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ACADIA ANNIVERSARIES.

A larger number than usual of visitors from this Province attended last week the closing exercises of Horton Academy, Acadia Seminary and College. The Steamboat authorities very generously gave reduced fares, and this added to the loveliness of Wolfville, which at this season rejoices in a profusion of cherry and apple blossoms, making the air redolent with their perfume, contributed to make the trip one greatly to be desired. We have never seen the village and College Campus looking better, and as we frequented old haunts and drew in the inspiration of the grand scenery we did not wonder at the longevity of some of the Professors. A man in such surroundings ought to be good for four score years, and some of our professors have reached that limit and others are on the road.

There is no place for a College in these Maritime Provinces at all comparable to Wolfville for inspiration. There nature has lavished her richest gifts in meadow and rolling hills, in valley and mountain, in near and wide extending views in lea and

"Spacious basins arching rocks enfold."

We have been furnished with a few notes concerning the Academic work, as we were prevented from being in time for these exercises.

These very important departments of our educational work are enjoying, we are glad to find a good degree of prosperity. A large amount of faithful work has been done during the year in both the male and female departments. Four young ladies have finished the prescribed course in the Seminary leading up to graduation and three young ladies have matriculated into Acadia College, one of these stands second in a class of over twenty. The matriculating class is a fine looking set of young men who will we believe give a good account of themselves in the future. They have done extra work this year, having in addition to the prescribed studies worked out about fifty problems in geometry. At their public examination they evinced a thorough acquaintance with the elementary principles of this science and a commendable readiness in solving these exercises.

The terminal examinations of the two academies took place on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Academy Hall. Classes were heard in Latin and Roman History by Prof. Tufts, in Arithmetic, Geometry and Astronomy by Mr. Caldwell, in Greek and British History by Mr. Armstrong, in French and German by Miss Hughes, and English and Grammar by Miss Whidden. Miss Graves though she has nearly recovered from her illness was not able to hear any of her classes.

It was evident from these examinations that there has been no falling off from the high standard kept before the pupils of these institutions in the past.

On Wednesday afternoon a Literary and Musical Entertainment took place in Assembly Hall according to the following programme.

1. Piano Duet, Overture to Romeo and Juliet. Miss Crosby and Davidson.
2. ESSAY—Gold Lies Deep in the Mountains. Claude W. Hamilton, Onslow.
3. ESSAY—Lord Macaulay. Austen K. DeBlois, Wolfville.
4. PIANO SOLO—Mennetto. Schubert. Miss Julia Clinch.
5. ESSAY—Economy of Time. S. H. Cain, Yarmouth.
6. ESSAY—Capture of Quebec. J. W. Tingley, Margaree, C. B.
7. PIANO DUET—Sonata in D. Mozart. Misses Ruhland and Ferris.

8. ESSAY—The Norman Conquest of England. Mark B. Shaw, Berwick.
9. FRENCH ESSAY—Madame de Staël. Miss Alice Fitch, Wolfville.
10. ESSAY—Lord Byron. H. T. Ross, Margaree, C. B.
11. PIANO SOLO—Allegro. Schumann. Miss Alice Hamilton, Grand Pre.
12. ESSAY—Our Heritage. Miss Welthe Crosby, Ohio.
13. ESSAY—Ad Altoria. Miss Mary Crosby, Beaver River.
14. PIANO DUET—Marche Militaire. Misses Masters and Snide.

At the close two young ladies, Miss Welthe Crosby and Miss Mary Crosby received their certificates of graduation from Acadia Seminary.

Wednesday evening Prof. Schurman delivered his lecture on "Carlyle as Seer" to a large audience. The analysis given in this issue will show that the young Doctor has worthily won his spurs, and in mental grasp and force merits the recognition and place he has secured. His voice is rather thin and weak, but Wolfville air and exercise will remedy this defect.

There was a meeting of the Board of Governors Wednesday night after Dr. Schurman's lecture, and in the absence of anything more important to discuss one of those present took advantage of the occasion to make an attack on the press. He would have its liberty abridged or a censorship exercised. We wish him joy in the perfecting of a scheme to accomplish this result. Men think differently and they will write differently so long as any one will give them the privilege and the privilege will be extended so long as it is used in a gentlemanly manner. Any individual or company of men will find that when they begin to use coercive language or urge measures in respect to the press, or seek the introduction of resolutions into Baptist Associations or Conventions that ignore or usurp the functions of a Christian Church, they have sadly mistaken the bounds of their prerogative. Boards of Education and Missions had better always attend to their own legitimate work, and this is equally wholesome advice given gratuitously for ordinary as well as extraordinary men.

Thursday morning was bright and fair and in this respect was like our Anniversary days for many years. The large Assembly Hall was early filled and still the tribes gathered till available standing room, in aisles and lobbies was filled. As usual the Professors and Alumni took a little morning walk around the College and came in at the front entrance and marched in sombre and dignified procession to the platform while the choir sang an original hymn composed by Rev. James Spencer of this city, especially for the occasion. President Sawyer announced in order the following programme.

- Prayer—E. M. Saunders.
- MUSIC.
- ORATIONS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.
- The Voice of the People.—Horatio H. Welton, Wolfville.
- Education and the Ballot.—Frank Andrews, Wilmet.—Excused.
- Evolution and Materialism.—Albert J. Pineo, Berwick.
- MUSIC.
- Addition as Social Reformer.—John Donaldson, Wolfville.
- Ability, Natural and Acquired.—Sydney Welton, Kingston.
- Trial by Ordeal.—Henry D. Bentley, Wolfville.—Excused.
- MUSIC.
- The Reform Bill of 1832.—Edward D. Webber, Sackville.
- Monumenta.—Orlando T. Daniels, Lawrencetown.
- MUSIC.
- The Ideal Characters of George Eliot.—Edward R. Curry, Windsor.
- A View of the Irish Question.—Wm. F. Parker, Dartmouth.
- The Divine and Human in Greek Life.—Arthur C. Clute, Stewiacke.—Excused.
- MUSIC.
- CONFERRING OF DEGREES.
- ADDRESSES.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM.
- BENEDICTION.

Eleven young men having completed the Arts Course of Study received the degree of B. A. President Sawyer addressed the class in exceedingly fitting terms. An abstract of his remarks we append.

Young gentlemen, it becomes incumbent upon me at this stage of the exercises to address you a few words of advice. I am always impressed with the conviction that no word which may be said now can make up for any imperfection in previous work. The influence and example with which you have been familiar during the years you have been together in this institution, have produced no good effect, nothing can be done now to make amends for past deficiency. It is not without feelings of regret that we see members who have been together with us for the term, which

is here brought to a close, about to retire from us to enter into other pursuits. I have but a single thought to which I need now call your attention. You have learned that all about you is under law. The great fact has been forced upon your observation, and as your knowledge widened and enlarged, your impression in view of this fact has become more profound. You have learned that not only are these material bodies subject to law, but that the spirits which animate and guide them, are also subject to law. And while you have had in some sense, a feeling of freedom, yet in no sense is there freedom otherwise than in obedience to law. To do wrong, to act anything but the right, you are not free. You must act in accordance with right, for you can neither choose the laws nor engage in an education that is not connected with good. You came amongst us from different quarters, ambitious boys, barely knowing what was before you, putting yourselves into the current to be borne whithersoever it directed you. Here you are, having undergone a change, hardly aware that this change has been taking place; yet it has come, and has brought added obligations, from which you cannot escape. I specify but two or three. In the first place I remind you of the obligation which is upon you to retain what you have acquired. I do not mean that every precise fact of history, that every precise fact of mathematics should be so retained that it could be recalled at any moment; but I mean that degree of intellectual culture, moral power, the sense of your responsibilities, with these you are under solemn obligation that they shall never grow less. I remind you of another obligation. If education means simply the development of this physical frame, and has no higher aim it is important. If, in addition to this, education means the development of these minds, that they may do the work assigned to them in the intellectual departments of life, it is a great work, but not sufficient, unless the work of education has been so carried on that the emotional nature will respond to the call of duty, our work has been vain, and if we have not given due prominence to this we have been false to our trust. I wish you to bear witness, that we have not forgotten this important part of the work we had to do, that we have striven by admonition and reproof, by directing your minds to proper studies, to strengthen and sharpen your moral perception. You are to treasure this sense of your obligation, to keep yourselves as thorough as you leave us, and to make yourselves more than you now are. We are convinced that there is not sufficient encouragement given to generous, liberal, thorough study, even by those in connection with our colleges. You may soon be placed in circumstances where you will find many temptations, that draw you from the paths of the student. But it is only as you are faithful in keeping yourselves familiar with those methods of severe labor and wholesome discipline that you will grow to be true, methodical men. We have helped you to begin the work, you must finish it alone. Bear in mind you are educated not for yourself, but for others; for your friends, your country, the world. The past is repeated in the future. It is altogether probable that some of you will one day engage in the discussion of this never ending college question. You will have new ideas to present, new plans to propose. We ask you to do the best you can. We expect you to be true to your convictions; but we feel that the connection you have had with us has been such that your memories will never lose it. Our wishes have been for you, that you never will forget this institution, that when your hearts are inclined to turn backward to this hill, that the work in Acadia will still be going on, that there will be men to tell you you are welcome, and to cheer you as you visit the old scenes. Here, we bid you, God Speed.

Dr. Sawyer then announced the following honors, viz., that Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. George Armstrong and Rev. Stephen W. DeBlois, had been invested with the degree of D. D. These gentlemen are to be congratulated inasmuch as they have attained, what some others have sighed for, and sought in vain. A few years ago some pressure was urged, we believe in the interest of persons whose claims were ignored. The Governors and Faculty stood firm. They have now changed their policy and we shall look for the annual crop with all the regularity that American Colleges are famous for producing. The recipients of these honors have the best wishes of the Visitor especially inasmuch as two of the number are graduates from our office and the other is one of the men we delight to honor. The new doctors with all the nervousness of undergraduates re-

sponded to the call of the President and neatly expressed their high appreciation of the honor *Alma Mater* had conferred without any necessity for a prompter save that, that loved Acadia supplied in long and persistent service in her behalf.

The M. A. degree in course was given Rev. J. I. DeWolf and Mr. W. H. Robinson.

Honor Certificates were granted to Arthur C. Clute (Philosophical department); Arthur W. Moore (Classical department) and O. S. C. Wallace (Classical department).

Mr. J. W. Longley, President, presented the Alumni prize of \$20 to Messrs. J. R. Hutchinson and O. C. S. Wallace, who were both so far up in English literature, that it had been decided to divide the money between them.

Dr. Schurman offered a prize of \$20 to the first Student who should pass the matriculation of the London University not later than his sophomore year, with a view to taking his degree of B. A. in that University while taking his course at Acadia.

The Alumni Dinner was served immediately after the Anniversary service, and was followed by the usual after dinner speeches which were wise, otherwise, witty, profound and sparked with educational sophistry and an admixture of considerable wholesome truth. Messrs. Dr. McGregor, Sedgewick and Dr. Allison each made impressive speeches and avowed their love for a State University.

The Alumni Society approved the action of the Executive Committee in refusing to discuss the question of University consolidation. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

President—J. F. L. Parsons.
Vice-President—W. M. McVicar.
Directors—J. W. Longley, Rev. E. Hickson, Albert Coldwell, Rev. J. W. Manning, E. D. King, B. H. Eaton and Dr. Rand.

A matriculating class of some 25, enters Acadia next year.

In the evening a select company of amateurs from St. John, assisted by Miss Prudie Hartt, and Miss Fannie Richards, gave a grand concert in Assembly Hall. The room was densely packed, and from the loud and long cheering, and frequent encores, one could not but see how thoroughly satisfied with the entertainment the large audience was. Miss Prudie Hartt who organized the concert had appeared before the audience last year and was again a welcome favorite. The Misses Crothers and Miss Knight sang with good voice, and were appreciated. This was their second visit to Wolfville. Miss Richards excelled herself in the rendition of several amusing pieces, and at this, her first visit made a decided impression as a singer of rare sweetness and expression. The gentlemen acquitted themselves in a manner worthy of their association with ladies, who have won so much just praise for the melody and culture of their voices.

Friday was given to a cricket match between an eleven of Kings College and the Acadia Club. The Acadia boys won an easy victory with a majority of 51 runs. Fred Clinch a New Brunswick boy carried off the honors of the day making 26 runs and was in triumph carried off the field. The attention given to exercise at Acadia ensures as a rule good health and firm muscle.

Saturday morning brought an Easterly rain storm, and so severe was it that the St. John party were detained at Digby till Sunday morning, before the Steamer *Empress* would venture to cross the Bay.

Acadia never seemed to us to be as well prepared to do good work for the Higher Education of these Provinces. The same is true of Acadia Seminary. Miss Graves is doing good thorough work which is appreciated by those most competent to judge. The school has not been as large as its merits deserve. There appears to be some undercurrent against it, and this is very unfortunate inasmuch as the building and the teaching staff appear to be all that could be desired.

We were not able to learn from any authoritative source what were the principal matters under discussion in

the Board of Governors. It is rumored that Dr. Blaikie son of the celebrated Professor of Edinburgh, is appointed Professor of Natural Science—that Dr. Barrs has resigned, and X. Y. Chipman, Esq., has been appointed Treasurer—that Dr. Crawley and Dr. Welton are to canvass for an endowment of \$20,000 for the Theological Department—that Revs. A. Cohoon and E. M. Saunders are to act as Agents for the College till Convention—and that sundry other matters evoked considerable animated discussion and comment.

The Rev. Dr. Crawley, President of the Theological Faculty, informs us by telegraph, that Messrs M. P. King, of Chipman, N. B. and Chs. Haverstock, of Hammond Plains, N. S. completed the Theological Course this year, but "by an inadvertence mention of it was omitted." These gentlemen we know to be most worthy of the honor which they unfortunately failed to receive. Each by preaching service in this Province has endeared himself to many who will be glad to know they have completed creditably the four years course of study. We congratulate them as the first graduates in the Theological Department under the present regime, and though they failed to receive public recognition on Anniversary Day they will make for themselves a noble recognition as the Servants of Him whom we all delight to honor and serve. As will be seen from a note in another column, since received from Dr. Crawley, the omission was entirely unintentional and much regretted.

Dr. Timothy Dwight a member of the American Revision Company, says in an article in the *Independent* in which he pleads for the correctness of the American renderings. "Is it not more consistent with fairness to place in the text the words *baptize in water* etc. where the Greek has the preposition *En*, rather than to leave the words *baptize with water* as if there were no such preposition." This is honest and honorable and augurs well for simple love of truth. The persistence of the English revisers in retaining with, shows their love of ecclesiastical forms more than simple love of the word as recorded by Apostles. With Pedobaptist Scholarship Baptists hereafter should have no controversy. The American revisers have fully and frankly conceded our position.

The Acadia Museum, which was destroyed by fire, contained many interesting relics of the Fathers. We are glad to note that it is again receiving some souvenirs of the departed. The case of Father Dimock which was given to Father Manning, and again given to Rev. James Stevens, has found a place in the Museum. We also noted valuable mineralogical additions. The friends of the College should remember the Museum.

Through a private letter we learn that Bro. Boggs and wife are enjoying excellent health. Also that Bro. Clough is standing the work well. These devoted servants of the Master are being permitted to reap such harvests as rarely fall to the lot of the husbandman.

Dr. Tucker of the *Index* very justly objects to anyone saying that a church is honored by a person of high social position uniting with it. He holds that it is the person, under all circumstances who is exalted by uniting with even the most obscure Church of Christ.

Mr. Davis, the Railway Advertising Agent, now has his Office at the Visitor Printing House, 99 Germain St., St. John, N. B. He has decided to settle in this City and cast in his lot with us. We wish him success.

Some correspondence has been laid over for a couple of issues, but will soon be attended to.

Wanted at the Visitor Office a good smart boy, to attend Shop. References required.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

For the Visitor,

MR. EDITOR.—It has been frequently stated in our Denominational papers that, no Pedobaptist Denomination will invite to the communion those whom they esteem as unbaptized persons. Now I believe there is one Denomination that should be excepted. The writer remembers hearing a Methodist Minister some twenty years ago, give an invitation to a certain congregation, the substance of which, was as follows. All professing christians are invited to partake with us, at the Lord's table, and, any who are not *Christians*, but feel that you would like to become such, we invite you to come to the communion; it is a means of grace, and doubtless, will do you good. No reference whatever, was made to baptism in giving the above invitation; and we received the impression that the Minister did not think that baptism should precede communion, and I believe the invitation to communion given by Methodist Ministers generally, is given to all that are, or wish to be, Christians, or such as say they love the Lord, etc., without any reference as to whether those invited have been baptized, or not. And Mr. Editor, there is another feature of *Modern Methodism* worthy of notice, (viz.) that the New Testament does not teach that persons should repent, or believe before they are baptized. This is an undoubted fact. Now, seeing that such sentiments as the above, and others akin to these, are being propagated by other Denominations; it behooves Baptists to be vigilant, and in earnest in the circulation, and teaching of Bible truth. It is a shame for a Pastor of a Baptist Church, or a superintendent of a Sabbath School to refuse to buy *Baptists books* when they have an opportunity of doing so and to purchase pedobaptist books, or those professing to be unsectarian as has been done in one, and perhaps more instances. I wish to say to all my Brethren, Ministers, and Members, see to it, that you do not encourage the spread of error. "For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Do not marvel if your children go to other Denominations when they grow up if you have supplied them with books and papers of a spurious character, or, have been sending them to a union Sunday School, where the *whole Bible* is not allowed to be taught. O, my Baptist Brethren, remember, it is better to obey God, than to hearken to those, that will have you mystify, or pervert the *word of God*. Dear brethren, let others be what they will, but, do you be consistent, and not suffer yourselves to be diverted from the right, by the pathetic cry "union" and "charity" so often heard now-a-days. Stand by God, and the Bible will carry you safe to the better land. As this is the time when, you will be replenishing your Sunday School libraries, I would suggest that, you send your orders to Rev. J. E. Hopper, CHRISTIAN VISITOR Office, St. John, where it is believed, you will obtain choice Bible, Baptist Books and Papers.

R. S. MORTON.

Millville, May 30th, 1881.

P. S. I think it would be well, for all our Baptist families to send to Brother Selden, Editor of the *Christian Messenger* for his Scripture Catechism, it is cheap and good. Pastors ought to see, that the children of their churches and congregations are supplied with it or something of a like nature, there is great neglect, in training the children, on the part of pastors, and parents. It is quite time to reform in this respect. What is learned in childhood will be remembered in riper years.

R. S. M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW WESTMINSTER, British Columbia, 10th May, 1881.

DEAR VISITOR.—So long a time has elapsed since your request to send an occasional letter, and the Visitor has been so welcome a one that I am certainly placed in the position of debtor, instead of, as I might have been by prompt action, a patron or benefactor. That is, supposing that anything that I can write to have merit enough to entitle it to take rank as a favor under any circumstances.

I am completely shamed by the ready compliance of "Borealis" whose letters I have read with much pleasure, and in whom I think I am quite safe in claiming an old friend. I was also a little inclined to wonder if he was not exemplifying the characteristic of his *nom de plume* to such an extent as to raise a "blizzard" about his own ears by the way in which he alludes to the peculiarities of other denominations.

But you want news not comments or criticisms on the productions of