presentation, and reverent spirit withal, we have seldom been so well pleased. They did honor to themselves and to Acadia as the first College of the Maritime Provinces.

These thirteen young gentlemen were then presented, in classic Latin, by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A.M., to President Sawyer, who admitted each *primum ad gradum in artibus*.

They then retired with their diplomas, arrayed themselves in Bachelors' hoods, and reappeared before the President, who bade them good bye as students, and welcomed them to the ranks of Alumni, in words of wisdom and good cheer.

The only other degree conferred was an A.M. in course upon Benjamin Rand, A. B. And here we may remark that Acadia is very chary of her honors, but we would remind the aspirant that when they are worthily won and conferred, they will be the more valuable. We cannot afford to allow our College to demean itself by a reckless extravagance in conferring honorary titles.

The President's prize of \$20 for the best student in the graduating class, was won

by C. K. Harrington. The prizes in the Sophomore and Freshman classes, were undecided. Honor certificates were awarded A. J. Denton, of the graduating class for Classics "*magna cum laude*," and H. Moore, of the Freshman class, in Classics.

B. H. Eaton, Esq., Secretary of the Alumni Association, presented the following prizes: The first prize, Matriculation, to L. Chute, Stewiacke. The second prize to G. Andrews, Wilton, \$15.

The National Anthem closed the exercises, and the Alumni and friends surfeited intellectually and famished physically eagerly sought the Dining Hall, where the Alumni dinner was in readiness. The actor performed well his part, and the tables soon felt wonderfully relieved. Caldwell, Esq., A.M., President of the Associated Alumni, presided in a becoming and pleasing manner. He introduced Rev. M. Lockhart as the poet of the day, who sweetly the story of Acadia, past and present. Dr. Welton pleaded ably for the growth of Acadia. Rev. J. S. Coffin, Methodist minister, spoke of the kindly sympathy and help he had received from Acadia. Then the Visitor was called upon and said—well, we'll let somebody say what Jas. Hall, Ph.D., spoke for equal rights in Acadia, for the daughters, and Dr. Sawyer told him to send them along. J. W. Longley, Esq., said Acadia was pre-eminent in influence in educational matters. C. K. Harrington spoke for the graduating class. Rev. Mr. Carey indulged in some comments on names, and Dr. Rand spoke as he usually does, of the surpassing importance of higher education and the demands of the hour.

In the evening the Concert, under the auspices of the graduating class, was a decided success. The Hall was densely packed, and applause and encores testified to the pleasure afforded.

Immediately after the Concert the buildings were brilliantly illuminated. Over the main entrance shone forth—

## "ACADIA."

In the window immediately above was

"Building Committee:  
J. W. Bigelow, Esq.  
Rev. Dr. Sawyer.  
Fred Johnson, Esq."

In the front window of the cupola was

"Acadia College,  
Rebuilt 1879.  
Rhodes, Curry & Co.,  
Contractors."

The other windows were beautiful with varied transparencies, and the scene was one of rare beauty, and will long linger as a pleasant recollection.

## THE NEW COLLEGE EDIFICE.

## Exterior

is 154 feet long, depth of wing 65 feet, depth of centre 49 feet, height of posts 35 feet. The lower story is 13½ feet, the upper 20 feet. The building rests on 4½ feet of stone mason work. The height of the central tower is 100 feet from the sill. The two end towers rise above the roof.

The architecture of the building is Greek or classic style, with French roof and towers.

## Interior.

On the left, as one enters, is the Academic department consisting of a hall 29x45, and 3 class rooms. On the right a College hall 30x30 and four class rooms; also a suite of science rooms in rear, conveniently fitted for laboratory work and class use.

On second floor in east wing is the library 29x45 feet, conveniently fitted up with cases and shelved closets, and galleries on three sides. In the west wing is the museum, same size of library with galleries on 3 sides and furnished with ample and elegant cases, ash with walnut trimmings. This room is not designed to contain a collection of curiosities, but the cases will be filled with material to illustrate the various departments of scientific study.

Between these two rooms is the assembly hall, 20x54 feet with side galleries, capable of seating 800 persons. The room is finished in ash with deeply paneled ceilings. It is wainscotted three feet high. On the north side is a platform 2½ feet high, 10x18 feet, flanked by lower platforms, extending to the sides of the rooms about 2 feet high.

At the rear of the stage a door opens into a room in the main tower, directly over the main entrance. From this a stairway leads to the belfray and dome above. This tower contains a bell of 800 lbs., from the celebrated foundry of McShane & Co., of Baltimore. On the bell is inscribed "A gift from the college students of 1879," and also the motto, "*Ad veritatem et jus*."