

## THE UNIVERSITY ENCOENIA.

### Valedictory Pronounced for the Graduating Class by Mr. John E. Palmer, B. A.

### INTERESTING REVIEW OF COLLEGE LIFE DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

Following is the valedictory delivered by Mr. John E. Palmer, B. A. of the graduating class, at the University Encoenia this afternoon: Your Honor, Mr. President and members of the Senate, Mr. Chancellor and Gentlemen of the Faculty, Mr. President and members of the Associated Alumni, Fellow students, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On a bright October morning a band of fellows fresh from High School or first time away from home, might have been seen making their way to college. Neither the neglected grove clothed with the innumerable tints of autumn, nor the stony path leading up the hill among the glacial boulders moved these youths in the least. However, as they approached the venerable building, awe and dread caused by some indefinite rumors filled the mind of each. After a profitable initiation the class began to consider itself as a part of the student body. So we entered upon the most enjoyable year of the course.

New men coming into college are surrounded by a different atmosphere and experience, a greater freedom than that to which they were accustomed at High School. If there is no restraining influence from the higher classes, this new atmosphere and unbounded freedom tends to make youths reckless and disrespectful both to their fellow students and to themselves. Among any body of people there must be a ruling faction. Here, in the University, for many years the authority of the seniors has been unquestioned by the underclassmen. Remove this control and the freedom and democracy which has always been so evident at the U. N. B.

**WILL GIVE WAY TO ANARCHY.** Finally, restrictions will come, but from another source. That, with marks deducted for tardiness, and absence from lectures, will make college life mean but little more than a continuance of the high school course. To the students that remain we would say—do not forget the unwritten laws, keep up the old customs. Do away with them and you rob college life of much of its mystery and charm.

Our class has not been without its losses. Some went into business, others began professional work, and indeed the dread messenger called two.

The first one, Fraser, having accidentally heard of the engineering course given here, came to us in our third year from a college in the sister province. He had scarcely begun to know the fellows when he was stricken by disease, to which he soon succumbed. Just a year from that time we were mourning the loss of another class mate; this time a lady, Miss Irvine, who had been with us from our entry into college, was called to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns."

Of the original twenty-four only fourteen have completed the course. During the second, third and fourth years other members were added, so that today we number twenty-eight.

Among the benefits derived from a college course, that arising from contact with other fellows is not the least. Only in this way can we get to know men. When the students are separated, college spirit suffers and the inevitable result is a tendency towards declining interest in the different societies. We feel that a large residence would overcome these difficulties, fellows.

**WOULD MOVE IN A LARGER CIRCLE** and the formation of cliques would be lessened.

Marked improvement in the style and composition can be seen in the University Monthly. It has been the aim of the editors to make it useful and interesting to the alumni and undergraduates. This year prizes were given for prose and poetry. The scheme seemed a good one, for many who had never contributed anything before entered into the competition. To write well is as essential as to speak well. Writing for the Monthly—if articles are published or not—gives the student excellent training and should be practised by more. The series of articles on illustrious graduates ought to arouse enthusiasm among the students.

The Debating Society—one of the best organizations in college—has had a successful year. At the beginning of the term a mock trial was held and later in mock parliament, by keen and frequent discussion, some knowledge of parliamentary procedure was acquired. In the intercollegiate debate the team representing the U. N. B. defeated the Dalhousie team on the question of "Trade Unions." Considering the size and reputation of our opponent, this victory deserves more than a passing notice. A University may teach a man to reason soundly and furnish him with ideas, but unless he can express himself clearly and forcibly his influence will be limited. The object of the Debating Society is to make men proficient in this art, and we cannot too strongly urge upon those who remain the great importance of constant attendance at the meetings.

The Engineering Society, formed but a few years ago, is doing much to improve the course. At the regular monthly meetings men prominent in the engineering profession deliver lectures on some practical subject, thus supplementing the curriculum.

The public lecture course this year **HAS NOT RECEIVED DUE ATTENTION.**

These lectures are always interesting and beneficial and should receive greater support from the students. We are sorry to hear that the football team did not win more victories, consequently the King-Richardson cup, which we held last year, was lost. The prospects for next year are unusually bright.

The hockey team has added fresh laurels to the University. Not only did they come a close second in the city league, but defeated the strongest St. John team in the New Brunswick Hockey League. It seems that if games could be arranged with sister colleges interest in hockey would increase.

The standard of the basketball team has been fully up to that of former years. The Fowler cup, given to the winners of the city league for three years, has been won consecutively and remains the permanent property of the U. N. B.

The sports were of an unusually high character, four records were broken, and in the other events there was keen competition. In our first year at college our gymnasium was burned, for three years we were compelled to do without an adequate building; such a handicap could not but prove disastrous in the intercollegiate athletics. Now, we are happy to say, there is on the campus a gymnasium building unequalled by that of any educational institution in the Maritime Provinces. However, it still lacks equipment, which we hope will be supplied at an early date.

The Young Men's Christian Association, the only religious organization in the college, is continuing as in the past to elevate the moral tone of the University.

The Glee Club, under the direction of a competent leader, has aided the fellows in developing their musical talent. At the close of the year a concert consisting of choruses and the comedy A Pair of Spectacles was held at the Opera House.

An attempt was made **TO ORGANIZE A RIFLE ASSOCIATION**

but as yet no definite reply has been received by the military authorities. During the four years, either on account of ill health or because of better pecuniary inducement, three professors have gone from us. Professor Stockley and Dr. Davidson went early in our course. Though our acquaintance with them was brief, yet all admired them for their high aims and personal interest in the students. These men had wide experience, and were favorably known both in Canada and in the Old Country. Fortunately their places have been filled by men, who, though younger and of less experience, are doing good work, and we hope before long will be as their predecessors, authorities on their subjects.

The third, Professor Brydone-Jack, dean of the engineering faculty, by his genial disposition, and painstaking work, endeared himself to the students. His purpose seemed to be to improve the course, and to build up his Alma Mater by informing the public of the work being done. It seems most unfortunate that the University should lose such men, while others whose duty it is to procure students, take little or no interest in such work, but still remain.

In the past the University authorities have been successful in procuring good professors, but scarcely is their good work known to the outside world when some other college offers a fair salary, and U. N. B. is deprived of their services.

The general advancement of the age brings

**NEW WANTS TO THE UNIVERSITY.**

These demands can only be met by increased funds. We feel that the good work being done is not known to the public or public opinion would compel the government to increase the grant. The University is governed by a body of men known as the Senate. Amongst its members are the most influential men of the province, the Chancellor of the University, the Chief Superintendent of Education, two Supreme Court Judges, also the Premier and Leader of the Opposition in the provincial legislature. If these men have the best interests of the college at heart surely they could prevail upon the government having a surplus of sixteen thousand dollars to aid the state University.

To you, Mr. Chancellor and members of the faculty, who have been our instructors for the past four years, we have only to say your efforts have been thoroughly appreciated.

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To the undergraduates we would recommend that you take advantage of all opportunities to become broader and better college men. Our interest in the University is not ended. We will rejoice with you in your victories and sympathize with you in your defeats.

Fellow classmates, we are about to separate, perhaps never to meet again. Let us all strive to promote the best interests of our Alma Mater. Let us not be cowardly and shirk our duty, but when we see injury being done or advancement hindered through neglect, we should not hesitate to get at the root of the matter and in a still, quiet way use our influence to do effective work. If we, the recent graduates who best know the internal workings, do not apply ourselves to affected parts, how can we expect those who are not in as close touch with the affairs to make the necessary recommendation.

Some of us may achieve success in our various vocations but there is something to be remembered which is well expressed by the following words of a celebrated writer:

"The sort of ambition to be condemned is that in which egotism and vanity figure most conspicuously, and in which notoriety, the praise and admiration of the world, wealth and personal aggrandizement are the objects sought rather than the power to be of use in the world, to be a leader in the service of humanity, and to be the noblest, best and most efficient worker that can be."

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#### Medieval Monarchs.

Almost every mediaeval monarch claimed the whole or a part of the dominions of almost every other and insisted on inserting his claim in his list of official titles. In treatises and all official documents the whole list was religiously copied, and as it often happened that the two negotiating monarchs had some of the same titles it became usual to insert a clause in the list, non praedjudicando, in order to indicate that, no matter how absurd, inappropriate or untrue were the titles, they were understood to be inserted because they pleased the monarch who claimed them, that they did not confer a valid claim, and so no harm was likely to result from their use.

#### An Ingenious Scheme.

A story is told of a Chicago girl whose verses were always "declined with thanks" who hit upon the following unique plan for having them published. She would send a line of verse from one of her poems to the query column of some newspaper and ask from what poem such a line came, the name of the poem and of the author. A friend, also a rhymester, would send the querist's own poem to the paper with the desired information, and of course it would appear in print. The querist would do the same for the friend and so on until between them they had all their "poems" printed.

#### Lord George Hamilton's Career.

Lord George Hamilton, who has announced his intention to retire from Parliamentary life at the next general election, has sat continuously in the House of Commons for 36 years, says M. A. P., and he has held office for 21 years. When he first entered Parliament as a very young man, Lord George was a junior ensign in the Guards. He has had a long and notable innings since, having held the post of First Lord of the Admiralty and Secretary of State for India for longer periods than any statesman during the last century. It is easy to understand that he has felt the wear and tear of Parliamentary work, but no doubt his retirement has been hastened by his resignation from Mr. Balfour's Cabinet. The effect of being out of office has in Lord George Hamilton's case been stimulating. His speeches have been prepared with greater care, and he has delivered them with such vigor and sincerity that friends and foes have been surprised. He has had to face hostile audiences whenever he has addressed his constituents, and this has, seemingly, braced him to spirited efforts, for he has displayed unsuspected powers of gentle irony, playful humor, forceful utterance, and clever marshalling of facts.

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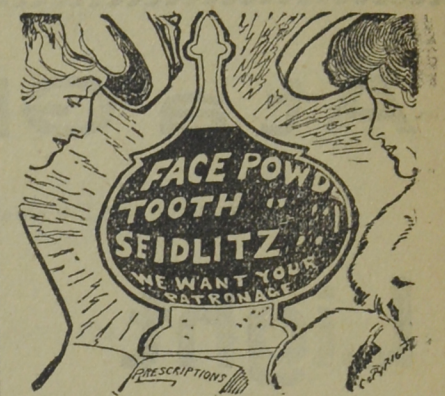
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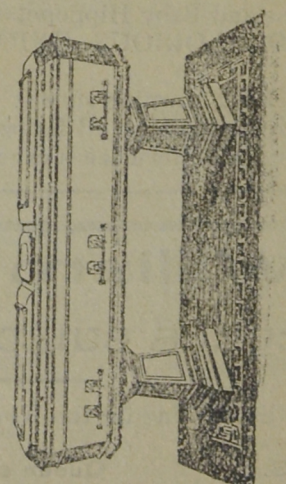
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