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## VALEDICTORY.

Mr. Principal and Professors, Fellow Students,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,—

AFTER the labours of the past winter and especially after those of the last few weeks, we turn to the present scene with some degree of pleasure and satisfaction. These ceremonies mark for all of us the close of a winter's session and for some of us the close of a college course. For some weeks our minds have been troubled with anxious thoughts and fears. It is with great delight, then, that we hail these ceremonies at the close of the session.

Some to-day have seen the hopes and anticipations of four years realized. In the autumn of '77 these hopes were shared by seventeen matriculants. To us the stern realities of the future were hidden beneath the bright present.

"Life then flowed in sweet expectancy,  
Hope's reverie shaping joys that were to be."

But these passed away; and when the threatening little cloud, then like a man's hand, had gathered and burst upon our heads during four successive years, it has left but a small remnant of the matriculating class. But this cloud has had its silver lining and to-day we see it in its brightest colours.

Yet it must not be thought that although only five remain, the others have deserted the halls. It is not so. Two have taken advantage of the summer session to shorten their time of probation. Some are still here but have fallen back into other years. Others have deserted their first love and wedded themselves to another. Thus of the original seventeen, only five present themselves to-day to receive the honours of our *Alma Mater*.

During our course we have witnessed many changes. Death has visited her, removing two of her instructors. In the death of Professors Mackenzie and DeMille, so highly respected and admired as gentlemen and in their profession, Dalhousie has sustained a severe loss. Their deeds yet live and long shall we cherish them in our memories.

Again, improvements have been made in the curriculum. In the session of '78-'79 a course in science was introduced, thus presenting greater inducements for those who wish to prosecute their studies in this department.

We have witnessed also a change in Dalhousie's financial condition. A few years ago from a pecuniary point of view, her prospects were not very bright. But

"When fortune means to men most good  
She looks upon them with a threatening eye."

The summer of '79 presented an agreeable change in this gloomy state of matters. A chair in Physics was endowed by George Munro of New York. Thus a much-felt want in our college was supplied; and one, who could recognize her as his *Alma Mater*, Dr. MacGregor, was chosen to fill this chair. In the following summer, our indebtedness to our benefactor was increased by the endowment of another chair, one of History and Political Economy, together with a number of Bursaries, which enables Dalhousie to offer greater inducements to students than any other college in the Dominion. This chair we expect to see occupied next winter by the Rev. John Forrest.

We feel proud to be able to recognize our benefactor as a native of this province. Such gifts signal out a patriotic spirit, and Mr. Munro has shown that he takes a deep interest in the

welfare of higher education in his native province. May his excellent example stir up others to open their hearts. 'Tis said that blessings always come in showers. We hope the saying will prove true in this case.

After this brief review of the condition of Dalhousie, we would say a few words of farewell.

*Fellow Students,—*

We are about to part with you. We have trodden the path upon which you have entered. Our friendly gatherings are with us things of the past; but with you the fun, the amusements and the merriments still remain to be participated in. We can but cherish them as remembrances of these happy days. We wish you every success in your future collegiate career; and every prosperity in after life.

*Mr. Principal and Professors,—*

It is with feelings of the most varied stamp that we bid you farewell. The joy of having reached the wished-for goal will not allow us any dreary reflections. As your labours have been crowned with abundant success in the past, so may they be in the future.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,—*

To you we express our thanks for your presence here to-day. Your attendance here betokens your interest in Dalhousie. We trust that our *Alma Mater*, now so dear to us, shall receive from you every attention.

*Fellow Classmen,—*

It has been our happy lot to spend four winters within the firm old walls of Dalhousie. Here have we contended with the battle and the breeze of hard study and difficult examinations. Now we stand on the threshold, about to say our *vive vaeque*. Henceforth our paths lie in different directions. Our common road now separates. Never again will we meet in similar circumstances. The associations and friendships formed are indelibly imprinted on our memories. Our acquaintance has not been very long. To know, to esteem, and then to part, contains the history of it.

During our course quietness has been the ruling feature. No outbursts have occurred to call down the wrath of the senate. But it must be remembered, that, at the close of the stormy session previous to our entrance, the senate decreed that the gates of Janus should be closed. And it seems that the traditional virtue of this mystic ceremony still attends it; for since then a peaceful and quiet era has existed in our halls.

The more stable advantages are to be found in the training received, which will enable us to encounter the realities of life. If we have learned how to acquire knowledge a great step has been taken. Future success will depend not on what we have learned during these four years, but on individual exertions and the methods of these exertions. The knowledge acquired must be employed to the best advantage; we must not bury it within ourselves, as the man who possessed one talent, but use it that it may increase many fold.

To you, now, we bid farewell. To you, fellow-students, *vive vaeque*.

To our professors, to our *Alma Mater*,

"Our hearts, our hopes are all with thee;  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,  
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears  
Are all with thee—are all with thee."

### CONVOCATION.

THE annual Convocation of Dalhousie College and University was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult, in the Assembly Room of the Provincial Building, in the presence of a large gathering of the prominent educationalists, civic and provincial dignitaries and ladies.

The Principal, in the opening address, expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a gathering at the close of the session. He could not but regard it as an evidence of the general and increasing interest felt in Dalhousie. He regretted the absence of the Chief Justice, who had been detained on account of illness in his family, and he was sure that his absence would be a source of regret to all of those who had been accustomed to hear, in times past, and who expected to hear to-day, an eloquent address from His Lordship.

Since the last Convocation, through the liberality of Mr. George Munro of New York, a chair of History and Political Economy had been established, and Rev. John Forrest appointed to fill it. The work, during the past session, had been somewhat monotonous to the Professors, and whatever little interest or enthusiasm had been evoked among the students would be of little interest to the outside world. He had expected to hear some good speeches after the routine business was over, and no doubt the audience would be pleased at not being detained by any further introductory remarks.

The usual work, conferring degrees, presenting prizes, &c., was then proceeded with. The following is the list of graduates, winners of prizes and distinctions and general pass list:—

#### GRADUATES—B. A.

H. G. Creelman, Stewiacke; Alfred Costley, Halifax; Wallace M. McDonald, Halifax; J. A. Sedgewick, Musquodoboit; W. H. Spencer, Londonderry.

B. A. Honors of the Second Rank in Mathematics and Physics—Hugh Graham Creelman.

The degree of M. A. was conferred on the following:—

Edmund C. Newcombe, B. A.; William C. Herdman, B. A.

#### GENERAL PASS LIST.

##### ARTS.

*Fourth Year.*—H. G. Creelman, Alfred Costley, Wallace M. McDonald, J. A. Sedgewick, William H. Spencer.

*Third Year.*—George M. Campbell, George S. Carson, Wm. R. Fraser, James R. Knowles, Robert Landells, Humphrey Mellish, George Patterson, Edgar Torey, James S. Trueman.

*Second Year.*—J. Albert Bell, James A. MacDonald, Hector McInnis, Thomas S. McGregor, James W. MacKenzie, John M. McLennan.

*First Year.*—Henry S. Adams, George H. Blair, E. M. Dill, Hiram Elliott, F. Jones, Donald McDonald, John P. McLeod, J. J. Miller, Daniel J. Morrison, John Pitblado, William B. Taylor.

##### PASS LIST—SCIENCE.

*Second Year.*—Arch. McColl, James A. Moren, Arthur G. Reid.

*First Year.*—Henry Smith.

General Student who has passed all the examinations of any single year:

*Fourth Year.*—Thomas Stewart.

##### PRIZE LIST.

CLASSICS.—*Fourth Year.*—J. A. Sedgewick. *Third Year.*—J. A. Trueman. *Second Year.*—J. A. Bell. *First Year.*—(1.) J. P. McLeod, (2.) H. S. Adams.

MATHEMATICS.—*Second Year.*—A. G. Reid. *First Year.*—(1.) J. P. McLeod; (2.) H. Elliott.

OPTICS AND ASTRONOMY.—H. G. Creelman.  
PHYSICS.—G. S. Carson.  
ETHICS.—T. Stewart.  
METAPHYSICS.—Prize won by W. M. Fraser, B. Sc., but awarded to G. M. Campbell, the next highest marksman—Mr. Fraser being a graduate.  
LOGIC.—J. W. McLennan.  
CHEMISTRY, ORGANIC.—A. G. Reid.  
INORGANIC.—H. Dickie.  
GEOLOGY.—A. G. Cameron.  
ZOOLOGY.—J. A. Moren.  
FRENCH.—*Fourth Year.*—T. Stewart.  
*Third Year.*—H. Mellish.  
RHETORIC.—J. P. McLeod.  
GERMAN.—A. G. Reid.

##### SPECIAL PRIZES.

*The St. Andrew's Prize*, awarded to the best student of the second year in Classics, the winner of Bursary being excluded—James A. MacDonald.

*The Elocution Prizes.*—(1.) J. E. Forsyth. (2.) E. M. Dill.

*The Waverly Bursary*, awarded to the student who makes the highest average at the Sessional Examinations of the second year—J. Albert Bell.

*The Dr. Avery Prize*, awarded to the best student of the fourth year, not studying for honors—James A. Sedgewick.

*The Governor General's Gold Medal*, awarded to the student passing the best Honor Examination—Hugh Graham Creelman.

##### CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

*First Class.*—*Fourth Year.*—H. G. Creelman. *Third Year.*—G. M. Campbell, J. S. Trueman. *Second Year.*—J. A. Bell, A. G. Reid. *First Year.*—H. S. Adams, H. Elliott, J. P. McLeod.

*Second Class.*—*Fourth Year.*—J. A. Sedgewick. *Third Year.*—H. Mellish. *Second Year.*—J. A. MacDonald, T. S. MacGregor, J. W. McLennan, J. A. Moren. *First Year.*—E. M. Dill, F. Jones, D. J. Morrison, J. Pitblado.

Special Certificate of Merit of the Second Class—Thomas Stewart.

##### LIST OF DISTINCTIONS, 1880-81.

##### UNDERGRADUATES IN ARTS.

*Fourth Year.*—H. G. Creelman (Governor General's Gold Medal.) B. A. Honors in Mathematics and Physics. First Class Certificate of Merit. Prize in Optics and Astronomy. First in German. First Class in Latin, Physics, German. Second Class in Ethics.

J. A. Sedgewick (the Dr. Avery Prize.) Second Class Certificate of Merit. Prize in Classics. First Class in Greek. Second Class in Latin, French and Ethics.

Alfred Costley, Second Class in Ethics, French and Latin. William H. Spencer, Second Class in Greek.

*Third Year.*—J. S. Trueman, First Class Certificate of Merit. Prize in Classics. First Class in French, Metaphysics, Greek and Latin.

G. M. Campbell, Prize in Metaphysics. First Class Certificate of Merit. First Class in French, Metaphysics and Greek. Second Class in Physics.

H. Mellish, Second Class Certificate of Merit. Prize in French. First Class in French. Second Class in Greek, Metaphysics

G. S. Carson, Prize in Physics. First Class in Metaphysics. Second Class in Physics.

G. Patterson, Second Class in French and Metaphysics.

W. R. Fraser, Second Class in Metaphysics.

E. J. Torey, Second Class in German, Metaphysics.

R. Landells, Second Class in Metaphysics.

J. Davidson, Second Class in Chemistry, (Organic.)

Second Year.—J. A. Bell (Waverly Bursary.) First Class Certificate of Merit. Prize in Classics. First Class in Latin, Greek, Mathematics and Classical History.

J. W. McLennan, Second Class Certificate of Merit. Prize in Logic. First Class in Logic, Chemistry and Classical History. Second Class in Mathematics.

T. S. MacGregor, Second Class Certificate of Merit. First Class in Mathematics and Chemistry.

J. A. MacDonald, (St. Andrew's Prize.) Second Class Certificate of Merit. First Class in Classical History. Second Class in Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Chemistry and Logic.

H. Dicke, Prize in Chemistry, (Inorganic.) First Class in Logic and Chemistry.

H. McInnis, First Class in Chemistry. Second Class in Logic.

First Year.—J. P. McLeod, (Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown.) Munro Bursary. First Class Certificate of Merit. First Prizes in Classics and Mathematics. Prize in Rhetoric. First Class in Latin, Greek, Mathematics and Rhetoric.

H. Elliott (Private Study.) Munro Bursary. First Class Certificate of Merit. Second Prize in Mathematics. First Class in Greek, Mathematics and Rhetoric. Second Class in Latin.

H. S. Adams (Halifax High School.) First Professor's Scholarship. First Class Certificate of Merit. Second Prize in Classics. First Class in Latin and Greek. Second Class in Mathematics and Rhetoric.

Frank Jones, (Digby Academy.) Munro Bursary. Second Class Certificate of Merit. First Class in Latin and Rhetoric. Second Class in Greek.

E. M. Dill, (Private Study.) Munro Bursary. Second Young Prize in Elocution. First Class in Mathematics. Second Class in Latin, Greek and Rhetoric.

John Pitblado, (Private Study.) Second Professor's Scholarship. Second Class Certificate of Merit. First Class in Mathematics. Second Class in Latin, Greek and Rhetoric.

Daniel J. Morrison, (Pictou Academy.) Munro Bursary. Second Class Certificate of Merit. First Class in Mathematics. Second Class in Latin, Greek and Rhetoric.

G. H. Blair, Second Class in Latin, Rhetoric.

D. McDonald, Second Class in Rhetoric.

#### UNDERGRADUATES IN SCIENCE.

Third Year.—A. G. Cameron, Prize in Geology. First Class in Geology, Chemical Laboratory Practice and Zoology.

Second Year.—A. G. Reid, First Class Certificate of Merit. Prizes in Mathematics, German and Organic Chemistry. First Class in Latin, Mathematics, Zoology, Organic Chemistry, Chemical Laboratory and German.

J. A. Moren, Second Class Certificate of Merit. Prize in Zoology. First Class in Zoology and Chemical Laboratory.

First Year.—H. Smith, Professor's Scholarship. Second Class in Latin and Rhetoric.

#### GENERAL STUDENTS.

Thomas Stewart, Special Certificate of Merit of Second Class. Prizes in Ethics and French. First Class in Ethics and French. Second Class in Optics, Astronomy and Latin.

W. M. Fraser, B. Sc., Prize in Metaphysics (resigned in favor of student next in merit.) First Class in Metaphysics.

J. E. Forsyth, First Young Prize in Elocution.

H. Hare, Special Prize in Geology. First Class in Geology.

A. McKeigan, First Class in Rhetoric. Second Class in Mathematics.

In closing, the principal congratulated the graduates on having successfully accomplished their course and now obtained their degrees. The tie which had united them for four years was now severed. It would not be necessary, he hoped, to remind them that their education was not yet finished. No man is expected to know everything, and in this age of rapid progress it is even difficult to keep abreast of any one of the many subjects with which the mind of the 19th century is grappling. They had studied to little purpose and the professors' teaching had been in a great measure vain if they had not learned how little they knew and how much remained to be known. Hitherto they had been aided and stimulated in their studies by their professors; henceforth they had to depend principally on themselves. Their training had merely fitted them to acquire knowledge by their own exertions. They had been made acquainted with the names of the tools and implements which they were to employ and the correct method of using them: they were now to employ them in accordance with that method in accumulating the measures of wisdom and knowledge. He would then urge them in the first place to cherish a profound respect for truth: neither reject nor accept a doctrine because it is new. Neither should they be in haste to discard the old, nor tenaciously adhere to it after it had been proved to be wrong. Secondly, to remember that success is the result of diligence. Not to rely upon their own supposed superior abilities to the neglect of study. It is no easy task to be a scholar. In the third place, he urged them to be stimulated by the hope of the discovery of new truths. All truth has not yet been discovered: they should endeavour to contribute their quota to the mass of knowledge which has already been

acquired; there is ample room for original research. Fourth, to prosecute their studies systematically. Nothing can be a permanent success without system. Where disorder and confusion reign failure must be the result. Fifth, always to cherish a kindly feeling for their *Alma Mater*: its character was to a large extent in their hands. Men will and should judge of its efficiency by the diligence, integrity and success which its graduates exhibit. Lastly, they had been taught that there is reason to believe that the progress of improvement is not confined to the present life: that after death improvement will still proceed under more favorable circumstances in a brighter and better world.

Mr. H. G. Creelman, B. A., then read the valedictory which, although short, was long enough to express and express well the feelings of himself and brother graduates on leaving their *ALMA MATER*. At the conclusion of the valedictory had there been dust, dust would have risen, so prolonged and uproarious was the applause of his fellow students.

The Principal again expressed his regret at the absence of the Chief Justice and Judge Ritchie, and read a letter from the Hon. Atty. General who was unable to attend through indisposition.

The Hon. Mr. Holmes, being called on, then addressed the students. He regretted the absence of the other gentlemen named, and expressed his pleasure at the proceedings of which he had been a witness and auditor. As a member of the Government he felt somewhat embarrassed in addressing a convocation of this college. He was convinced that with it alone, of all those in the Province, was the Government connected. Hence the Government had some responsibility and especial interest in its welfare. He was happy to be able to say that the exhibition of scholarly attainments shown and the address of the young gentleman who had to-day received so many honors, had given him great satisfaction. The relations between the Government and the colleges were not at present very satisfactory. He hoped, however, that every Government, irrespective of politics, would see fit to contribute from the public funds towards higher education

in this Province. Though the Legislature had not enabled the Government this year to contribute as they had wished, he hoped the principle of giving state aid to institutions for imparting higher education might ever continue. He addressed a few words of advice to the students, showing how difficulties might be overcome by diligence, perseverance and study. He urged them to adhere to the precepts so lucidly set forth by the Principal. In whatever profession they chose to endeavour to excel in it. No man was made for himself, but all were made for each other. There was nothing more noble than working for the public good. Therefore, he urged them to make use of their knowledge for the good of the world. Always have a great regard for the truth, as it was the foundation of every greatness. He paid a passing eulogy on Mr. Munro of New York for his munificence to the college, and joined with the gentleman who had read the valedictory in hoping his example would be followed by other wealthy and distinguished men. He concluded by expressing his best wishes for the future success and prosperity of the students.

The Convocation was then brought to a close by the benediction being pronounced by the Principal, and the Session of 1880-81 was thus formally ended.

THE REVISED NEW TESTAMENT AND ITS COMPANION VOLUME.—The official printers of the Revised New Testament have consented to issue on the 17th of May, for the American market, very low priced editions. The cheapest 15 cents paper bound, 20 cents cloth bound. The Companion volume will be an explanation of all the changes thought advisable by either the American or English Committee. This book will be indispensable to a right understanding of the revision, price 25 cents. These cheap editions will be sold by I. K. Funk, & Co., N. Y.

THE University College Toronto, Ont., has declined to admit a young lady who has passed with credit the examinations in the University on the assumption that it would lead to the subversion of the moral order and discipline of the institution.

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OUR *Financial Secretary* sends bills with this issue to those of our subscribers who have not paid up. As our printers have still a heavy claim against us, which must be liquidated before the "Gazette" can again appear, we hope and trust that our subscribers will immediately remit the amount of their indebtedness to JOHNSON DAVIDSON, 109 Creighton Street, Halifax, *Financial Secretary, Dalhousie Gazette.*

WITH the present issue of the GAZETTE we close our twelfth volume. When, at the beginning of the session we entered upon our editorial duties, it was with the feeling that the management of the GAZETTE might more fittingly have been intrusted to others, and that we were not fully capable of sustaining its reputation: hence it was with no small diffidence and hesitation that we yielded to the persuasion of our fellow-students and undertook the work. Since that time we have regularly issued the GAZETTE, and we leave our patrons to judge whether its columns have been creditably filled. Had ours been a monthly journal as are the most of our Canadian exchanges we, doubtless, could have made it more attractive: in the circumstances we have done our best, and if imperfections have existed, we are convinced that our patrons will

overlook them when they recollect that only a small portion of our time could be devoted to the GAZETTE, as our regular college duties demanded the whole of it.

We need not say that we regret to break the connection existing between us and the GAZETTE. To work for it has been a pleasure, and we can all likewise testify to the profit we have received. The GAZETTE has now become identified with Dalhousie, and we trust that in the hands of its future conductors it may become still more a power for good and an ornament to the institution which it represents.

WE desire, before severing our connection with the GAZETTE, to tender our thanks to those of our friends who have assisted us by contributing articles for insertion at times when we were short of matter. Had it not been for their assistance the GAZETTE would not have been so attractive, nor would we have been able to sustain its reputation of being always issued "on time." It is gratifying to know that old students do not forget their *Alma Mater* and the organizations in connection with it: it is most gratifying to us, upon whose shoulders is placed, the management of the GAZETTE. We have had only to give the hint to former editors of the GAZETTE and their assistance in the shape of articles was promptly given. Contributions from such are always welcome; they are especially welcome towards the close of the session, when the students are apt more than at other times to place everything after their own interest, and to leave their college paper to be filled up entirely by those who have the fortune or misfortune of being on its editorial staff.

Nor can we forget to thank our graduates who are pursuing their studies at other Universities, for the excellent letters that have appeared in our columns during the past winter. Its correspondence makes a college paper especially interesting, and in this regard we can safely say that the GAZETTE has not been surpassed by any of its exchanges. We trust that in the interests of the GAZETTE such letters will be always forthcoming hereafter.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was held on the 27th ult., in Dr. McGregor's Class Room, Dalhousie College, at 10 a. m. The time was occupied in the transaction of routine business, presentation of reports, &c. The Executive Committee were authorized to spend a sum not exceeding \$40 in the purchase of a medal to be awarded by the Senate in the event of there being two honor men of equal merit in the Fourth Year. They were also empowered to appropriate \$30 of the Association's funds towards defraying the expense of invited guests at the annual dinner. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

*President.*—Robert Sedgewick.

*Vice-do.*—A. H. McKay.

*Secretary.*—F. H. Bell.

*Treasurer.*—Wm. B. Ross.

Hugh McKenzie,

J. G. McGregor,

J. A. Sedgewick,

J. Carmichael, Jr.,

A. P. Silver.

*Executive Committee.*

THE Governors have resolved that there be no Summer Session during the ensuing summer, owing to the fact that only two undergraduates signified their intention of attending classes. Work was prescribed for the summer and an examination will be given such students before the opening of the next winter session, so that it will not prove a hindrance to their obtaining a degree in three years. Students have not attended heretofore in as large numbers as was hoped for, nor is there any probability that there will be an increased attendance in the immediate future, as the four years course is at present looked upon with more favor. It is hardly fair to the Professors that they should be compelled to teach, summer after summer, two or three or a dozen students, and we hope that in view of the above facts the Governors will abolish the scheme altogether. The winter session is admittedly too short, and if the Governors should see fit to lengthen it somewhat, both Professors and students would, we think, be better satisfied.

WE learn with regret that the Chief Justice has seen fit to tender his resignation of that important position. Although still enjoying a measure of good health, His Lordship, recognizing the ever increasing duties and responsibilities attached to the office, considered that on account of his advanced age he was unable to perform them adequately. During the past twenty-one years in which he has had the honor to be Chief Justice, he has given high proofs of his fitness to perform the duties incumbent upon him as such, and we regret his resignation the more as we realize that there are few, if any, capable of presiding over our courts with as much grace and dignity as did he. Now that he has retired from public duties he can look back with proud satisfaction on a life well spent, and find therein very little which can prove to him a source of regret. As a lawyer, as a statesman, as an educationalist, and as Chief Justice, he has been an ornament to his country, and we trust that he may long be spared to be a living ensample to others.

The Annual Dinner of the Association was given on the evening of the same day at the Waverley Hotel. The dinner was served in most handsome style. The long table was beautifully set with an abundance of flowers and glass, and the cookery of every article upon a most elaborate menu was all that an epicure could wish for. About fifty persons sat down to dinner. Among the guests were several of the Governors of the college, the Professors, Professor Schurman of Acadia, representatives of the Alumni Associations of Mount Allison and Acadia, the Superintendent of Education, Senator Frye from the the United States, and representatives of the Halifax press. The head of the table was taken by Mr. Hugh McKenzie, President of the Association, Mr. Robert Sedgewick acting as *croupier* in the absence of the Vice-President. After "The Queen" had been drunk with the usual honors, Mr. Sedgewick proposed "The President of the United States," alluding to the Castine Fund as the origin of

Dalhousie College. Senator Frye responded in a humorous and eloquent speech. Hon. W. B. Vail responded to "The Dominion and Provincial Legislatures." The President then proposed the toast of "*Alma Mater*," which was drunk with great enthusiasm and the singing of "Lauriger Horatius." Mr. D. C. Fraser responded. He declared himself in favor of a central teaching University, no matter under what name or at what place. To bring about this happy result he hoped that all thoughts of party and creed would be disregarded. "The Governors of the College" were then proposed by Mr. Sedgewick, and responded to by Hon. S. L. Shannon, Hon. A. G. Jones, Hon. W. J. Stairs, and Mr. J. S. McLean. All these gentlemen complimented the Association upon the excellence of their entertainment. They expressed their individual preference for a central *teaching* University, and their conviction that the Association could and would do much to develop and unite the higher educational resources of the country. Mr. F. H. Bell then proposed "The Professors"—the Alumni, singing "*Gaudeamus*." Professors McDonald and Lawson responded. Professor McGregor gave the toast of "Sister Colleges." Professor Schurman, as the representative of Edinburgh and London Universities, was received with applause. He said that in the discussion that had been going on for some time past respecting higher education, some persons had seemed to regard examinations as the end of all education. For himself he regarded examinations as an evil—a necessary evil indeed—but an evil still. The present condition of higher education in this country was most unsatisfactory, as every one who considered it properly must admit. What was wanted was *union*. If Dalhousie was desirous of effecting a union among the colleges of the Province she, or her Alumni, should take steps to let her wishes be known and she might find her advances more cordially entertained than she expected. Mr. J. W. Longley, the President of the Alumni Association of Acadia College, and Mr. Benjamin Russell, Vice-President of the Alumni Association of Mount Allison responded on behalf of those institutions.

Mr. Longley heartily concurred in the broad and liberal sentiments respecting higher education which had been expressed. He believed that the strength of the public sentiment of the country in favor of a central teaching University had been underestimated, and he hoped that at no distant day such an institution would be established.

Mr. Russell thought that the combined action of the two branches of the Legislature, no matter on what principles they had acted, had been to effect the only practical solution of the educational difficulty. The question was no longer left to politicians, but would have to be debated by the colleges themselves. He hoped that the colleges would never again trouble the Legislature for money, until they were prepared to come forward with a well considered scheme for their amalgamation into a central teaching University.

The Graduating class was then proposed by Professor Lawson, and drunk with the singing of the following, impromptu to the air "He is an Englishman"—

For they're all Dalhousians,  
For the Dean himself hath said it,  
And it's greatly to their credit  
That they are Dalhousians.

For they might have been Sackvilians,  
Or Acadians, or Vinsorians,  
Or Halifaxians.  
But in spite of the temptations  
Offered by denominations,  
They remain Dalhousians.

In response to the toast of "The Public Schools of Nova Scotia," Dr. Allison referred to the need of better facilities for training men for college work. The connection between the common schools and the college was very imperfect. All our colleges were forced to do much high school work. If we could enable Dalhousie to draw sixty young men a year from the schools of the country, she would be as much benefited as though endowed with any number of bursaries and prizes.

Space compels us to omit mentioning several of the toasts and many speakers. The evening was a most enjoyable one. The only drawback was that a yet larger number of Alumni had not seen fit to attend, a defect which we hope will be remedied at next year's dinner.

## BOBBIE BURNS.

It is not necessary to say when and where Burns was born, for the jovial, rollicking, pathetic, rustic poet has such a reputation that all true lovers of poetry know not only his poems but also every incident of his life. And he has made no secret of his trials and frolics, his poverty and hopes in his poems. He has tried to cloak none of his faults, and so the world has credited him with being a greater sinner than he was. In Mr. Wilson's speech at the Burns Festival we read, "Like all other mortals he had his faults; great in the eyes of men; grievous in the eyes of heaven." Burns had no art of hiding his own failings, and therefore he has had all his sins anatomized more keenly than any other bard. His deepest thoughts are disclosed in his poems; he has hung his heart upon his sleeve for daws to peck at. He was neglected and left alone as a corpse in the shroud of his own genius, and the wonder is that he has written so much that the world will not willingly let die. A more sorrowful history the records of literature do not show. We may put him among the list of "splendid shipwrecks," be-sun by want and neglect, with DeQuincey and Coleridge stranded on a poppy-covered coast, with Foster forgetting all his "Decision of Character," and left high and dry on the shore of misanthropy; with Shelley wrecked on a false system; and with Hazlett ruined on no system at all. It is wonderful to see a

"Giant mind broken by sorrows unspeakable  
And woes."

How sorry were men a few years after Burns died that they did not relieve his wants, soothe his sorrows and reclaim his wanderings.

No man is to be judged altogether by his faults, yet there was nothing mean or conceited about Burns. He was often a lender, and he shared the money he got from the sale of his production with his brother and his mother. We never find him saying anything in praise of his own poems, though he lauded those of Scott and Ramsay. This is the more surprising, since, vanity is a besetting sin among members of the tuneful tribe.

The quickness with which he changed from mirthfulness to moralizing is surprising. One day he is engaged in a contest for the Dane's bacchanalian prize, whilst a short time afterwards he is weeping in poetry for "Mary in Heaven."

We cannot but feel sorry that he went to Edinburgh in 1786, though there he was the "lion" of that intellectual city; yet when the novelty had worn off and he began to be made less of by society, on returning to "auld Ayr," the flattery that he had received must have embittered the rest of his short life.

The birthday of Burns is celebrated with more honors than is paid to any other English bard, and we cannot but wonder at this, for he quarreled with the Presbyterian faith of Scotland, and though Scotchmen do not object to a glass of "toddy," they are too grave and stern to sympathize much with the convivial nature of Burns. But a great many of the people are more genial than the stiff, formal Presbyterians of the north, and no man, however much he might differ with the opinions and ways of Burns, could refrain from honoring the poet who had used the Scotch dialect with such freshness and beauty. Every Scotchman respects and loves the man by whose songs "they have had all their loneliness cheered, their rugged natures softened, and the crust, which gathers on the human heart through years of sin and hardship, melted into tender tears." His poetry has exercised great influence on the minds of Scotchmen, and the praise that critics have heaped upon it is a good evidence of its worth. Whether we read that serio comic poem "Tam o' Shanter," or his pathetic address to a "mountain daisy," or "Bruce's Address," or "Ae fond kiss,"—"a poem that contains," says Scott, "the essence of a thousand love tales," we cannot but admire the naturalness and simplicity, and regret his neglected life and untimely death. We must read with feelings of admiration "A man's a man for a' that," when we remember that he was invited by a laird to sing some of his songs for the entertainment of the guests, and, being sent to the kitchen among the servants until it would please the master to call him, on being

summoned, he astonished and ashamed the laird by this manly song. A man's character is often told in his writings and Burns' poems show the man in every line:

"I whiles claw the elbow o' troublesome thought;  
But man is a sodger and life is a faught;  
My mirth and good humour are coin in my pouch,  
And my freedom's a lairdship nae monarch dare touch.

A townmond o' trouble, should that be my fa',  
A night o' guidfellowship sowthers it a';  
When at the blithe end of our journey at last,  
Wha the deil ever thinks o' the road he has past?"

His songs, of which over two thousand are published, are more universally known than those of any other English-speaking bard, and we cannot but wonder how the poet who had to bear so much sorrow, disappointment, and neglect, could write such soul-stirring lyrics. Next to Goldsmith, he is the best loved of English writers, and since such honors are now paid to his memory, we cannot but wish that his thirty-seven years of sorrow with only two gleams of prosperity had been gladdened by more friends; that his life has been a little less wayward and some of his poems a little less irreverent; but "let us hope that the thoughtless, erring nature, which gave and forgave so much on earth, found in Heaven that mercy which every human spirit needs."

#### OUR EXCHANGES.

It becomes us in this the last number of the GAZETTE for the present session to notice briefly our exchanges. We can affirm truly that it has afforded us much pleasure to peruse, from time to time, the papers representing our own Canadian Colleges. We cannot say the same of the most of our exchanges from the United States. If the ideal college paper is to consist of "locals," paltry, meaningless editorials and accounts of "oratorical contests" and such like, all of which must assuredly be void of interest to outsiders, our republican brethren have without doubt realized the ideal; in very few instances have we noted really creditable literary articles; in very many we have not seen an attempt at one, and for this reason we cannot have but a poor opinion of our U. S. exchanges. Until they endeavor to improve in this respect we had as lief not number them among the exchanges of the GAZETTE.

THE *Queen's College Journal* has not reached us regularly, but from the numbers before us filled as they are with interesting matter we cannot suppress a feeling of envy. We trust that our successors will always welcome and imitate the *Journal*.

THE *Varsity* of University College, Toronto, "gorgeous in its head-piece," has been conducted most admirably during the winter. Its "patriarch student" is a character wholly unique and his "observations" have been most seasonable. The *Varsity* and GAZETTE have formed a mutual friendship during the winter: may it be a lasting one! We shall always welcome the *Varsity*.

AND what shall we say of our sister *The Portfolio*? So amiable and circumspect has she been in her deportment that we could wish the relation between us were a conjugal one, and yet we cannot help thinking that the admonitory yet kind words addressed to us by the *Portfolio*, and the occasional "dressings" she has administered to our less fortunate contemporaries, entitles her to be considered the *mother* of us all. We pray earnestly that to the suckling GAZETTE she may yield in the future naught save "the milk of human kindness."

THE *Argosy* has been very readable on the whole, and we cannot but admire the pluck of the Eds. in publishing the paper incurring as it does so great a cost. Multiply your "tea-worries" and let the price of admission to the female seminary be not lower than twenty-five cents *per male student* and we doubt not that your coffers will be replenished if the young ladies are moderately attractive and the young gentlemen immoderately susceptible; in the interests of the *Argosy* let us hope that such is the case. We have had little differences with the *Argosy* during the session; we beg of our successors not to remember them save in tender mercy as the *Argosy* is as yet but a nursling.

OUR intercourse with *The Kings College Record* has been, too, a pleasant one. It started, at the beginning of the term, as a journal of the *muses*, and, if we may say it, its poetry partook of the nature of the super-human and ethereal. "Many a time and oft" with wonder and admiration did we read and ponder; but it has fallen at last to the level of ordinary journals: it has become "prosy in the prosiest." The April number contains an editorial on the present condition of our colleges. The *Record* puts in a feeble plea for the sustenance of Kings College on its present basis, but we are convinced that the *Record* is at heart with

us in regard to concentration, and were it not in direct opposition to the views of certain of the firm friends of the College, it would openly advocate a union. We take the will for the deed.

WE could wish that the *Acadia Athenæum* had pulled more in unison with us; we have consciously said nothing to incur our contemporary's displeasure, and yet it hath become displeased. The *Athenæum* is a worthy journal of a worthy institution, but it has failed to convince us that possibly there may be other journals and institution equally worthy. Let the *Athenæum* notice some merit in its contemporaries or rather divest itself of the idea that it is superior to the whole of them and we will accord to it ever a hearty welcome and gladly place it among our *third-rate* exchanges.

We have received numerous other journals, but want of space precludes a review. To all we bid farewell and wish every success in future literary undertakings.

#### PERSONALS.

OF the graduating class Creelman will teach at Riverton; Sedgewick studies law with his brother in the city; McDonald will prosecute the same avocation with McDonald & Rigby; Costley will remain at home in town and take a rest after his winter's work; Spenser will woo the fair in the neighbourhood of Great Village.

JUNIORS—Torey will be at his home in Guysboro'; Knowles goes to the Normal School, Truro; Campbell will make hay while the sun shines at the farm near Truro; Mellish will study law in Halifax; Trueman will pursue a course of general laziness at his home in Carleton, N. B.; Carson will continue to instruct the fair denizens of Cambridge House; Landells will rule with a rod of birch the school at River Herbert, Cumberland; Davidson will rest from his toils in Halifax; Cameron will prosecute his scientific studies at St. Croix, Hants Co.; Fraser will teach the young idea at his home at West River Station; Patterson will loaf around New Glasgow.

SOPHOMORES—Bell will be at home; Moren will rusticate in Cow Bay; Reid will be book-keeper in his brother's office; McInnis is Principal of the schools of West End, Pictou; McRae has taken refuge in Brother Jonathan's territory

and can be found at Providence; McKenzie has gone home to P. E. Island after vainly waiting for the Summer Session; McLennan will charm the beautiful ones at Sydney; McDonald and McLeod will be at home in the city; Campbell will be in Truro; McGregor will air his mathematical knowledge at Little Bras d'Or; McColl will be at his home in New Glasgow.

FRESHMEN—McLeod will rest from labor at Valleyfield, P. E. I.; Elliott will use the ferule at Kingsport, Morrison will be at home in Pictou; Jones goes to Digby, there to grow strong in preparation for next winter's struggle; Taylor, Slayter, Adams, Pitblado, Miller, and Smith remain in town; Dill goes home to Middle Rawdon.

GENERALS—Fisher will be in Westchester, Cumberland Co.; Forsyth will exercise his oratorical powers at Kentville; Stewart will be at home in Whycomomagh; McKeigan teaches at Eastern Passage; McDougall will continue his studies at Maitland; Logan goes home to North Sydney; Blair is to be at Londonderry, King's Co., N. B.; Story and Ross remain in town; Ferneaux will reside in the bosom of his family at St. John's, Newfoundland.

This is as complete an account as possible of the whereabouts of the students of the session just past; the residences of many we know have been left out, but in every case the omission has been unavoidable.

RODERICK MCKAY, B. A., the third teacher on the Academic staff, arrived in Pictou, on Saturday, from Kingston. Mr. McKay's record is a brilliant one. The first three years of his course he took as an undergraduate in Dalhousie College, winning distinctions which were duly chronicled. He comes to us now as a graduate in arts from the University of Queens. In a large graduating class of twenty-three, we find that he has won the Governor-General's prize, and, in addition, the class prize and scholarship in the Senior Mathematics, and also in the Senior Physics; and stood first in the "Honor Latin" of the fourth year. Mr. McKay was, in 1876, the first man in the late Prof. DeMill's class in Rhetoric, Anglo-Saxon, and early English, as well as in the Mathematics.—*Mail*.

ITEMS.

OH, shades of departed students! can it be? In reading Froude's History of England, at a very thoughtful and interesting point some thoughtless wretch made the following marginal note: "Stolen from ——'s oration."—*News-Letter*. If you can't see the joke it's not the fault of the joke.

A FRESHMAN comes forward in Greek asserting that "with one hand she wept, while with the other she held forth her breast."—*Brunonian*.

PROF. to student in Geometry: "What is a locus?" S. in G. "A locus is a little bug that lives among the trees."—*University Monthly*.

BATES COLLEGE has lost one-fifth of her students during the last six months, owing to slackness of discipline.

A MAID IN TEARS.

Soft nestled in Dame Fortune's lap,  
Thou should'st not know of care;  
For thou hast beauty, lovers, friends,  
And lands both broad and fair.

But, as I gaze, thy sapphire eyes  
With pearly tears brim o'er,  
Bedew thy peachy cheeks, and drop  
Unheeded to the floor.

Oh maiden, tell me why you weep!  
From whom hast suffered wrong?  
"La me! sir, 'tis my smelling salts,  
They are so awful strong."

A JUNIOR'S term account read as follows:

Dr: To oysters.....	\$10.00
" To benevolence.....	49.00
" To don't care a darn.....	71.00
—Oberlin Review.	

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