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CONVOCAATION.

THE closing exercises of the session of 1887-88 were held in the Academy of Music on Thursday, April 26th. The day was beautifully fine and the spacious building was filled to overflowing long before the time for commencing the exercises had arrived.

More than usual interest was manifested in the exercises this year. The graduating classes were large and popular ones, a number of distinguished visitors were in the city and many of them were in the audience, and the "At Home" which was to take place in the evening had brought together a larger number of old students and friends from outside than is usual on such occasions. The students, who were more than usually hilarious, were seated in a body at one side of the building while the front rows of seats were filled with graduates.

Through the efforts of a faithful and active "anti-solemnity" committee of students the proceedings were enlivened at short intervals by College songs with instrumental accompaniments on the kazoo, horn and a variety of other popular and well-known instruments. On the platform in addition to the Faculty were seated the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir A. G. Archibald, the Bishop of Maine, Drs. Partridge and Hole and many other distinguished citizens. The entire programme was carried out with so much enthusiasm and unanimity that it made it one of the most successful and encouraging closing exercises yet held.

President Forrest in his introductory remarks referred in happy terms to the successful session just completed, and to the encouraging outlook

for the future with the new and commodious college now just completed. He regarded with favor the fact that as civilization advanced the interest in higher education increased both in this country, the United States, and in the old world. He was glad that we were able to attract the public attention we do. In referring to our benefactors he read the following telegram from George Munro: "Present our regrets to the Committee of Management at not being able to attend the "At Home" to celebrate the completion of the new hall, the greatest success of Dalhousie."

The programme was then taken up and carried out as follows:—

DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

The North British Society Bursary.—F. J. McLeod.
The Avery Prize.—T. R. Robertson.
The Waverley Prize.—G. R. Rowlings.
The Early English Text Society's Prize.—Geo. McLeod.
The Shakespeare Society's Prize.—F. J. McLeod.
The Book Prize.—H. T. Jones.

SHORT COURSE CERTIFICATE.

Miss Maria L. J. Stewart.

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR DEGREES.

BACHELOR OF ARTS.

Daniel McDonald Clark.... West River, Pictou Co.
Willard Hill Fulton..... Halifax.
David Kenzie Grant..... Riverton, Pictou Co.
George Miller Johnson.... Upper Stewiacke.
William Macdonald..... Pictou.
Henry Martyn Mackay.... Plainfield, Pictou Co.
William John McKenzie... West Bay, C. B.
Samuel John McLennan... Sydney, C. B.
Ambrose Watts MacLeod... Dunstaffage, P. E. I.
George McLeod Murray River, P. E. I.
John Alexander Matheson.. Boularderie, C. B.
Alex. McGeachy Morrison.. Dartmouth.
Thos. Reginald Robertson . Annapolis.
David Matthew Soloan Windsor.
John Sanders Sutherland.. St. James, Charlotte Co., N.B.

BACHELOR OF LAWS.

Ernest Howard Armstrong.....Kingston, N. S.
John Roy Campbell, Jr.....Dorchester, N. B.
Charles Ernest Gregory.....Antigonish.
Harry Treadway Jones.....Halifax.
Adams Archibald McKay, B. A. Wallace.
Edgar Allison Magee.....Annapolis.
Charles Alexander McCready...Moncton.
Hector McInnes.....Pictou.
Daniel McLennan.....Port Hood, C. B.
Aulay Morrison.....Cow Bay, C. B.

President Forrest addressed the graduates at some length. The present was a red letter day in the history of the institution and in the history of the graduates. He gave them some practical advice on their going out into the world, and wished them every success.

Then followed the distribution of honor diplomas, medals, etc., as below:

HONORS.

Mathematics and Physics—First Rank.—A. M. Morrison.
Second Rank.—H. M. Mackay.
Mental and Moral Philosophy—Second Rank.—A. W. MacLeod.
English Literature and History—First Rank.—George McLeod; J. S. Sutherland. *Second Rank.*—David Soloan.

MEDALS.

The Governor-General's Gold Medal.—Not awarded.
The Governor-General's Silver Medal.—J. S. Sutherland.
The Sir William Young Gold Medal.—A. M. Morrison.
The DeMull Gold Medal.—George McLeod.

The valedictories for the year were then read by Mr. David M. Soloan (Arts), and Mr. Adams A. Mackay (Law). Both addresses were warmly received and will be found in another part of the GAZETTE.

The M. A. degree was then conferred upon:

Hiram Henry Kirkwood Fitzpatrick...Scotsburn, N. S.
Robert McDonald Langille.....River John, N. S.

The Rev. D. M. Gordon was then introduced and was accorded a warm reception by the students. His address was admirable throughout and replete with sound practical advice. He expressed his pleasure in witnessing the exercises and knowing the position in which Dalhousie stood. He briefly referred to the great progress being made by colleges and college education abroad, and showed how our province was still behind in the matter of college education as regards the proportion in attendance of the entire population. He advocated co-education. He discussed the different branches of study for the purpose of showing their individual power in the development of intellect and morality.

He dealt with the advantages of a university education and of the importance of an efficient Alumni Association, and suggested that the equipment of a thorough college library would be a practical and effective way of evincing their love for their Alma Mater.

Rev. Dr. Neally, Bishop of Maine, then briefly addressed the students urging upon them earnestness of purpose, and advising them to make the best use of the advantages now afforded them.

The Hon. D. C. Fraser and Mr. C. S. Harrington were enthusiastically called out and briefly responded.

The exercises were then brought to a close by the benediction of President Forrest. The following is the general pass list for the Sessional Examination in Arts, the results of the Law Examinations having appeared in a former issue:—

PASS LIST

(The names are arranged in the order of merit.)

LATIN.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—D. K. Grant.
Third Year.—Class I.—A. G. Laird. Class II.—V. J. Paton. Passed.—V. G. Frazee, J. M. Davidson, C. A. Howatt, E. P. Allison.

Second Year.—Class I.—F. J. McLeod, G. W. Schurman, E. W. Lewis. Passed.—D. C. Mackintosh, Jas. M. Fisher, R. Grierson, J. N. McLean, E. J. Rattee, G. A. Cogswell, N. F. Murray, G. R. Rowlings, C. P. Fullerton, E. Fulton, D. F. Campbell, A. E. Chapman, J. A. McKinnon, J. H. Trefry.

First Year.—Class I.—J. W. Brehaut, S. N. Robertson, W. H. Magee, F. A. McMillan, D. D. Hugh, J. B. Maclean, C. E. McMillan, G. H. Cox, J. Jordan. Class II.—J. W. Tupper, A. F. McDonald, C. L. Moore, A. C. L. Oliver, C. B. Robinson. Passed.—Arch. Macrae, Eliza McNaughton, G. Creighton, Emily Goodwin, Agnes Baxter, G. D. Turnbull, A. V. Morash, J. D. Logan, J. A. McGlashen, Emily Harrington, F. W. Thompson, J. F. McCurdy, J. W. Thomson, M. S. Mackay, J. A. Grierson, A. H. Trefry.

GREEK.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—None. Class II.—W. H. Fulton. Passed.—D. K. Grant, S. J. McLennan.

Third Year.—Class I.—A. G. Laird, J. K. Henry, R. J. McDonald, H. Putnam.

Second Year.—Class I.—F. J. McLeod, G. W. Schurman, Class II.—H. J. McCallum. Passed.—E. W. Lewis, D. C. Mackintosh, Eben. Fulton, J. Fisher, G. A. Cogswell, R. Grierson, G. R. Rowlings, J. A. McKinnon, E. J. Rattee, D. F. Campbell, A. E. Chapman, H. G. Gratz, J. N. McLean, A. K. McLennan, G. Miller.

First Year.—Class I.—J. W. Brehaut, F. A. McMillan, W. H. Magee. Class II.—Agnes Baxter, A. F. McDonald, C. B. Robinson, J. Jordan, S. N. Robertson, A. C. L. Oliver, C. L. Moore, D. D. Hugh, J. B. Maclean, Emily Goodwin, J. W. Tupper. Passed.—A. F. McDonald, C. E. McMillan, Elizabeth McNaughton, G. Creighton, G. D. Turnbull, J. A. McGlashen, A. V. Morash, G. H. Cox, F. W. Thompson, Christopher Munro, J. D. Logan, Lillie Caldwell, J. W. Thomson, J. A. Grierson, J. F. McCurdy.

MATHEMATICS.

Second Year.—Class I.—Rowlings. Class II.—Lewis. Passed.—Grierson, Schurman, Fisher, Campbell, McLeod, Trefry, Gratz, Rattee, Fulton, McCallum, Miller, McKinnon, Cogswell, Mackintosh, Murray.

First Year.—Class I.—Moore, Magee, Maclean, J. B. Stewart, Miss E. H. Oliver, Tupper, McDonald, Hugh, Brehaut, Robertson, Robinson, Jordan, Miss A. Baxter. Class II.—J. A. Grierson, C. E. McMillan, Turnbull, Morash, Miss Goodwin, F. A. McMillan, Macrae, Miss Caldwell, Cox. Passed.—F. W. Thomson, McCurdy, Parlee, Mackay, Miss McNaughton, Worthylake, Miss E. Harrington, Cameron, Montgomery, Logan, G. T. Grierson, Finlayson, Miss Worth. Passed in Geometry.—S. Fraser, J. W. Thomson, Trefry, H. C. Borden. Passed in Algebra.—Miss E. Muir.

PHYSICS.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—H. M. Mackay. Class II.—F. I. Stewart. Passed.—A. M. Morrison, W. Brown.

Third Year.—Class I.—V. G. Frazee, H. Putnam. Class II.—A. G. Laird, J. K. Henry, R. Burkett. Passed.—M. Harvey, J. M. Davidson, E. P. Allison, V. J. Paton, F. W. Murray, R. J. Macdonald.

Dynamics Class.—Class II.—R. Burkett.

ENGLISH.

Second Year.—Class I.—F. J. Macleod, D. C. Mackintosh, G. W. Schurman, Miss M. L. J. Stewart. Class II.—Miss H. G. Mackenzie. Passed.—E. W. Lewis, Eben. Fulton, B. D. Higgs, J. H. Trefry, J. A. McKinnon, G. A. Cogswell, J. M. Fisher, R. Grierson, A. K. Macleannan, J. A. McGlashen, J. N. McLean, G. R. Rowlings, A. E. Chapman, E. J. Rattee, N. F. Murray, D. F. Campbell, G. Miller, H. J. McCallum, H. G. Gratz.

First Year.—Class I.—J. W. Brehaut, Miss E. H. Stewart, W. H. Magee, Miss E. B. Harrington. Class II.—C. E. McMillan, Miss E. Muir, J. W. Tupper. Passed.—J. B. Maclean, C. B. Robinson, D. D. Hugh, J. Jordan, C. L. Moore, G. D. Turnbull, A. F. McDonald, G. H. Cox, A. C. L. Oliver, S. N. Robertson, Miss E. M. Goodwin, F. A. McMillan, B. D. Higgs, H. C. Borden, J. A. Grierson, J. D. Logan, J. Montgomery, Miss E. McNaughton, J. W. Thomson, A. O. Macrae, J. F. McCurdy, A. V. Morash, A. H. Trefry, Miss L. Caldwell, M. S. Mackay, F. W. Thomson.

MODERN LANGUAGES.

III—French.—Class II.—F. I. Stewart, H. J. McCallum, J. Hart. Trefry. Passed.—A. M. Morrison.

II—French.—Class I.—Miss E. H. Stewart, Miss M. Liehti. Class II.—Miss E. Muir, Miss Maria Stewart, J. S. Sutherland, Wm. Macdonald, H. M. Mackay. Passed.—W. H. Fulton, George McLeod, David Soloan, C. A. Howatt, T. R. Robertson, Miss Gertrude Mackintosh, Wm. Brown.

I—French.—Class I.—V. G. Frazee, Edw. Fulton, J. M. Davidson. Class II.—John Montgomery, B. D. Higgs. Passed.—A. H. Trefry, Miss Calista A. Worth.

II—German.—Class I.—Miss M. Liehti, Miss M. L. J. Stewart, Miss Gertrude Mackintosh. Class II.—W. H. Fulton. Passed.—D. K. Grant.

I—German.—Class I.—H. Putnam, J. K. Henry. Class II.—E. N. Brown, Robert McDonald. Passed.—Miss E. Muir, Miss A. M. Milroy, Alex. Fraser, G. A. Lear, Miss Calista A. Worth.

HISTORY.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—J. S. Sutherland, Geo. McLeod, D. M. Soloan, T. R. Robertson, Wm. Macdonald. Class II.—B. D. Higgs. Passed.—C. P. McLennan, D. K. Grant.

Third Year.—Class I.—Edward Fulton, H. Putnam. Class II.—Vincent Paton, J. K. Henry, Robert McDonald, J. M. Davidson, E. P. Allison. Passed.—J. K. G. Fraser, V. G. Frazee, B. D. Higgs, Allan Smithers, M. Harvey.

POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Class I.—George McLeod, J. S. Sutherland, B. D. Higgs. Class II.—E. P. Allison, S. J. McLennan, Vincent Paton.

LOGIC AND PSYCHOLOGY.

Class I.—George Schurman, F. J. McLeod, Eben. Fulton, D. C. Mackintosh, R. Grierson, G. R. Rowlings, C. Munro, George Miller, J. N. McLean. Class II.—James Fisher, E. W. Lewis, E. J. Rattee, J. H. Trefry, J. A. McKinnon, J. A. McGlashen, A. Smithers, D. F. Campbell, C. P. McLennan. N. F. Murray. Passed.—A. E. Chapman, H. G. Gratz, G. A. Cogswell, C. P. Fullerton, H. J. McCallum, A. S. Thompson.

ETHICS.

Class I.—D. K. Grant, E. N. Brown. Class II.—Alex. Fraser, T. R. Robertson, D. McD. Clark, S. J. McLennan, Miss M. L. J. Stewart, W. H. Fulton (ordinary paper); George M. Johnson (ordinary paper). Passed.—W. J. McKenzie, J. A. Matheson.

METAPHYSICS.

Class I.—Edward Fulton, E. N. Brown, Wm. Macdonald, Alex. Fraser, H. Putnam. Class II.—R. J. McDonald (ordinary paper), Miss Stewart, J. K. Henry, D. M. Soloan. Passed.—McLeod Harvey, F. W. Murray, J. K. G. Fraser.

INORGANIC CHEMISTRY.

Class I.—E. H. Stewart, W. H. Magee, J. W. Brehaut, R. L. Murray, S. N. Robertson, D. D. Hugh, E. B. Harrington, Agnes S. Baxter, C. L. Moore. Class II.—E. Muir, G. D. Turnbull, G. A. Burbridge, Albert V. Morash, Lizzie McNaughton, C. B. Robinson, A. C. L. Oliver, F. A. McMillan, Lillie B. Caldwell, George P. Parlee, Alice Thomson, J. F. McCurdy, F. W. Thompson, George H. Cox, John Jordan, A. O. Macrae, E. M. Goodwin.

BOTANY.

Class I.—W. H. Fulton, E. H. Stewart, Alice Thomson. Class II.—J. W. Creighton.

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY.

Class I.—A. J. Denton, S. J. McLennan, Robert Burkitt.

PRACTICAL CHEMISTRY.

First Class.—Class I.—S. J. McLennan.
Second Class.—Class I.—G. Creighton. Class II.—V. G. Frazee. Class III.—A. J. Denton, J. M. Davison.

MEDICAL FACULTY.

Primary examinations for M. D., C. M., 50 per cent. required to pass.

1. Anatomy. J. J. Cameron, G. M. Campbell, S. L. Walker, Thomas W. Walsh.
2. Physiology.—G. M. Campbell, S. L. Walker, Thomas W. Walsh.
3. Materia Medica.—J. J. Cameron, Thomas W. Walsh.
4. Chemistry.—Thomas W. Walsh.
5. Botany.—G. W. Dunlap, C. S. Elliott, J. F. Fraser, N. P. Nreeman, Geo. Gregory, C. H. Miller, R. W. McCharles, R. C. McLeod, F. McMahon, Thomas W. Walsh.

ARTS' VALEDICTORY.

[BY DAVID M. SOLOAN.]

Mr. Principal and Gentlemen of the Convocation:

At Dalhousie's autumn Convocation, in the year of grace eighteen hundred and eighty-four, you might have noticed seated in the rear of the Assembly hall, a couple of dozen extremely well-behaved youths whose quiet demeanour did not convey the popular notion of the orthodox Dalhousie student. At any rate they could not be mistaken for old students. The dews and damps of study, the toil and anguish, the ever-deepening anxieties of the overworked man

had as yet intrenched no deep scars on their youthful brows. These modest happy youths were the Freshmen. They are the Seniors of '88, here assembled to bid you farewell.

Very pleasant and short enough have been the days of our sojourn in the classic realms of Dalhousie. We came, doubtless, with an insatiable desire for learning. What a prospect lay before us! Four years of intellectual browsing,—to fatten on the rich pastures of knowledge to cull the choicest fruits from the harvesting of ages. With what a halo of glory would we surround ourselves! Already we were the pride and envy of beholders. A very short time, however, was sufficient to dispel these apocalyptic visions; and the notions we had held of our capacities for compassing renown, subsided within moderate bounds. That first Convocation rather unsettled us. We could not comprehend the full intent of the proceedings; but there was something in the strange mingling of profound solemnity, kazoo music, and what may be briefly described as noise, which promised our versatility ample employment. The first few days of lectures might have driven us into the dumps,—it was so far different from what we had anticipated, it was so fearfully dull in the class rooms, and our first attempts at work were so much like leaps in the dark,—had it not been that the Convocation proceedings were frequently re-enacted in the resounding halls of old Dalhousie.

Some of us the joviality of student life won completely. Good intentions were scattered to the winds. Lectures became a thing of only secondary importance, or as it seemed at times, a necessary evil. Others held true to their first resolve, and pushed on through rough and smooth with an eye constantly on the grand consummation of to-day, and the glory issuing hence. All of us have been forced to the conviction that hard work is the only sure means even to a measure of success; a little old truism of course, but one that never dawned with its marvellous light on many of our benighted souls till we were overtaken with the plague of Sessional Examinations. For many of those indeed, who set out in the race with the FORTU-

NATI of '88, its truth was a little too overpowering. Hence it is with somewhat broken columns we emerge from the struggle. Man after man dropped from the ranks, as Sessional after Sessional dealt its deadly strokes. Terrified at the rumours of approaching conflict, some deserted before the contest began. All through ours has been a record of loss. A few of our hardest spirits, who have fallen with us rather than have asked quarter, have been forced away by uncontrollable circumstances, and sorely against their own inclination. Even at the last, as the hush fell, presaging an awful struggle, it struck to the heart of one like the horror of impending doom. He fled, we know not where, without awaiting the onset.

"Blot out his name then;
Record one more triumph for Mathematics."

Still we have been fortunate in preserving a goodly number for this occasion. Our reputation as a class somehow grew, and with it we received constant reinforcements. Worthy men have not been unwilling to fall back a whole year to be with us, to bask in the atmosphere of glory which pervades the upper regions where genius soars. A very desirable acquisition these have been, too; so that much as we regret the loss of our comrades of former years, we have the confidence to believe that our class has maintained a fair level—such a class as the one congratulated by a Dalhousie professor as containing "some of our very best students, and some—hem!—not so good."

Even more varying than our own, have been the fortunes of Dalhousie during the last four years. There was a trying moment in the winter of '87, when old Dalhousie passed into the hands of the city fathers, and it looked as though we were to be left without the outward and visible form of an *alma mater*,—a mysterious organization without headquarters, a sort of secret society. The Governors were at a loss to secure our reputation. It required more than energy to meet the occasion. But when were Nova Scotia's sons found wanting? We had not long to await a champion. The riches of Sir William Young were laid at the feet of the fostering mother he loved so well; and another hero was exalted to divine honours in the hearts of all Dalhousians.

This term we have been quartered in a style surpassing anything we had dreamed of enjoying. Those of us who attended lectures at "the college on the Grand Parade," can better realize and revel in the luxuries of our new abode. And

yet withal, some of our happiest memories are associated with the whitewashed walls of the old gray stone building which has vanished from sight; where the mysteries of mathematics and the humanities were revealed in all their grandeur and severity; where Sessional Exams. were as affectingly real as they can ever become; and where honest toil found as sweet a recompense. What though in the cheerless rooms, our books and manuscripts were the sport of winds from Aeolian caves; it did not appear to us that this was anything more than an eccentricity in the quaint old building; or it served only to call up reverend reminiscences of the labours of the pious Trojans. Perhaps, indeed,—the thought suggests itself—the peculiarly classic features of the antiquated structure are what jogged the imaginations of old time students, and rendered them so beautifully apt at classical allusion and quotation of all kinds, "when they hymned their *alma mater*," or even when they were worrying out a four column editorial for the GAZETTE.

Well, there is little left but the ghost of old Dalhousie, hallowed reminiscences and the stone tablets covered with untranslatable Latin adorning the walls of the new museum. There would be little to remind us of an ancestry older than the Romans, were it not that an historian has risen among us and set vividly before us the vicissitudes of fortune, which render the history of Dalhousie one of the most interesting sections in Nova Scotian annals. For Mr. Patterson, the arduous task has been a labour of love; and his loyal example cannot fail to strengthen the attachment of old Dalhousians, and secure the affections of Dalhousians yet unborn, to the college of their adoption.

Mr. Principal and Professors,—

When we come to realize that we are leaving your guiding and restraining influence forever, a misgiving arises within us. Perhaps we have been rash in our willingness to speed the time when lectures and examinations should be no more, to leap the last barrier of the little world where the elements have been tempered to our requirements. But the rod grows irksome; and though justice at your hands has always been tempered with mercy, yet one will grow weary in time of the mildest form of discipline. With all its vexations, our lot has been not at all an unhappy one. Your affability and rigid impartiality to us as individuals and as members of your classes, won our full confidence; while your skill to render the arduous an easy task, led us to the mastery of difficulties whose solution we could never otherwise have had the courage to attempt. So aided, there would soon

be for us few new worlds to conquer. But we cannot take you farther with us. After all, there is more excitement in warring unassisted. We scent the battle near at hand. Let us dash on alone, and to you be ascribed half the glory of all our conquests.

One plea we would enter in behalf of the lonely ones we are leaving behind us to-day. Constrain that strange, unknowable creature, the Senate, to a feeling of their infirmities. Let them not weep as those without hope. Grant, at least, that the bereaved ones may be permitted to assume the gowns of sable lustre, that they may not mourn their heavy loss in unfunereal garb.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Whose presence here to-day assuring us of your kind wishes, strengthens our confidence in the success of the college planted in your midst,—we cannot bid farewell to your city without acknowledging the many kindnesses and courtesies for which we must ever remain your debtors. Lately it seemed to have faded from your memory that your picturesque old Halifax was the seat of Dalhousie College, the monument to the martial prowess of 1812. This we rejoice is no longer so; and that your growing familiarity has begotten no contempt, we infer from the steadily increasing numbers of city students proud to enroll their names in Dalhousie's registers.

Fellow-students,—

If you have tears, prepare to shed them now. The generation who have outlived the days of four generations of Freshmen, follow the course of nature, and as fellow-students of yours, now cease to exist. There is little use struggling against fate. The college course can't last for a lifetime, much as we wish it could be so; and as the evil day must come, better perhaps that it come now than later; when, to hearts mellowed with age it might even

"Appear to be a sin, sir,
To take a Freshman in, sir."

We must endeavour to restrain our grief on this melancholy occasion. Our feelings already begin to overmaster us. We cannot trust our tears far enough to offer you the customary advice. Simply be as you have ever been. It is almost impossible that we can ever all be together again; but it is not improbable that a few of us, at least, may meet again in the not far distant future; and when that happy occasion comes round, even though only two or three of us be gathered together, let there be nothing in the way to prevent our 'making a night of it.'

LAW VALEDICTORY.

[ADAMS A. MACKAY, B. A.]

Mr. President, Gentlemen of the Convocation, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Last words are always interesting. They are looked upon in the light of the circumstances under which they were uttered, and the occasion of a separation is generally of such import to the parties as to make the words then spoken memorable. I have to-day, on behalf of the Graduating Class in Law of 1888, to bid farewell to our college, our professors and fellow students. The class from this day loses its existence, and the place that knew it once shall know it no more. Heretofore it has been a factor, a decided factor in every thing that pertained to College affairs—a body that had life, an existence of its own—its joys and sorrows—its successes and defeats, in a word, its relations pleasant and otherwise, with its surroundings. To-day it ceases to exist, and it is fitting that we should make some recognition of its decease. In spite of all these lamentable facts, however, every one of us individually feels that the tone of our Valedictory should be one of exultation, of hilarity even. Do not think us ungrateful. Consider that for three years all of us, some for six or seven, have been looking forward to this occasion; for this we have worked and waited, and naturally we now do not feel that we would like to have it all over again. So ladies and gentlemen, if we have not enough tearfulness to-day, you know the reason. Bear in mind it is not that we are wanting in loyalty to the College, nor that we do not feel parting with the men with whom for the last three years we have striven and fraternized, struggled hard at football, and harder at the rule in Shelley's case in fact the men with whom we have lived. On the contrary, we do feel this separation, but we trust that it will not be forever. As to the College, when she wants the assistance of her sons, I know I am safe in saying that none of us will be wanting, and I trust that there may be those among us who may yet be able to show their regard for her, otherwise than in words alone. The fact remains, however, that she has seen fit to pronounce us prepared to leave her, and it is not ours to question the wisdom of her decision. To the law student, this fact comes home with peculiar force, and impresses him with a sense of the responsibilities he is soon to assume, and the care and industry he must exercise, to justify the action of his teachers. In the past three years we have been given an idea of the work there is to be done, of the fields of knowledge to be explored, and of what is to be expected of one in the active duties of his

profession. We have been placed in a position to work to advantage, we have been taught to separate the true from the false, the useful from the useless, it now rests with ourselves to say whether we are to take advantage of these opportunities and make ourselves capable members of the profession, able to sustain its honour and dignity and the good-name of the college. It is unnecessary for me, as is often done on occasion of this kind, to enter into a discussion of the many grand and noble characteristics of our future profession. In spite of jests of very great age and debility, they are sufficiently well-known and recognized to need no words from us. Suffice it to say that no man stands in a better position to benefit his fellow-men in all his varied relationship, than the well-trained lawyer, while on the other hand to none is greater power for evil given, if he like to misuse his opportunities. Bearing this in mind, let us settle it that we must at all times remember the honour of ourselves, the profession and the College. But this should be rather an occasion for retrospect than for forecasting the future, and it is not to talk of what we are to do, but to say farewell, that I am here. In looking back then over the three years just past, one or two changes that have occurred in that time, seem worthy of especial mention. In the autumn of 1885 we came to the old house on Morris Street, and for two winters that homelike place was the scene of our labours. The new buildings has, of course, many advantages; but to those who enjoyed the coziness, the seclusion and the good fellowship that existed among us in Haliburton Hall, will never think that we arrived before our time. The new quarters with their spaciousness, their beauty and convenience, are matters upon which the school is to be congratulated, and it is natural to suppose that under the new conditions, her work will be prosecuted even more vigorously than ever. But while there is much cause for congratulation, one change has occurred concerning which I voice the feelings of every student when I say that it has caused the deepest regret. I need hardly say that I refer to the departure of the learned lecturer in Equity, Mr. Sedgwick. He will be missed not only on account of the impossibility to fill his place on the teaching staff, but as much from the loss of his kindly presence and his friendly words of encouragement, which made him the especial object of regard to all the students of his classes. The hearty good wishes of all go with him, wherever he may go.

But I am getting out of the line of duty assigned me. I must come back to the *ante-mortem* statement. Our principal bequest is to

the classes following: they need it. But first of all, to our learned professors and lecturers we must give expression to our gratitude. The manner in which you have placed before us and guided us in the science of jurisprudence, the patience with which you have borne with us, the interest you evinced in our progress, entitle you to more from us than can well be expressed. If we have ever, on any occasion, conducted ourselves than in the most exemplary manner towards you, you will please explain it by the doctrine of *vis major*. I can think of nothing else that will explain it. We leave you with feelings of, we hope, mutual esteem, and may the Law School long have as efficient and self-sacrificing a staff of teachers.

To our fellow-students we leave a legacy—"we leave you the contemplation of our characters." That, it shall be yours to emulate. Some of you have been the objects of our especial care and of these, great things will be expected for to them have great privilege been granted. But if you will listen to a word or two of advice, I will be glad. It is not as to your work or any very serious matter. I am not going to enjoin laborious researches into the biographies of A and B, &c., those very intimate friends of the law student; it is about your interests and institutions as students, your sports, your societies, and your special occasions. I think we have left behind us the record of a class that took its full share in all that pertains to the law students lot, and thus we are entitled to say this. Go in for your sports with more energy: let everyone do his part, and you will make a showing that will win you prestige as students, in addition to the benefit you will individually derive. As to your Literary Society, &c., I need say nothing, except that you make some sacrifices personally, if necessary, to make them successful. Support your institutions, do not show that worst form of opposition, total indifference. To take leave of you, remains. We do it with sincere regret. Of you we may say in the word of the great poet from the West, or rather from the poet of the great West, that "there might be a better lot of fellows, but there isn't." We leave you cherishing the hope, that while our faults may be forgotten among you, our memories may be kept green.

To those who, by their presence here to-day, grace the proceedings and show their kind interest in us, we express our thanks, and to them too, at this last stage of our class-life, we add a word of farewell.

To one and all then, to our beloved Dalhousie, to Principal, Dean, Professors and Lecturers, students and friends, Farewell.

PERSONALS.

CLASS OF '88—*The Faugh a Balaughs.*

D. M. SOLOAN will study for "A." at home.
H. M. MACKAY will also go up for "A."
W. H. FULTON will stay at home studying for "A."

G. M. JOHNSON enters the mission field of Three Brooks, Victoria Co., N. B.

WM. MACDONALD will dive deep down into the mysteries of the law in a Pictou office.

W. J. MCKENZIE leaves for the mission field of Labrador.

S. J. MACLENNAN will stay at home—like the good boy.

GEO. B. MCLEOD will be engaged in mission work at Carlton, Yarmouth Co.

T. REGIE ROBERTSON will wrestle with great juridical problems in an Annapolis law office.

J. S. SUTHERLAND will likely study for a Nova Scotian "A."

A. M. MORRISON will do many things this summer, and among these will go up for "A."

JOHN A. MATHESON will exercise his talents in the mission station of Port Daniel, Quebec.

D. K. GRANT will not do much of anything for awhile.

A. W. MCLEOD will fill the mission station of Kingston, Kent Co., N. B.

THE occupation of W. BROWN and F. J. STEWART, is uncertain.

D. McD. CLARKE will spend the summer engaged in mission work at Bay of Islands, Newfoundland.

REVIEWS.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SONG BOOK: Toronto, Canada: J. Suckley & Sons, Publishers.

The students of the University of Toronto are to be congratulated on the College songs just published. The Committee of Management have assuredly performed their task well, and as a result, we have before us the finest collection of College songs, glees, &c., we have ever seen. In addition to all the old favorite pieces, there is a large collection of new ones—both original and selected together, out of many of the most popular compositions, not specially confined to college circles. All sources have been laid under tribute to enhance the value of this work. The music is written in clear bold type, and the whole make up is such as to reflect the highest credit on all who have had anything to do with it.

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THE direct labors of the present staff of Editors on behalf of the GAZETTE, cease with this issue, and again it becomes necessary to write a closing editorial. In doing so, we cannot let the opportunity pass, even though the compliment is as old as College journalism itself, without thanking our numerous patrons and friends for their very substantial assistance and encouragement during the period of our servitude. We are especially indebted to those of our old graduates, who have assisted us to a considerable extent by their contributions, which have greatly relieved us, and at the same time enhanced the value of the paper. It is to be hoped that this commendable feature will be still more prominent next year, and the years to come. As will appear from the report of the Financial Editor, the GAZETTE has been successful in his department,—a result which is largely owing to the faithful and persistent efforts of the present incumbent of that office.

We undertook the arduous and somewhat trying duties of literary editors with some considerable reluctance at the earnest solicitations of our fellow-students, who honored us with their confidence. Untried and unexperienced, as most of us were, in the arena of journalism, we felt that when once placed in that position, we owed it to ourselves, to our College, and to the students as a body, to maintain the standing of our paper in all its functions, as far as our abilities and the opportunities at our disposal would allow. How far our modest efforts have been successful in this direction, we leave it for our indulgent readers to decide. Our aim and object has been to faithfully represent the college in all its relations, and to chronicle all matters of interest to students and Alumni. We have felt that the relations of the paper and of the students are so closely interwoven that the interests of the two are inseparable. Our duties as Editors demanded no small amount of time, far more in view of our short term and the amount of class work required, than we could well afford to give.

The time spent in the "easy chair," and even that mythical article of furniture itself, are things which exist far more pleasantly in the imagination of the uninitiated, than they do to those who have proved them by experience.

Some alterations in the management have been made, which we have long felt were necessary, and cannot but operate for the good of the paper. The editorial staff has been increased, and has been appointed at the spring meeting, thus giving ample time to formulate a thorough plan of campaign before the hurry and turmoil of the fall opening. A new dress and a representative from the Medical College, are changes we hope to see accomplished in the near future. An effort should be made to enlarge the subscription list. We would especially like to see the GAZETTE find its way to a larger number of the old students. It will be valuable to them in keeping track of their class-mates, and of the progress being made in their *alma mater*.

In laying aside our insignia of office, we can only wish our successors the most unbounded success. We entrust the destiny of the GAZETTE

to them, with full confidence that their energy, ability, and loyalty will warrant the support of all.

"WHEN will they give us back our gowns," is the question which one may hear our students frequently ask, and which it is our earnest hope, as we complete another volume of the GAZETTE, they may not ask in vain. We believe they are almost a unit in desiring that the Faculty should bring back the distinctive garb which long use has rendered dear to all students. They feel that they are a class totally different from any other in habits and mode of life; why, then, not give this character some outward distinguishing marks as well? There are certain traditional feelings that men can't rise above; nor would we wish to see them able to do so. How was it that the heart of the truest Scots beat quicker at the sight of a tartan or the blast of the slogan; or the eye of the Greek kindled as it looked on the trophies of Milhiadu? That men retain such feelings of attachment for the past is, we think, one of the most encouraging things in human nature. They are a strong guarantee against violent and wild radicalism. No one can wonder then at the attachment of the students to a dress which tradition has made almost sacred in his eyes.

We are told that it was altogether with a view to the convenience of the students that the Faculty abolished this distinguishing mark. Perhaps the students of that day liked the change, but certainly those of the present day are far from doing so. At a recent gathering of the boys, a very slight reference to the gown drew forth the heartiest cheers from all present. The expense certainly will not be made heavier to the student; for who is ignorant how vast a multitude of defects may be concealed beneath a gown. For our own part, such is the attachment we feel for old forms, that if we had occasion to choose between two colleges equal in other respects, but one having the gowns, we should not hesitate to choose the latter. Doubtless many other students feel the same, and perhaps Dalhousie is losing valuable men. Let us, then, have back our old dress, since we wish it so earnestly.

THE Board of Governors have lately appointed to vacancies, caused by the death of members, Mr. Adam Burns, one of Halifax's most successful, wealthy and public spirited merchants, and Mr. A. H. McKay, the Principal of Pictou Academy, one of Dalhousie's most distinguished sons, and an educationalist whose reputation is already continental.

The Alumni Association have also elected a representative Governor. For five years past the Association has had as its representative on the Board, Mr. Robert Sedgwick, B. A., Q. C., a gentleman whose services to the University, both as a Governor and as a Lecturer in the Law School, have been of the most valuable character, and whose retirement leaves a blank which it will indeed be very difficult to fill. Mr. Sedgwick was a very active member of the Alumni Society, in full sympathy with its policy, and energetic in promoting its defects. His resignation of the office was received by the Association with regret, and accepted only because it had to be.

To fill the position which Mr. Sedgwick vacated, the Association has elected Dr. D. A. Campbell, one of the staff of the Medical College, a gentleman who takes a very great interest in that institution, and who was nominated for the position of Governor, because of services which it was supposed he could render that Faculty. Although Dr. Campbell has not taken the same lively interest in the work of the Alumni Association that Mr. Sedgwick has in the past, we feel assured that he will make not only an able representative of the Medical Faculty, but of the Association as well. His superior reputation in his professional capacity, his popularity and esteem as a lecturer in the Medical College, combined with the duties of the position to which he has been elected, ought to make him one of the most useful and influential members of the Board, and prove a sufficient incentive for renewed and increased activity on his part. We trust that the new members will combine with the other members of the Board, in putting forth their efforts for the promotion of the vital interests of the University, and that their deliberations will be characterized by no sectional feeling.

IN future examinations for licenses in this Province, the Superintendent of Education will accept from applicants, instead of the standard spelling, the spelling as amended by the Twenty-four Rules of the American and English Philological Associations. This is an example worthy of imitation by all those who have it in their power, by obstinate conservatism and indifference to needed reform, to present effectual opposition to it, but who can also, if willing to interest themselves, and to make the slight effort required to master the plans presented for reform, give it substantial assistance by removing the checks to all change, which now exist. We heartily recommend the example of the Superintendent of Education to the consideration of others in his position, of College authorities, and other leaders in educational matters.

WE have to thank our patrons and subscribers for their ready and willing co-operation in endeavouring to straighten the financial affairs of the GAZETTE. It is now, we are pleased to announce, financially sound, and we look forward hopefully of still better success in our twenty-first volume, if our subscribers will continue their support, which we therefore cordially invite and earnestly solicit.

The address of the Financial Editor will be the same as during the winter, viz., V. G. Frazee, Dartmouth, N. S., where he will be pleased to receive the subscriptions of those who have not yet paid, of whom there are a good many.

AT HOME.

Sometime ago the governors, professors, and Alumni decided to hold an "At Home," to inaugurate the opening of the new building. The following committee were appointed:

Rev. President Forrest, D. D., Dr. R. C. Weldon, M. P., dean of the law faculty, Dr. James G. MacGregor, Dr. W. J. Alexander, Professor James Seth, M. A., F. L. Newcombe, M. A., Professor Benjamin Russell, M. A., Henry W. C. Boak, LL. B., and William M. Deull.

This committee called to their aid the following committee of ladies:

Mrs. John Forrest, Mrs. R. F. Burns, Mrs. J. C. Mackintosh, Mrs. Seth, Mrs. Alexander James, Mrs. F.

D. Laurie, Mrs. H. W. C. Boak, Mrs. John S. MacLean, Mrs. W. J. Stairs, Mrs. D. McPherson, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Mrs. W. C. Anderson, Mrs. John McMillan, Mrs. R. C. Wright, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Wallace Graham, Miss Fairbanks, Miss Ritchie, Miss M. Ritchie, Miss Shannon, and Miss B. MacGregor.

Over 2000 invitations were issued and every man identified with the progress of higher education in the province was invited to be present. Every detail in the arrangement was attended to, so that the committee were sanguine of success, and they were not disappointed. Over 1500 guests were present, among whom were Professors and Governors of sister Colleges, teachers in high schools, and representatives of every learned profession. At 8 o'clock the guests began to arrive and were received in the large room by Sir Adams Archibald, President Forrest, Hon. D. C. Fraser, and other Governors and Professors. The reception room was decorated with red and white bunting, the posts being wreathed with flags. Handsome rugs, loaned by A. G. Kaizer, covered the floor, and the best suites of furniture in the warehouse of Gordon & Keith added to the beauty of the decorations. Hot-house plants were in every available corner, Chinese lanterns hung from the windows, and paintings and portraits adorned the walls. On easels at the head of the room were paintings of Sir William Young and George Munro.

The law library had been seated to its utmost capacity and from 9 to 10 was filled to overflowing to hear the rendition of the following musical programme:—

Duet—Piano..... Mrs. W. B. and Miss Slayter.
 Song—Selection Rip Van Winkle (Planquette)..... Capt. Rawson.
 Song—"Longing"..... Miss Murray.
 Solo—Piano, Mazurka (Goddard)..... Miss E. Burns.
 Song—"Kathleen Mavourneen"..... Mrs. Rose.
 Song—"Dormi Pure"..... E. I. Macdonald.
 Solo—"At the Spinning Wheel," (Shultz)..... Miss Shannon.
 Song—Selection..... Mrs. Clarkson.
 Song—Selection..... A. C. Edwards.
 Song—"Bonnie Leslie," (Maude White)..... Mr. Burn-Murdoch.

At the same time in the large room on the third story, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Inch, of Mount Allison, Chief Justice McDonald, Provincial Secretary Fielding and Professor Tufts, of Acadia College, made appropriate remarks. The speakers were a unit in their praise of the new college—the magnificence of the structure and the thoroughness of its equipment. To attempt to

give a summary of the many topics touched upon and the many good things said would be doing the speakers an injustice. Principal Forrest, in his remarks, briefly alluded to the history of the "rise and fall" of the new and old college respectively, and to the debt of gratitude they owed to the architect and contractor. The edifice now spoke for itself, and was a source of pride to all. As they had found the old college too small, they now found the new one too large, but had bright and strong hopes that the near future would see its spacious halls filled with students. In Prof. Tufts' remarks he alluded to this matter by saying, that the burning of the old college had proved "a blessing in disguise" to Acadia. When the old Acadia College was burned, and the new and larger one erected in its place, the feeling was at first that it was too large and that it would never be utilized. A few years had told a different story, and the lecture-rooms were now filled. Dr. Inch, who spoke very appropriately and earnestly, paid a very fitting tribute to the labors and works of the late Principal Ross and his co-laborers in the cause of higher education in the sister Provinces, among whom he mentioned Drs. McCulloch, Forrester, Pryor, Cramp, Crawley, Pitchard, and others. He made a graceful reference to our benefactors, the late Sir William Young and George Munro. He also spoke of the proud position Nova Scotia held in producing so many eminent men in all the leading professions and callings of life—men who had made our little province famous, who had contributed so largely to the cause of higher education, and who are still busily engaged in maintaining the name and fame of Nova Scotians. Three of the foremost Universities in Canada today were presided over by Nova Scotians. The Chief Justice, in a few well-chosen and lucid remarks, referred to this fact, but felt proud that they were not only Nova Scotians, but, like himself, natives of Pictou County.

The secretary's room was decorated in black and gold, and the College colours set off the place very well. While the athletic exhibition was going on in the gymnasium, that room was also crowded to witness the performance of the muscular collegians. The exercises were under

the management of Sergt-Major Bailey, which would be a sufficient guarantee of its success.

At the close the prizes for the recent college competition were given. J. M. Davison being awarded the trophy for the best all-round athlete. Other prize-winners were V. G. Frazee, S. J. MacLennan and H. J. McCallum.

The band of the York and Lancaster regiment played from 8 to 9 and from 10 to 12. All the rooms were thrown open, the physical and chemical laboratories being the especial objects of interest.

What was especially pleasing to the ardent lover of Dalhousie was the number of old students who were present, and the pleasure they expressed with what they say. The delight of Dr. McCulloch at the progress of the university was shared in by the youngest student. Those nearest to the university have always felt that if they could win the sympathy of the city of Halifax much would be gained. The at home on Thursday last will tend materially to increase the influence of Dalhousie in Halifax. Many of the clergy of the Church of England who were in the city at the consecration of the Bishop were guests, and it is hoped that this commingling of the friends of two institutions will aid the way for an early amalgamation of Kings and Dalhousie.

The best thanks the committee looked forward to was the success of the reception, and they have had their reward. The man who deserves the greatest meed of praise is H. W. C. Boak, the energetic secretary of the committee. Every one looked to him for directions and whatever forethought could plan for carrying the affair through without a hitch was done.

Our only hope is that this will not be the last. No better way can be imagined of bringing the old students together and keeping their sympathies alive to the success of the *alma mater*. For any institution to succeed it must be kept prominently before the people, its claims brought to public notice, and its opportunities for doing substantial service to the country made evident. Dalhousie has heretofore depended on the thoroughness of her teaching and the record of her sons. The thoroughness of her course is the pride of her friends, let her awaken a sentiment of regard in the minds of every good citizen and her success will be equal to her deserts.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the College on Wednesday, the 25th April, at 8.30 o'clock, p.m. The attendance was large notwithstanding that the exercises connected with the closing of the Pine Hill College were in progress in Chalmers Church, and necessitated the presence there of a considerable number of the members of the Association. Among the Alumni present were Principal McKay from Pictou, Rev. E. S. Bayne from Musquodoboit, and Hon. D. C. Fraser from New Glasgow.

The Executive Committee reported that they had published the Essay on the History of the College to which the Association prize had been awarded, and that a considerable number of copies had already been sold. They had as occasion offered endeavoured to procure from the Board of Governors the right to appoint representatives of the Association to that body, and had been so far successful, that although the right to appoint had not been granted, the Board had so far met the views of the Executive, that they had selected to fill a vacancy caused by the death of one of the old members of the Board, Principal A. H. McKay, one of Dalhousie's most distinguished sons, and one of the most active members of the Association.

The Executive also reported that much attention had been paid to the work of bringing into membership old graduates and students of the College, and of inducing members of the Association to take a greater interest in its affairs and operations. Whilst the Association remained numerically weak, its influence would be proportionately weak.

The Executive had also very earnestly co-operated in arranging for the celebration of the opening of the new college building, and were able to report that that undertaking promised to be one of the most successful affairs ever held in the City of Halifax, and would certainly result in great good to the College.

The report of the Executive was unanimously adopted.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance to the credit of the Association of \$77, with a considerable amount of dues still unpaid.

The election of a representative Governor to fill the place lately vacated by Mr. Sedgewick, on his appointment to the office of Deputy-Minister of Justice for Canada, then took place.

Mr. Alfred Whitman nominated Charles H. Cahan, B. A., and Mr. James Sedgewick nominated Dr. Campbell. Hon. D. C. Fraser was also nominated. Mr. Sedgewick, in nominating Dr. Campbell, advocated his election on the grounds that he was a member of the Faculty of the Medical School,—that the Medical School was in a position making it advisable for its Faculty to have representation on the Board of Governors, and that Dr. Campbell was the most suitable representative of that Faculty.

Mr. H. W. C. Boak supported Mr. C. H. Cahan's nomination. He contended that the Association should elect a representative of itself and not a representative of any one of the Faculties. The Association wanted a representative who was in sympathy with its aims and who was imbued with its views and policy. It was one aim of the Association to secure such a change in the constitution of the College that the Faculties as well as the Association should have the power to send representatives to the Board of Governors, and it was not just to elect a member of one faculty when we could not do as much for the other faculties. Dr. Campbell had not been in a position to identify himself in the active work of the Alumni Association in the past, while Mr. Cahan had been actively assisting in promoting its interests. Dr. Campbell would represent the Medical Faculty—Mr. Cahan would represent the Association.

Mr. George Patterson supported Dr. Campbell's nomination.

Three ballots were taken without an election, when Hon. D. C. Fraser retired on the fourth ballot. Dr. Campbell was elected by a majority of two.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President: J. G. MacGregor, D. Sc.

Vice-Presidents: Hon. D. C. Fraser, B. A.; James McG. Stewart, B. A.; W. B. Wallace, LL. B.; Howard Murray, B. A., and C. A. Robson.

Secretary: H. W. C. Boak, LL. B., (re-elected).

Treasurer: James A. Sedgewick, B. A., (re-elected).

Executive Committee: Chas. H. Cahan, B. A.; John Menger; Wm. D. Cameron; Hector McInnes, LL. B., and Alfred Whitman, LL. B.

Auditors: Alfred Costley, B. A., and M. U. LeNoir, LL. B.

* SOME CRITICS CRITICISED.

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III.

THOSE BROWNINGITES.

"Nor do I apprehend any more charges of being wilfully obscure, inconsiderately careless, or perversely harsh."—*Selections from Robert Browning's Poetical Works (Authors Preface, 1872.)*

THE above quotation is at once a statement of the usual charges against the poet, an implied denial of the truth of them, and an expression of the belief that they would not again be made. How far that belief has been justified by facts, only those who have followed the course of subsequent Browning criticism are in a position to decide. It would probably, be safe, however, to say that those charges have continued to be a main part of the stock-in-trade of adverse critics, in dealing with Mr. Browning. But never, perhaps, was the poet's virtual plea of "not guilty" so ignored as it is by Mr. Edgar Fawcett, who, in an article on "THE BROWNING CRAZE," in the January number of *Lippincott's Magazine*, attacks him on all the old scores, accusing him of "putting his light under a bushel" and "mantling himself in the most rash and headlong moods of obscurity," of "disdaining form in searching after the expression of truth," and of "marring his poems by parentheses, inversions, involutions, *quos egos*, ellipses, harsh clashes of consonants and unseemly rhymes,"—and all from deliberate choice, in the hope that, without abandoning "his artistic laziness," he may gain notoriety by giving the public "nuts to crack," and by "fire-cracker surprises of

diction." This, however, is not all. Mr. Fawcett does not rest with accusing the leader of dishonesty; on the principle, perhaps, of "like master, like man," the sincerity of the followers is also called in question. And, though it may be very true that "pedantic youngsters have been driven to unblushing falsehood" by Mr. Browning, and that "a passion for his work has been one of the refuges of mediocrity,"—such persons are to be found among the professed admirers of all great writers. Mr. Fawcett is certainly going too far when he represents the Browningites as "laughing among each other at the solemn importance with which they are supposed to inform the digging out of a poor tortured thought from beneath crushing layers of words," and when he asserts that their admiration is "solely because he is 'caviare to the general.'" It will, therefore, be but right to show the injustice of the two-fold attack, by an inquiry into Mr. Browning's poetic method; and, as his method will be found to be a corollary from his conception of life, the honesty of the poet's purpose, and a possibility of a sincere admiration of his works, will at once appear. For the better understanding, however, of Mr. Fawcett's hostility to the poet, and as a preliminary step in our enquiry, it will be well to consider the critic's views in regard to poetic art.

"From art," says Mr. Fawcett, "we exact the nearest approach to perfection." That is all very well. But what is "perfection" in the art of poetry? Is it the "creamy smoothness of the Queen Anne poets, who made poetry a mere mechanic art?" And is a poet's greatness to be estimated by his ability to produce smooth, well-turned verses? Apparently so, if "mentality, reach of spiritual vision, and command of pungent and illuminative epithet," are to count for nothing, when associated with a certain "ruggedness," and conveyed through the medium of verse, which at times is somewhat "jerky." Such a narrow view would, however, shelter the fame of most of our greatest poets. It would remove Shakespeare himself from his lofty pedestal; for his style (especially in the later plays) is far from smooth, and, indeed its

characteristics, as they are set forth by Mr. Spedding, might, without much alteration, be applied to Mr. Browning's works. Such being its inevitable tendency, it is clearly untenable. It is, in fact, just as mischievous as the opposite extreme—the contention of Carlyle, that men of genius should not think at all of “bringing out their divine gift in the shape of verse, which now no man reads in earnest, and that “by your thought, not by your mode of delivering it, you must live or die.” And it is manifestly to this mischievous over-insistence on form on the part of Mr. Fawcett, and to his mistaken belief in a Carlylean contempt for it on the part of Mr. Browning, that the attack on the poet is due though its virulence is, not improbably, somewhat augmented by a touch of that literary Protectionist sentiment, which would “foster” literature by the same policy as other “industries,” and of which the tendency is to make the critic, while denouncing the prevailing rage for the imperfect artistic productions of foreign writers, such as Carlyle, Count Tolstoy, and our poet, tolerant of native imperfection, lenient to an “Emerson Craze,” although that writer himself laments his “formidable tendency to the lapidary style,” to “building his house of boulders.” Such a policy, however, in regard to intellectual products, will certainly prove futile. People will continue to read what suits them, whencesoever it may come, just as, it is safe to conclude, the Browningites will still, in spite of all Mr. Fawcett has said, “prefer high effort” to “perfect art.”

Yet Mr. Browning is by no means destitute of artistic qualities—qualities, too, of a high order, though, in the case of some of them, but seldom exhibited. Where, for example, can a better instance be found of the employment of “the sound” as an “echo of the sense,” than in the poem beginning,

“I sprang to the stirrup, and Joris, and he:
I galloped, Direk galloped, we galloped all three.”

Where the steady “gallop” of the verse to the end recalls the

“Quadrupesdante putrem sonitu ungula campum.”

of Virgil? Then, again, the skilful artist is

shown by the twilight atmosphere, so perfectly in harmony with the crushing out of a human heart, with which he surrounds his *Andrea Del Sarto*. In the main, too, a broad artistic consistency of language with the speaker is observed, a fact which justifies the admission of such rhymes as “tin tacks” and “syntax,” “stir-up” and “syrup,” “news of her” and “lucifer,” into a poem like *The Flight of the Duchess*, where, instead of “disfiguring” it, as Mr. Fawcett contends, they are quite in keeping with the rough, slangy style of the “kennel-born” retainer who narrates the story, but who is very properly made to assume a loftier strain, when he comes to report the weird words of the old Gypsy. Again, art is displayed in his common device of the monologue with implied listener, whereby the unnaturalness of the dramatist's plan of making the character think aloud is avoided. And this device serves also as one of his methods of securing a further quality, that striking one of condensation, of which a good example occurs in the poem called *Confessions*, where, by making the speaker (a sick man) employ the window-curtains, and the row of medicine bottles at his bedside for the purpose of illustrating the scene of a love-escapade of his youth, a separate description of the room is dispensed with.

There are other ends however, besides artistic ones, which his use of the monologue and of condensation may be made to serve. The reader finds in them an effectual preventive against inattention. The one secures his interest by requiring him as it were, to keep up his end of the conversation; the other concentration of all his mental faculties by insisting on his working (to use Mr. Ruskin's figure in discussing the question of reading) “as an Australian miner would.” And hence the value of Mr. Browning's poetry as an intellectual discipline.

But, valuable as condensation in this view undoubtedly is, it is not without its drawbacks. It is not always employed with good artistic effect. Brevity, not unfrequently, is gained at the expense of smoothness. Still Mr. Browning's artistic shortcomings are pardonable his tendency to lay, perhaps, too little stress on form natural, when we consider his conception

of life. Man, in his view, is placed on earth to be tested. No amount of testing will, however, render him perfect, for imperfection is an attribute of human nature. But, though perfection is unattainable on earth, he must not rest idly content with his lot. He must set a high ideal before him, and struggle after it with whole-souled devotion. And the loftiness of his ideal, and his faithfulness to it, will be the tests of his spiritual worth, even though he may fall far short of realizing it. For

“'Tis not what man Does which exalts him, but what man
Would do?”
and

“The trying shall suffice;
The aim, if reached or not, makes great the life.”

What Mr. Browning loves, therefore, to depict is the struggle of a hero whose motto is “Excelsior.” There is no “blameless King” among his characters. And, as a poet often draws a metaphor from the subject he is handling (for example, that fine one, “the C. Major of this life,” in *Abt Vogler*), so the aim and character of Mr. Browning's teaching, have left their impress on his style.

That teaching demands a closing word, for in the spiritual discipline which it affords, together with the intellectual discipline already referred to, the Browningites find their jurisdiction. Its value is certainly great in certain moods and to certain temperaments. The restless, fevered soul, may require an opiate such as the Laureate's *Lotus-Eaters*; but for cases of spiritual debility, there is no better tonic than *Prospice* and *A Grammarian's Funeral*. And such cases are only too common.

COLLEGE NOTES.

GENERAL STUDENTS' MEETING.—The last meeting of the session of 1887-8 was held in the College on the evening of April 21st. After reports from the various committees had been received, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. R. J. McDonald, that the Editors for the GAZETTE be appointed at this meeting and not at the first autumn meeting as heretofore. To increase further the efficiency of the GAZETTE, and to lighten the individual responsibility of the Editors, it was decided to increase the Arts representation on the editorial staff from 4 to 6. The following were then chosen by ballot: D. C. McIntosh, B. D. Higgs, J. K. Henry, J. Brehaut, Miss M. L. Stewart and J. N. McLean. The present efficient Financial Editor, Mr. Frazee, was re-elected. An Editing Committee, as an assistant board of

Editors, consisting of Messrs. E. N. Brown, Homer Putnam, V. J. Paton, J. M. Davison, A. O. McRae and J. A. McKinnon, whose duty it shall be to collect matter for the GAZETTE, was also appointed.

On motion of Mr. Frazee it was decided that in future 10 numbers of the GAZETTE of 20 pages each be issued each session.

V. G. Frazee and J. K. Henry were appointed respectively President and Secretary of the Students' Meeting for the next session.

At a meeting of the Athletic Club, held on the 24th of April, after the usual reports had been made, the following officers were appointed for session 1888-89:—

President: A. G. Laird; Vice-President: V. G. Frazee; Secretary: D. H. McKinnon; Treasurer: Geo. Miller; Executive Committee: J. D. Logan, Robt. Grierson, Geo. Patterson and J. J. Buchanan with the officers.

THE WADDELL AND MACNAUGHTON PRIZES.—We have just received the report of Dr. Alexander on the compositions entered for the Waddell and MacNaughton prizes, and take pleasure in announcing the following results:—

PROSE COMPETITION.

Waddell Prize.—James C. Shaw, B. A., Stanhope, P. E. I., for article “Those Browningites.”

Law School Prize.—Edward Fulton, Lower Stewiacke, for article “The Poetic Interpretation of Nature.”

POETICAL COMPETITION.

MacNaughton Prize.—Geo. B. McLeod, B.A., Murray River, P. E. I., for poem “Lines on Cleon.”

In the name of the students we beg here to thank Dr. Waddell and Rev. Mr. MacNaughton for the kind interest they have taken in the GAZETTE by generously offering these prizes, and thereby increasing the value of the paper while at the same time very materially assisting the Board of Editors.

To Dr. Alexander, who so kindly acted as examiner, our sincere thanks are also tendered.

EXCHANGES.—The following exchanges are before us, but want of space prevents us from doing more than acknowledging them. We welcome them and hope to meet them next session.—*King's College Record, Bates' Student, Acadia Athenæum, Varsity, University Monthly, Argosy, Thielensiam, Willistonian, Acta Victoriana, Literary Monthly, Unity, Manitoba College Journal, Brunonian, Chironian.*

THE *Acta Victoriana*, speaking of study on Sabbath, wisely says:—

What is the difference between studying on Sunday and pursuing any other secular occupation? Why should one be right and the other wrong? We confess it is hard to see how a man who admits the validity and necessity of the law in reference to the Sabbath, can yet maintain that it is right to pursue his course of study or of parallel reading on that day. During the college term the secular work of each student consists in a systematic course of reading and practical study. Now, if this course includes Biblical language and literature, theology or ethics, it is none the less, for the time being, secular work. If it is claimed that all reading, or other employment which may conduce to our moral or spiritual benefit, is appropriate for the Sabbath, the door might as well be thrown open to all useful books and all useful employments.

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