

HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORY.

Mr. J. Stewart Mavor's Clever Address at the Closing Exercises on Friday.

REVIEW OF LIFE AT THE INSTITUTION DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS.

Chief Superintendent of Education, Chancellor of the University, members of the Faculty of the U. N. B. Gentlemen, Friends, Teachers, and Fellow Students:

"Time rolls his ceaseless course," and just as once again Nature robed in all her glory, is moulding the spring into summer, so we are moulding the summer of our lives, the signs of life's springtime, fast fading away.

As the singing of the birds in the leafy trees, the babbling of the brook, winding its way through the velvet sward, the freshness of the velvet earth, prophesies the glory of summer, so also our hopes and our ideals prophesy the glory of our lives. Indeed, on every hand the voice of awakened Nature bids us remember One greater than we keep His infinite mind fixed on His earth, and humanity.

"God's in His Heaven,"

All's right with the world."

Three years have rolled by on the ever revolving wheel of time, and have been duly accorded. Here we are, the graduates of 1905, assembled in this homelike, dear, old hall, about to bid you good-bye.

We are about to step on the dangerous raft of life, to be tossed, we know not whither, but he is granted that each about to sail has a goal towards which he will propel his raft and reach it at last in safety.

Many of the class will further pursue their training at the University; some may prefer the Normal School, while yet others, whose tastes tend towards a business career, will enter the Business College. Wherever they go and whatever they do may success and prosperity favor them.

Three has "the certain cycle of the passing days again brought around October golden tressed" since sixty-five boys and girls pressed their feet at the Fredericton High School to have their minds directed into the paths of knowledge. Now twenty-five stand prepared to leave the dear old school and pursue their chosen course in the world. Fourteen of this number belong to the original class.

It may interest you to know where the large number of self graduates have gone, and what they are doing. Tracing the girls we find three in the ranks of the now famous "B" class, our immediate successors, and I may here take the opportunity of heartily thanking the members for their exertions in decorating this hall so tastefully, and two, after specializing for two years in "C," have accepted positions with that old referred to firm of the street, Walker & Seymour, and are at present fast building up a lucrative trade for the cobblers.

And now we come to two fair damsels, snugly settled in the kitchen, taking a prolonged course in domestic economy under the direct supervision of a wise mother. One in a really serious mood, pines the needle in a local tailor shop, while another, believing in the get rich quick method, has for a year or more been devoting herself to the millinery business. The ailments of short-hand and type-writing have tempted one of our original number to take a course at the Fredericton Business College. Go to a leading five and ten cent store and there you will find one who has preferred the rattle and toy counter to the table of weights and measures.

What for Hyman? Shall we leave him out? No, for at his altar one has pledged her troth and is now one of the proudest mothers in St. Mary's.

Two of our girls, who have not lost interest in their education, are attending schools in other towns of the province. Failing health has been the cause of two not claiming 1905 as their year of graduation, but we hope to see one in next year's graduating class, and our sincere wish for the other is that she will regain her health in the sunny climes of Nova Scotia.

We may all agree with Shakespeare when he says that "death, a necessary end, will come when it will come," yet sorrow needs must rise in our hearts when we think of the death of one who, with every evidence of a bright career before her, was snipped in the bud, and in her youth borne to that great white throne above, before which all must stand for judgment.

Death has swept not over our class only, but the air of his chilly wings has made another mourn. One, whom every member of the school may truly claim as his or her friend, as well as teacher, has been grieved by the death of a beloved mother. She has our sincere sympathies.

Having thus traced the missing girls of our class, we must leave them. May they ever walk hand in hand with good fortune, may their lives be successful, may they ever cherish the remembrance of their days at school.

Now our thoughts wander in search of the boys. Near Nelson, in far away British Columbia, a former High School boy is gaining a reputation as a civil engineer. From the extreme west of Canada we enter the United States and coming east, stop at the great city of Zion, the realm of Dowie, and there at attendance at one of those High Schools where vaccine is death and vaccination a crime, is another of our boys. From Zion we cross the Great Lakes, enter the province of Ontario, and visit Kingston, and the Royal Cadet College there, among the ranks of F. H. S. But now we must come

home, only to find on our arrival that three of the fellows are lodged behind the bars, not of Granite Hall, but of two of our prominent banking institutions. Another, your labors with the hammer and saw at Risteen's Factory, while yet another plies the needle in a down town tailor shop. Behind the counter of a leading bookstore you will find one of the brightest boys of the original class. You may also find one who, though starting as a bowler, really professes the dry goods business as his vocation. Early in our course the ranks of the telegraph operators enlisted one from among us. You may find him stationed behind the ticker of Edmundston. Another chooses weaving and is engaged at the industrial hive of the Nashwaak.

The advantages of education failed to induce one to desert the "horrid" handed breakers of the globe, for we find him thoroughly content handling the plough and hoeing potatoes at Nashwaaksis. Two others, although they have left the F. H. S., are attending schools in other towns, one in Nova Scotia, and the other, after scouring of life as a lumberman, is taking a rest at the Fredericton Business College.

Yes, and "B" class has enlisted two others. One, whom we hope to see graduate next year, and the other, well, the old lion of the gridiron, the all powerful centre rush, and one of the famous Famous Three, B. H. M., after sojourning almost a year with "B," has accepted a position and is now a salaried government official, and to see his care worn smile you have but to look through the delivery window of the Fredericton Post Office. Last, but not least, we mention that one, who, during his stay with us, made a brilliant record for himself, as a footballist and as a mighty politician.

Thus have we traced the boys, most of whom are now in the world seeking their fortune. They have our best wishes for a successful career. Sickness has invaded our class to some extent; three have been taken down with typhoid fever and another with diphtheria. But we are glad to see all before us this day, save one, whom we hope to see about in a short time.

Before taking leave of the boys, we will look over the athletic programme of the year just ended. Last year's valedictorian said, "Why not, boys, put more vim into sports? Has interest in athletics fallen away any during the last year? When we look at the increased interest we are astonished. Football, basketball, and baseball have been booming. After one match and many practice games with the P. N. S., the F. H. S. football team set out in November last to contest for victory with the St. John High School. As a whole team, they had what is commonly styled hard luck. The team fought hard with St. John for victory, but fate or the umpire, if you choose, was against them, and the game ended with a score of 4 to 3 in favor of the St. John High School. Indeed, the game was not what might be termed fifty minutes of sunshine.

On the day following the game with St. John, our team played a game with Rothesay. Their aggression was far superior to ours, and we suffered no disgrace by being defeated at their hands. They are all fine fellows, and used us royally.

Basketball was most popular during the winter, and many interesting games were fought for. There was also a trip in connection with this sport. The team left here for Moncton about the middle of March, and in the game there with the Moncton High School were defeated, and they also were defeated by the St. John Y. M. C. A. But the return game with Moncton was a great victory for F. H. S., and when the St. John boys came up here to play a return game they also were defeated.

Summing up the basketball season, we find to be a most successful one and we hope that F. H. S. will lose no interest in the game. All the games were played at the Y. M. C. A., the F. H. S. gymnasium being not yet completed.

During the year greater interest has been taken in that scientific of all games, baseball, than ever before, and the High School baseball team is second to none of the local teams. A baseball league has been formed, and many interesting games have been the result. Next year ought to see the F. H. S. represented in the College sports.

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CATARRH, PNEUMONIA, CONSUMPTION.

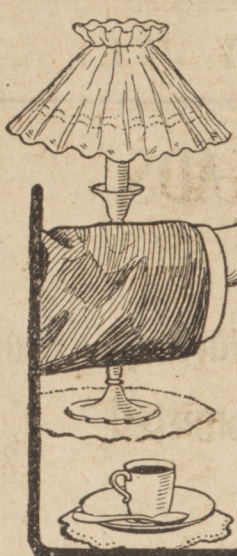
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A Fitting Reply.

Major Lomax of the United States army was visiting in Canada soon after the war of 1812. He was entertained in Quebec by the officers of one of the royal regiments.

After dinner speeches and toasts being in order, one of the British officers, having imbibed too generously of the champagne, gave as a toast, "The President of the United States, Dead or Alive!" The toast was accepted with laughter.

Major Lomax rose to respond, saying, "Permit me to give as my toast, 'The Prince Regent, Drunk or Sober.'" The British officer sprang instantly to his feet and in angry tones demanded, "Sir, do you intend that remark as an insult?"

To which Major Lomax calmly answered, "No, sir; as the reply to one."

A Funny Blunder.

According to Law Notes, Sergeant Ballantine used to tell this story on Lord Chief Justice Cockburn of England: One night while Ballantine was passing along Piccadilly he came across a policeman who was arresting a woman he claimed was drunk. He stopped to expostulate and stated that the woman seemed to be ill rather than intoxicated. Just at this time Lord Cockburn, who was then attorney general, came by on his way home from the house of commons and joined in the discussion. Immediately another officer rushed up and, seizing Cockburn by the collar, exclaimed, "I arrest you also." "Arrest me?" cried the astonished attorney general. "What for?" "Oh," replied his captor, "for many things. You are well known to the police."

A Wonderful Record.

The Rev. Mr. Mattison was curate of Patterdale, England, for nearly sixty years. His income for many years was £12 and never exceeded £18 per annum. He married and lived comfortably and had four children. He buried his mother. He married his father and buried his father. He christened his wife and published his own banns of marriage in the church. He christened and married all his own children. He educated his own son until he was fit for college. He lived till he was ninety-six, and died worth £1,000.—London Advertiser.

Kitchen Wall Bag.

A bag for the kitchen wall is easily made of white oilcloth and bound with very strong braid. The bottom of the bag is made in a double box plait and does not break through. The chief merit of the bag is its number of pockets, one pocket for some particular article that is always going astray in a kitchen and causing any amount of time and trouble to find it when needed most. Let one pocket be devoted to string, which is always in demand; another for paper sacks and bags, one for corks, and still another for cut newspapers which are used for polishing. These pockets may be wiped and kept perfectly clean.

The Kitchen Sink.

Hot lye will cut the grease out of the pipes of the kitchen sink, but should be followed by plenty of hot water as a "chaser." If the lye cools in the pipes crystals are apt to form. Chloride of lime, copperas water and carbolic acid are disinfectants and will kill odors, but should be used after the pipes have been cleansed by the hot lye.

Soot on the Carpet.

One of the surest and best ways of removing soot or dirt of any kind from a moquette, velvet or axminster carpet is to rub cornmeal well into the spots and then spread sparingly over the whole carpet. Sweep off, and the spots will be gone, leaving the carpet as bright as new.

Wouldn't Be Reconciled.

Two of the most eminent lawyers at the Philadelphia bar were Benjamin Harris Brewster and his half brother, Frederick Carroll Brewster. Both had held the office of attorney general for the state, and the first had been attorney general of the United States. They had not been on friendly terms for many years. It is said that on one occasion a mutual friend tried to bring them together, and finally Frederick C. consented to bury the hatchet and sent Benjamin H. a card containing his name, with these words written underneath, "At home on Monday evening, May 1." By the same messenger Benjamin H. sent a card in return, which read, "Benjamin H. Brewster also at home Monday evening, May 1." This ended negotiations.

The Czar Described as Frivolous.

From what I hear from a person certainly likely to know what happens at the Russian court I believe that all the stories of the czar's depression and despair are false. On the contrary, he follows his usual avocations, and nothing that has transpired seems to have had any effect on his spirits. This only confirms the view that never was a man more unfitted to be the autocrat of an empire. It recalls the tale of Charles II. playing at hunt the slipper with the ladies of his court when the Dutch fleet was blockading the mouth of the Thames.—London Truth.

Japan's Spartan Discipline.

One of the Russian survivors of the Port Arthur siege narrates that he saw the following announcement on the walls of a street in Dahn: "The commanding officer of the Second regiment of infantry, Colonel N., has been sentenced to death by a council of war for failing to support a neighboring troop in a recent action. The sentence will be carried out tomorrow."—Ruskoje Slovo.

Novel Sport In England.

A feature of village life in the district of Tunbridge Wells, says an English newspaper, is the promotion of clubs for sparrow and rat shooting during the winter months. The members hold monthly meetings when "bags" are counted and points awarded for prizes. Remarkable success has attended the clubs this winter. The Hartfield Club's record for the past month was 685 sparrows and 348 rats, while the Penhurst Club brought in 896 heads and tails, making a total of 4,722 for the season.

Deep Diamond Mines.

Prof. Henry Miers, in lecturing to a London audience recently, said that there was no knowledge of the depth to which the South African diamond mines could be worked. The deeper they go the richer they become. Work can be carried on now to a depth of 2,500 feet. It is thought that it might be continued to a depth of 5,000 or even 10,000 feet, if the engineering difficulties could be overcome.

State Owned Hotels.

Western Australia is probably the only part of the British Empire that has carried Socialism to the length of building and managing state hotels. From the annual report and balance sheet recently presented to the local Parliament it appears that state debts are 25 cents a glass. There was a loss of \$4,250 on the house account, which apparently means the boarding branch of the business, but on the operations as a whole there was a profit of \$2,600.

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