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CONVOCAATION.

FOR a whole hour prior to that announced for Convocation, large crowds continued to assemble in the vicinity of the Academy of Music; and when the doors were at length thrown open, the large building was in the space of a few minutes completely filled. During the interval prior to the formal commencement of proceedings, the students under the leadership of Prof. Penny's Glee Club, favoured the audience, largely composed of ladies, with a selection of college songs in a manner that was evidently appreciated.

There was also a strong corps of players on the kazoo, fife, mouth-organ and various other modern instruments of torture, and these at various stages in the afternoon's proceedings made themselves heard and rendered "all kinds of music" in a most efficient manner. At least, we have the authority of several young ladies for saying that it was just lovely and too utterly charming for anything. As the College professors and officials filed out on the platform, the students struck up the well-known hymn, "See the mighty host advancing," to the delight of all. President Forrest called upon Rev. Dr. McCulloch to lead in prayer then stepped forward and in a brief address directed the attention of his hearers to the importance of Dalhousie University and the claims it had upon all who were in any way interested in the progress of higher education; he mentioned the almost insurmountable difficulties with which the Board of Governors and Managers had to contend, chiefly from the limited means at their disposal, and earnestly appealed to the citizens of Halifax, to the people of Nova Scotia generally, and to the

Alumni particularly, for assistance in a very important epoch in the history of the College; he was confident that if these would cheerfully respond, the College would be placed upon a footing that would be exceedingly promising. He proposed to canvas the province during the summer in its interests, and felt assured that the students themselves would go forth burning enthusiasts in the same course. In this way, with God's blessing, the work was bound to succeed. Thereupon followed the distribution of prizes:—

Avery Prize.—A. F. Stewart, W. S. Calkin.

Waverley Prize.—A. G. Laird.

Early English Text Society's Prize.—Charlotte M. McNeil.

Shakespeare Society's Prize.—J. K. Henry.

Book Prize.—C. A. McCready.

Alumni Historical Essay Prize.—Geo. Patterson, B.A.

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR DEGREES.

BACHELOR OF ARTS.

James Jost Buchanan Sydney, C. B.
 William S. Calkin..... Truro.
 William R. Campbell East River, St. Mary's.
 Victor E. Coffin..... Mt. Stewart, P. E. I.
 Frank Harvey Coops..... Milton, Queens Co.
 James E. Creighton West River, Pictou Co.
 Antionette Forbes..... Little Harbor, Pictou Co.
 Donald Fraser Pictou.
 Malcolm J. McLeod..... Belfast, P. E. I.
 Charlotte M. McNeill Charlottetown.
 Wm. G. Putnam Maitland.
 Henry Curtis Shaw..... Stanhope, P. E. I.
 James Curtis Shaw..... Stanhope, P. E. I.
 Alexander F. Stewart..... Pictou.

BACHELOR OF LETTERS.

Eliza Ritchie Halifax.

BACHELOR OF LAWS.

H. W. Rogers, F. A. McCully, H. O. McLatchy, W. A. Lyons, W. A. Thompson, J. A. Russell, E. M. McDonald, F. W. Hanright, D. A. McKinnon, C. W. Lane, T. J. Carter, W. D. Cluney, J. M. McLean.

After these degrees were conferred the President delivered a short address to the graduating class.

DISTRIBUTION OF HONOUR DIPLOMAS AND MEDALS.

CLASSICS.

Governor-General's Gold Medal.—J. C. Shaw.

MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS.

Sir William Young Gold Medal.—M. J. McLeod.

MENTAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY.

Governor-General's Silver Medal.—James E. Creighton.

ENGLISH LITERATURE AND HISTORY.

DeMill Medal.—Victor E. Coffin.

The Valedictory Addresses were delivered by Mr. James Curtis Shaw (Arts), Mr. Frank A. McCully (Law), and were listened to attentively, as they are given in this GAZETTE, we shall refrain from further comment. Both gentlemen were repeatedly cheered during their deliverances and bouquets were showered upon them.

The M.A. Degree was then conferred upon:

John W. McLennan, B.A., B.D.... Sydney, C. B. George Patterson, B.A..... New Glasgow.

Rev. Dr. Hole, Rector of St. Paul's, then in a short, appropriate, and eloquent address tendered the graduates good, substantial advice which we earnestly hope they will follow. Rev. Mr. Herridge, of Ottawa, was also expected to speak but was unable to be present.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read by President Forrest from the Lieut. Governor and General Laurie.

Mr. Sedgewick and Prof. Weldon, M.P., were enthusiastically called upon by the students for speeches but courteously declined.

The proceedings were then closed with prayer.

Following is the general List of Results at the Sessional Examinations:

LATIN.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—J. C. Shaw. Class II.—F. H. Coops. Passed—A. F. Stewart, G. Putnam, W. S. Calkin, Donald Fraser, W. R. Campbell.

Third Year.—Class I.—None. Class II.—D. K. Grant, W. H. Fulton. Passed—T. R. Robertson.

Second Year.—Class I.—A. G. Laird, C. A. Howatt, J. K. Fraser. Class II.—J. K. Henry. Passed—E. N. Brown, R. McDonald, H. Putnam, Ed. Fulton, V. G. Frazee, D. O. McKay, R. Burkett, Alex. Fraser, J. Kennedy, V. Paton, Alex. Laird, E. B. Smith.

First Year.—Class II.—G. W. Schurman, F. J. McLeod, E. W. Lewis. Class II.—N. H. Gardner, H. J. McCallum. Passed—D. C. MacIntosh, J. N. McLean, E. J. Rattee, G. A. Cogswell, J. M. Fisher, E. Fulton, H. Gaetz, G. R. Rowlings, J. A. McKinnon, A. E. Chapman, A. K. McLennan, J. H. Trefry, Eliza Ritchie, D. F. Campbell, G. Creighton, J. Fraser, N. F. Murray, G. Miller, C. P. Fullerton.

GREEK.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—J. C. Shaw. Class II.—D. Fraser, F. H. Coops, Antionette Forbes. Passed—J. E. J. E. Creighton, H. C. Shaw.

Third Year.—Class I.—None. Class II.—W. H. Fulton. Passed—D. K. Grant.

Second Year.—Class I.—A. G. Laird. Class II.—J. K. Fraser, J. K. Henry, Alex. Fraser. Passed—R. McDonald, D. O. McKay, J. Kennedy, H. Putnam, E. N. Brown, A. F. Stewart, V. G. Frazee, R. Burkett, Ed. Fulton, V. Paton, E. B. Smith, C. A. Howatt, Alex. Laird.

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

MATHEMATICS.

First Year.—Class I.—Maclean, Mackintosh, McCallum, Gardner, Lewis, McLeod, Rowlings, Grierson, Schurman, Miller. Class II.—Fulton, Chapman, Gratz, Campbell, Murray, Cogswell, McKinnon, Creighton. Passed—Fisher, Trefry, Forbes, McGlashen, Byers. Passed in Geometry—McCurdy, Rattee, Fullerton, A. K. McLennan, J. Fraser.

Second Year.—Class I.—A. G. Laird, Frazee, Putnam, Howatt. Class II.—Henry, A. Fraser, Burkitt, Mackay. Passed—Fulton McDonald, Paton, J. K. Fraser, Smith, Kennedy, Brown, A. Laird. Passed in Geometry—A. McKenzie.

PHYSICS.

Third Year.—Class I.—F. I. Stewart, H. M. Mackay, J. S. Sutherland. Class II.—T. R. Robertson, A. M. Morrison. Passed—G. M. Johnson, S. J. McLennan, W. Brown, Miss E. Ritchie, W. H. Fulton, D. McD. Clark, G. A. Leck, J. A. Matheson, W. J. McKenzie, D. K. Grant.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—A. F. Stewart. Class II.—M. J. McLeod. Passed—W. S. Calkin.

Dynamics Class.—Class I.—F. I. Stewart. Class II.—H. M. McKay, A. M. Morrison.

CHEMISTRY.

Inorganic Chemistry.—Class I.—F. J. McLeod, Nelson A. Gardner, J. M. Fisher, H. McCallum, Graham Creighton, A. E. Chapman, G. R. Rowlings. Class II.—D. W. Byers, H. G. Gratz, Eben Fulton, John A. McGlashen, Geo. W. Schurman, J. N. McLean, Geo. Millar, D. F. Campbell, W. J. Forbes, D. C. Mackintosh, E. J. Rattee, C. P. McLennan, Geo. A. Cogswell, E. W. Lewis, R. Grierson, Maria L. J. Stewart. Passed—John A. McKinnon, N. F. Murray, J. Hart Trefry, C. P. Fullerton.

Practical Chemistry.—Class I.—Wm. Brown, A. M. Morrison, Frank H. Coops. Class II.—M. J. McLeod, J. E. Creighton, W. R. Campbell, S. J. McLennan, A. F. Stewart.

Practical Chemistry Advanced.—Class I.—W. S. Calkin. Class II.—Graham Putnam.

Organic Chemistry.—Class I.—Frank J. Stewart, W. R. Campbell, H. M. McKay.

BOTANY.

Class I.—Wm. S. Calkin, S. J. McLennan. Class II.—Graham Putnam, W. J. Forbes.

ENGLISH.

First Year.—Class I.—D. C. Mackintosh, Miss M. J. L. Stewart, J. N. McLean. Class II.—A. E. Chapman, R. L. Murray, Miss E. B. Harrington. Passed—G. A. Cogswell, E. W. Lewis, Chas. Mackay, F. J. McLeod, E. J. Rattee, Eben Fulton, Geo. Millar, J. H. Trefry, Miss A. Baxter, H. J. McCallum, G. W. Schurman, J. M. Fisher, J. A. McGlashen, G. Creighton, H. G. Gratz, D. F. Campbell, J. A. McKinnon, N. F. Murray, W. J. Forbes, John Fraser, N. H. Gardner, G. R. Rowlings.

Second Year.—Class I.—J. K. Henry, Ed. Fulton, V. G. Frazee, A. Gordon Laird. Class II.—Alex. Laird, E. N. Brown. Passed—Homer Putnam, James Kennedy, R. J. Macdonald, J. K. G. Fraser, D. O. McKay, E. B. Smith, Alex. Fraser, C. A. Howatt, Vincent Paton, G. A. Leck.

MODERN LANGUAGES.

II—French.—Class I.—Charlotte MacNeill, Janie McMillan, H. M. McCallum. Class II.—Emily Harrington, Frank I. Stewart, Agnes Baxter, James C. Shaw, M. J. McLeod, A. M. Morrison, W. J. Bowser. Passed—J. H. Trefry, Georgie Paton, J. mes E. Creighton, Victor Coffin, Frank H. Coops, W. R. Campbell, C. B. Burns, J. J. Buchanan.

I—French.—Class I.—George McLeod, J. S. Sutherland, H. M. McKay. Class II.—W. H. Fulton, Maria L. J. Stewart, Gertrude Mackintosh, C. P. Fullerton, David Soloan, Ada M. Peters, T. R. Robertson. Passed—William Brown, William Macdonald.

III—German.—Class I.—A. F. Stewart, Wm. S. Calkin.

II—German.—Class I.—Henry C. Shaw. Class II.—Graham Putnam, Gertrude Mackintosh, Donald Fraser, Charlotte McNeill, Nettie Forbes. Passed—James C. Shaw, Victor Coffin.

I—German.—Class I.—Herbert J. Logan, W. H. Fulton, Maria L. J. Stewart. Passed—D. K. Grant, W. J. Bowser.

HISTORY.

Third Year.—Class I.—George McLeod, D. M. Soloan, J. S. Sutherland, D. K. Grant. Class II.—W. H. Fulton, D. McD. Clarke, Wm. McDonald, Maria S. J. Stewart, T. R. Robertson. Passed—J. A. Matheson, S. J. McLennan, G. M. Johnson, W. J. McKenzie.

Fourth Year.—Class I.—W. G. Putnam, Charlotte M. McNeil, Victor E. Coffin. Class II.—Antionette Forbes, Henry C. Shaw. Passed—D. Fraser.

POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Class I.—Victor E. Coffin, D. M. Soloan, Charlotte McNeil, W. R. Campbell, Wm. McDonald, Maria S. J. Stewart. Class II.—John A. Matheson, G. M. Johnson, D. Fraser, D. McD. Clarke, T. R. Robertson, H. C. Shaw, Antionette Forbes, W. J. McKenzie.

METAPHYSICS.

Class I.—George McLeod, J. S. Sutherland, A. W. McLeod, David Kenzie Grant. Class II.—S. J. McLennan, George M. Johnson, Charles Mackay, W. J. McKenzie. Passed—D. McD. Clarke, J. A. Matheson, W. J. Bowser.

ETHICS.

Class I.—D. Fraser, A. F. Stewart, equal. Class II.—A. W. McLeod, Charles Mackay. Passed—Graham Putnam, W. S. Calkin, J. W. Crawford, W. R. Campbell.

LOGIC AND PSYCHOLOGY.

Class I.—A. G. Laird, E. N. Brown, E. Fulton, J. K. Henry, H. Putnam. Class II.—A. Fraser, J. Kennedy, Alex. Laird, V. J. Paton, V. G. Frazee, J. K. G. Fraser, C. Mackay, R. J. Macdonald. Passed—R. L. Murray, C. A. Howatt, D. O. McKay, A. McKenzie, J. Fraser, R. Burkett, A. K. McLennan, E. B. Smith, C. B. Burns.

LAW EXAMINATIONS.

The result of the examinations in the Faculty of Law are as follows:—

INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Class I.—Hanright, McKinnon. *Class II.*—McDonald, Carter, Lyons. Passed—Thompson, McLatchy, H. W. Rogers, McCully, Cluney, Lane, Russell.

CONFLICT OF LAWS.

Class I.—Rogers, McCully, McLennan. *Class II.*—Campbell, Gregory.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

Class I.—Rogers, McKay, McCready, Buchanan, Campbell, Jones. *Class II.*—McLennan, McInnes, Armstrong. Passed—McDonald, Morrison, Russell, Magee, Gregory.

CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY.

Class I.—Nicholson, Patterson, Allison, McNeill, Tobin. *Class II.*—Robertson, Ross, McDonald, Soloan, Cummings. Passed—Forsyth, McLeod, Dennison.

ROMAN LAW.

Class I.—McCully, McLatchy.

INSURANCE.

Class I.—H. W. Rogers, E. M. McDonald, McLatchy, Thompson, McKinnon, Hanright, Carter, Lane, Cluney, Russell. *Class II.*—Lyons, McCully. Passed—Gregory.

SHIPPING.

Class I.—E. McDonald, McCready, T. S. Rogers, (McKay, McInnes,) Campbell. *Class II.*—McKinnon, Hanright, Lyons, H. W. Rogers, Lane, Thompson. Passed—Armstrong, Carter, Cluney, Gregory, Morrison, Whitford, A. J. Macdonald, Jones, McLennan.

EQUITY.

Class I.—T. S. Rogers, McKay, McCready, Jones, Armstrong. *Class II.*—Russell, Campbell, McLennan. Passed—Morrison, McInnes, Gregory, A. J. McDouald, Magee.

SALES.

Class I.—T. S. Rogers, (Jones, McKay), McCready, Campbell, McLennan. *Class II.*—McInnes. Passed—Armstrong, Gregory, Magee, Morrison.

CONTRACTS.

Class I.—McNeil, Patterson, Nicholson, Ross, Cummings. *Class II.*—Dennison, Forsyth, McLeod, Allison, Tobin, Buchanan. Passed—Gray, Gregory.

REAL PROPERTY.

Class I.—Patterson, Forsythe, Tobin, Cummings, Ross, McNeil, McLeod, Nicholson, Dennison, Allison. *Class II.*—Gray. Passed—Ritchie, Stevens.

TORTS.

Class I.—McNeil, Patterson, Cummings, Ross, Nicholson. *Class II.*—Allison, McLeod, Forsyth. Passed—Dennison, Gray, Gregory, Tobin.

EVIDENCE.

Class I.—MacKay, Campbell, McLennan, Jones, T. S. Rogers, McInnes, Magee, McCready. *Class II.*—(MacDonald, Morrison, Armstrong.) Passed—McLeod, Whitford.

ARTS' VALEDICTORY.

[BY JAMES C. SHAW].

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

EVERY life may be said to have its red-letter days—days of happiness unique of their kind, but depending for their distinctive characteristics on the temperament and life-aims of the individual. "The happiest days of my life," said a Nova Scotia politician not long ago in an address to his constituents, "were my wedding-day and the day on which I was returned for this constituency." The student, I think, would scarcely endorse this view, even though he should get a wife and a seat in parliament. He would be inclined, I fancy, to count the day of his matriculation and the day of his graduation, if not as the happiest of his whole life, at least as the happiest of his life as a student. The happiness in the two cases, however, is not the same. In the one it is that of anticipation with no element

of sadness in it; in the other it is that of realization, tinged, however, with regrets at the breaking of almost family ties. And when, as in the case of the present graduating class, a truly happy family is on the point of separating, a family entirely free from the bickerings that, in ordinary life, are apt to occur between the boys and girls, a united family in the full sense of the term (for on every occasion, even when the boys thought it necessary to "strike" for longer holidays or shorter lessons, they were firmly backed up by their sisters) the feeling becomes rather hard to define, satisfaction, happiness, and sadness, being all blended together in it. The separation, however, must be. The drama, so to speak, of College Life ends for this class with to-day's ceremonies, and nothing remains but that I, on behalf of the retiring actors, should, in accordance with time-honored custom, say a few words by way of epilogue.

This custom is by some regarded as one "more honored in the breach than the observance," and it cannot be denied that valedictories from their almost necessary sameness are pretty dry reading. Nor can mine be otherwise, especially as one of the aids to former valedictorians was shut off from me. Most of you know that students on the eve of an examination are in the habit of consulting old papers in order to find out what to "plug" specially, and also what they imagine they may "skip." Similarly I should have liked to consult old valedictories in order to know what to say, and what has been said already, but the confusion consequent on the removal of the volumes of the College Library made access to the GAZETTE files difficult. Originality, therefore, you needn't look for, but I think I can promise you its best substitute, brevity; for I have but to take a glance retrospective and prospective, to throw out a suggestion or two, and to say good-bye.

College life has just been compared to a drama, a comparison somewhat fanciful, perhaps, but not, I think, inappropriate. For just as in an actual drama, the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears, the ambitions and longings of real life are represented, so are they to be found, in a small way, perhaps, yet not the less really, in

the drama of College Life. Moreover, Shakespeare tells us that "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players," and in this view we may be said to have been acting a "play within a play." And as the minor play may often exert a powerful influence in the development and determination of the main one, so, doubtless, the part we have been playing here in College will shape to a great extent our course in actual life. If then, adopting this figure, we inquire what is the character of the drama just closed, we shall have to decide that it is not a comedy, although it has its comic elements, not a tragedy, though with tragic phases, but rather a romantic play that ends happily after some painful experiences. And the truth of this will appear more and more strikingly as the harsh features gradually disappear under time's softening influence, till at length we can look on the four years spent in Dalhousie as one of the happiest episodes of our life.

Metaphor aside, let us briefly note some of the changes made during the past few years, and especially during the time we have been attending this College. Without dwelling on that important change, of the success of which the presence on the stage to-day of three lady graduates is an evidence (and one would surely be pardoned for dwelling on such a subject) I may cite the granting of the new degree of B.L., which one of these ladies is the first to receive, increased latitude in optional subjects in the third and fourth years, the short courses for general students, preparatory to medical, chemical, journalistic, and commercial work, and to the study of engineering, and last, but by no means least, the compulsory study of English Literature in the second year, and not merely in the first, an advantage which the present graduating class were the first to enjoy. These changes are indicative of a liberal spirit, or perhaps we may best indicate the spirit that actuates our Senate as a Liberal-Conservative one, for, with increased latitude in choice of subjects and courses, the good old standard subjects that have been tested for centuries and found to give the best mental training still occupy a foremost place in the curriculum.

Relying then on this spirit we would offer one or two suggestions, convinced that in them we are voicing the general student opinion. And first that English Literature be made an optional subject in the third and fourth years. This would place English where its practical importance demands that it should stand, on a level with Classics and Modern Languages, for the study of which, during the whole four years, there is already provision, and would, at the same time, enable the student to get some knowledge of Anglo-Saxon and modern poetry which he can now only do by entering the Honor Course. We would next echo the general cry, "Give us back our Gowns!" for, though there seems to be something in our appearance that enables even the street gammon to recognize the "College Dudes," yet a distinctive college garb as a mark whereby to divide "Town from Gown," cannot fail to bind student to student even more closely, and to strengthen that feeling of elannishness for which students are as it is proverbial. Besides, it is rather a poor investment to buy a gown for the closing exercises, as we have had to do, to be worn once and then laid away as a relic of our college days, when, in our case at least, a chip of the gray stone of old Dalhousie would awaken infinitely more memories. And lastly, we would raise a note of warning. To the changes already noted as signs of progress another may be added, viz.: the raising of the standard required of matriculants and graduates. That this has been done, a comparison of the examination papers of the past few years with those of ten years ago shows quite clearly. While rejoicing in this evidence of Dalhousie's advance, and proud of being students of "no mean" College, we cannot but be apprehensive that, should the inducement of Exhibitions and Bursaries chance to be withdrawn, and the raising of the standard continue, the ultimate effect will be to drive intending matriculants elsewhere. Caution, beware of over-pressure—this is what we would respectfully suggest.

Akin to suggestion and warning, and indeed implied in them is advice. And in this connection we would ask both professors and students

to take to heart this line from Longfellow, "All things come round to him that will but wait," for patience is the secret of success in education. It must be as trying to the Professor as discouraging to the student to find that the clearest explanations are very imperfectly grasped, to find mistakes made in the recitation of the "Definition of Properties," or in the application of "Barbara, Celarent, Darii, &c.," but patience on the part of the professor does a world of good, and, joined with application on the student's part, generally brings out a satisfactory result on the examination paper.

And now farewell! Farewell to the old building so long the scene of good, solid teaching, where a goodly company, among whom we are proud to be, received a training calculated to fit them for future usefulness and success in life. To sketch its history would be an interesting and pleasing task, but an abler pen than mine has made this unnecessary. To compare our feelings on leaving it with those of the Israelites "when they remembered Zion," would be rather misleading, for, though we should thus express, in an exaggerated form it is true, what every Dalhousian cannot help feeling, yet sentiment in every case is lost sight of in the more practical question of increased accommodation and facilities in the new building, the cornerstone of which has just been laid, and for which it is not visionary, in the light of past success under most unfavorable circumstances, to predict a splendid future.

Farewell to the Professors, under whom we have studied, and who have labored to clear away the difficulties in the subjects of our course. We cannot say that we have reflected, or shall reflect, honor on you, but we have tried, and will try, to do so. We hope at all events that we are not of the number whom Burns describes as "going in sturks and coming out asses." And, though in the "noisy years" that are before us, when a professional separation has to be established, study must necessarily be somewhat intermittent and unsatisfactory, still our motto will be, "once a student always a student," and we shall look forward confidently to a "quiet time," when we shall have our books

once more with us, and resume the studies of our youth, having had the benefit of a training under that best of teachers, experience. In parting with you we tender our hearty thanks for assistance rendered, and extend our best wishes for success professionally, and happiness domestically, to one and all of you.

And now a last word to "the boys," and a very brief one, for over-protestation is apt to awaken doubts as to sincerity. We are sorry to part with you, but hope to meet again. Till then good-bye, "Auf Wiedersehn!" You have been tried socially, and found to be "jolly good fellows;" you have been tried physically, and proved to have muscle and wind enough to play foot-ball; you have been tried morally, and found to be the soul of honor; but you haven't yet been fully tried mentally. We leave you, however, in good hands—in hands that have already weighed many a man "in the balance," and when you are weighed finally we feel sure you will not be "found wanting."

VALEDICTORY.

[F. A. M'CULLY, LL. B.]

Mr. President, Professors and Lecturers of Dalhousie College, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Three years ago we who graduate from the Law School to-day stood upon the threshold of the University. With anxious eyes we peered into the future. The promised land lay far beyond us! and more immediately before with ever broadening circle stretched the vista of our chosen profession. The dim outline of fields yet untried invited us to explore the wealth that lay there awaiting but the taking of it. True it was with no little misgiving that we assayed such a task. By the help of kind guides, however, we determined to enter in. As we stood ambitious hope was ours—hope in whose "sweet garden grows wreaths for every toil and a charm for every woe."

The pleasures of knowledge drew us on with assurances of refreshing draughts from the springs clear and sparkling by the way. Under astute and expert guides we made our way to the peaks of Csatricque and Imrie, Fox and McKreth, and Shellys Rule, whence he could take a more intelligent view of the surrounding country, and of the land that lay far far beyond us. After a journey of three years the river of active life, which flows with ever-increasing volume till it joins the great ocean beyond, opens its broad expanse before us. This river we have

reached to-day, and we must part with our guides. We would fain have them go with us, but alas! they have to return for others are awaiting assistance over the same journey we have come. Thinking we have gained strength enough to buffet the waves single-handed, they leave us to our own resources, for weal or woe our course henceforth is to be our own; we shall henceforth captain our own frail craft. Voyagers who shall perchance in years to come look back upon the pleasant times spent beneath the classic shades of this University with a feeling of sadness that those times are gone never to return. Together here we stand to-day, and say farewell to our guides of the past three years, but it is with a pang of sorrow that we part with such royal company. The joy of having reached this stage in our journey towards the Land of Promise is but slight compared with the pleasure of travelling; truly the joy is not in the end but in the means, not in possession, but acquisition, and our reward is the race we run, not the prize.

Professors and Lecturers of the Law School:

It is doubtless beyond your power to make of us a professional success, for man's success in life depends not on others, but himself. "Every man receives two educations, one which he receives from others, and one more important, which he gives to himself." You have done much however, in imparting to our minds a loyal trend of thought, and we have come to regard the law as a science, and not as an art. Had we spent our time doing the detail of a barristers or solicitors office, amidst bills of sale and bills of cost, we could not so well have distinguished that which is accidental and local from the grand underlying principles which are unusual and eternal. I conceive that the class of '87 have under your tuition been able to see beneath the technical formalities of the practice of the law the sublime and basic principles of justice and truth, of which these lifeless forms are but the covering. In a word, we "have been taught to pierce the form, overleap the wall, detect intrinsic likenesses between remote things, and reduce all things to a few principles."

We have a vastly complicated, and in some cases an artificial system of jurisprudence, and it is possible that the very machinery of justice may be turned against her. The means may defeat the end for which it was created. But we remark that such is the very outcome of that very liberty which every subject of English law may exercise—the liberty of challenging every invaded right, and having it defined with the strictest nicety. We fight for the minutest

infringement of the maxim, our inheritance for ages past, "that justice and right shall be sold denied or deferred to no man." Therefore the multiplicity of suits and the subtle practices of the courts are but the result of the unfettered exercise of our boasted liberty, which *argus eyed* must needs look more ways than one. If living under the absolutism of some autocrat whose will was law, our jurisprudence would be comparatively simple, but under the benign influence of Anglo-Saxon Liberty a freedom of challenge and trial *ad libitum* is allowed, which under some circumstances may lead to the perversion of truth the delay or hindrance of justice.

There is, therefore, no profession where so much depends on the *honorableness* of its exponents, and just here where it is permitted them the sacred honor of counselling their clients the temptation to harass and annoy may present itself, and the supreme object of the profession, which is to obtain justice, and that by all fair and honorable means may be defeated. But the Course in this Law School has done much to widen the horizon of our professional vision, giving us broader and more humane ideas of the law as a science which needs greatly to be emphasised, lest in the heat of forensic debate, or the detail of solicitors practice, we should come to regard the practice of the law as a "regulated strife," and not as the most "humane of the political sciences," and we proudly entertain the hope that there are none amongst the class of '87 who will in after life betray the confidence you have reposed in us to-day, or do aught that shall cause our *Alma Mater* to blush for the unprofessional conduct of any of her sons, but as priests initiated somewhat into the mysteries of the blind folded goddess, we may with modest step and reverent air enter the temple of justice.

"Where sovereign law, the states collected will
"O'er thrones and globes elate
"Sits empress crowning good, repressing ill."

Gentlemen of Class of '87:

I think you will agree with me that we have been, and are to-day, a class united in fellow-feeling and good-will. In the Moot Court, and the Law Club, we have met, we have fought as law students only can, armed to the teeth with wordy weapons, but we always parted friends. And there is within us to-day somewhat of that *esprit de corps*, that mysterious cement of soul which binds college men together, the chief sweetener in college life, and which should permeate all university life, but I am sorry to say is not developed in Dalhousie as it should be. It is to be hoped that there will grow into

the growth of this University a closer band of fellowship, more conviviality and social intercourse, more of the fellowship of kindred spirits which gives a peculiar charm and freshness to college association, which is not gained elsewhere. We congratulate the Dean and Lecturers of the Law School upon the ampler accommodation that will be afforded them in the new University building, whose corner-stone has been laid with such appropriate ceremony by one, a munificent benefactor of this University, and an ornament and honor to the bench and bar of this country.

We congratulate the Law School upon the high place it takes in public opinion, and the confidence with which it is regarded by the Legislators of this Province who have recently passed an act whereby the degree in Laws conferred by this University admits to all the honors and privileges of the bar of Nova Scotia.

Gentlemen:

The profession of the law is an honorable one. It is its especial prerogative to assist in the suppression of the wrong and the protection of the weak. As society becomes more complex, as commerce increases, the rights and duties of parties become more and more involved, and it rests upon the lawyer to unravel the intricacies of modern affairs to adjust the never changing principles of natural justice to the infinite variety of human concerns. Without the profession of law neither liberty, nor property, nor reputation, would for a moment be secure; from its ranks the judges of the land must be selected; upon it depends the function of government and the preservation of social order; yet nevertheless there are those who slur the whole profession for the want of probity and sincerity of some of its members—well illustrated by the incident of a newly appointed Irish crier who, when required to clear the court, yelled out: "Now all ye blackguards that is not lawyers must lave the curt." But gentlemen, by the tradition of a noble profession, by the memory of the exalted life of a Wilmot, a Halliburton, a Hoviland, men of these Maritime Provinces who have written their names in letters which shall never grow dim upon the scroll of fame, and who scorned to do a mean act, by the sacredness of the obligation which the lawyer owes to society, let us leave the lecture halls of this Law School, for the arena of active life fully determined as far as in us lies, to uphold the honor of the profession, and preserve inviolable the sacred trust imposed upon us to-day, placing principle before bills of costs, honor before wealth, the rights of parties before fame, and justice above all.

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THOUGH this number contains four columns more than usual, we have had to condense many reports and hold over matter supplied for this and the last issue.

IN a former issue we referred at considerable length to the urgent necessity which exists of taking immediate steps towards securing a new cover for the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE. The cut of the old College buildings will be of no service after this issue; if, therefore, the publication of the Journal is to be continued, an engraving of the new buildings is absolutely indispensable. We have made enquiries, and find that \$100 is the lowest figure which will secure an engraving in any way worthy of our College. We believe the engravings in some of our exchanges in this province cost upwards of \$200, and even \$300. In addition to this, most, if indeed not all, our contemporaries have colored covers. The effect in appearance from artistically finished covers is well known to all who have ever seen them;

for this purpose another \$100 would be required. In order then to have a Journal not inferior to the majority of our contemporaries in point of mechanical finish and appearance, \$200 at least will be necessary.

We are happy to say that our students are deeply interested in the matter, and further, that an energetic Committee has been appointed at the recent General Meeting of Students, for the purpose of canvassing, and soliciting subscriptions in behalf of the project. This Committee will forward circulars to all our graduates, students and friends at an early date, and will in the course of the summer endeavor to see as many of them as possible in connection with this matter. We earnestly trust that they will be eminently successful,—that all who have the welfare of Dalhousie College at heart will cheerfully respond to the appeal made on this occasion.

We are not yet aware who of the GAZETTE Committee has been chosen Treasurer; but friends wishing to help on the cause may forward their contributions to Mr. E. H. Armstrong, Financial Editor of the GAZETTE, Box 422, Halifax City.

WITH this issue the connection of the present staff of editors with the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE ends; and as we rise from our sanctum and lay aside the editorial quill, we cannot refrain from bidding farewell to those who have been accustomed to peruse our columns during the past six months. We feel assured that if we have not succeeded in carrying out the ideal of a college paper, they will believe with us, that failure has not arisen so much from a want of regard for the paper's best interests as from the difficulties with which we were forced to contend. The limited amount of time at our disposal for this work was a grave hindrance to the aims and purposes which we had in view. However, that our work is now ended, we can only thank students, patrons, and friends generally, for their kind indulgence and support, and soliciting a continuance of the same for our successors, we bid to one and all a fond adieu, and bow ourselves out.

THE NEW COLLEGE BUILDING.

Circumstances could not be more favorable for a great and auspicious event in connection with educational advance, than they were on Wednesday, the 27th ult.—the day appointed for the laying of the corner-stone of our new college building. The exceedingly stormy state of the weather on Tuesday augured ill for the events marked out for the morrow; but Wednesday dawned as lovely a day as one could possibly desire. As the hour for the ceremony approached, large crowds of Halifax's best citizens were to be seen wending their way in the direction of the new Dalhousie building; and by two o'clock there were upwards of 2000 people assembled around the rising structure. The presence of many visitors from considerable distances evinced the deep interest taken in the event about to be consummated. A very conspicuous feature was the large representation of the Protestant clergy. In addition to those from the city, we observed with pleasure the Venerable Rev. Dr. McCulloch, of Truro, whose father was the first principal of Dalhousie College; Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Principal of Acadia College; Rev. Messrs. Carruthers, McMillan, and Archibald, from P. E. Island; Messrs. McCurdy and Scott, from New Glasgow, Messrs. Stewart, Sedgewick, Thompson, and many others, whose names we were unable to ascertain. Nor should we fail to mention a noteworthy feature in the presence of three gentlemen, G. G. Gray, G. Millan, and W. H. Keating, Esquires, who were present at the laying of the corner-stone of the old building in 1820—sixty-seven years ago. Large levies from both bodies of our Legislature, from the City Council, and from the School Board, were also on the ground, in addition to the College Officers, Professors, and entire corps of students. Lastly, the fair sex of the City of Halifax were not wanting to contribute by their presence, grace, and dignity, to an occasion so illustrious. Seldom indeed, has it been our privilege to behold such an interesting assemblage representing so fully the beautiful, the wealthy, and the cultured, of our country.

A few minutes after two o'clock Sir William Young arrived on the ground, and accompanied by His Worship Mayor Mackintosh, and Geo. Thompson, Esq., ascended the platform constructed in the immediate vicinity of the corner stone, amidst prolonged cheering, and was

presented by the contractor, A. E. Milliken, Esq., with a beautiful silver trowel, made specially for the occasion, and bearing the inscription:—

PRESENTED
 to
 SIR WILLIAM YOUNG, L.L.D.
 on the occasion
 of his laying the Corner-Stone
 of
 DALHOUSIE COLLEGE;
 Halifax, Nova Scotia, April 27th, 1887.

The ceremony opened with a very fervent appropriate prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lathern (Methodist), and thereupon the corner-stone of grey granite was lowered into position; it bore the inscription:

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.
 (Established 1820).
 The Corner-Stone of this building
 was laid by
 SIR WILLIAM YOUNG,
 April 27th, 1887.

J. C. DUNARESO,
 Architect.

A. E. MILLIKEN & Co.,
 Builders.

Sir William Young, placing his trowel upon the stone, pronounced it "well and truly laid." Within the cavity hollowed out of the stone, was placed an air-tight leaden box carefully soldered, and containing the following documents, articles, etc.:

- Copy of the report of the Superintendent of Education for 1886.
- Civic Report of Halifax for 1886.
- Belcher's Almanac for 1887.
- Copies of the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE, Chronicle, Mail, Recorder, Citizen, Weekly Herald, Presbyterian Witness, Wesleyan, Messenger and Visitor, and Critic.
- A complete set of the copper coinage of Nova Scotia, including all the thistle and mayflower issues, the broken half-penny, etc.,
- Copper coins of New Brunswick, P. E. Island and Newfoundland,
- including old coins in great variety.
- Copper coins of Upper and Lower Canada.
- All the old issues available
- and
- A full set of the silver and copper coins of the Dominion,
- A collection of postage stamps, principally of Nova Scotia, but including
- All available issues of the provinces and Dominion, as well as of other countries;
- collected by Master Forrest (son of Principal Forrest).
- College cards, and class tickets, and
- A card of invitation to the alumni dinner.

Great care was taken to ensure the preservation of the contents of the box, as it is a matter of regret that owing to imperfect sealing all the contents of the casket found beneath the corner-stone of the old building, with the exception of the few coins, were completely destroyed by moisture, and the action of the air.

After the stone had been laid, Rev. Principal Forrest expressed the deep interest Sir William Young had ever manifested in the welfare of the College, and read the following brief address, which Sir William had himself prepared, but was too indisposed to deliver:

"It affords me great pleasure to-day to assist in laying the corner-stone of this new building, which will increase the power of Dalhousie College to give to our young men and young women the benefit of a first-class education. Already over one thousand students have been educated in the old building, of whom two hundred and fifty have graduated. This may give us some idea of what may be hoped for in the future. I regret that my advanced years and failing strength prevent my doing justice to a theme which fills my heart."

Sir William Young's presence alone, had he prepared no address, would have been of itself mute but expressive eloquence. The proceedings were brought to a close by a short prayer offered up by Rev. W. H. Cline, of the First Baptist Church, and thereupon, the vast throng bent its way to the Academy of Music, where the Convocation of the College was held at half past three o'clock.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Dalhousie College and University, was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 27th April, immediately after the close of the Convocation proceedings.

Twelve new members, all graduates of the College, were admitted and enrolled. The Treasurer's Report shewed a balance of \$70.00 to the credit of the Society.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

President—E. L. Newcomb, M. A.

Vice-Presidents—J. G. MacGregor, D. Sc., George Campbell, B. A., J. McG. Stewart, B. A., D. C. Fraser, B. A., Hugh McKenzie, M. A.

Secretary—H. W. C. Boak, L.L. B.

Treasurer—J. A. Sedgewick, B. A.

Executive Committee—Messrs. C. H. Cahan, B. A., W. Wallace, L.L. B., A. S. McKenzie, B. A., Dugald Stewart, B. A., and Buchanan, B. A.

A motion was passed directing the Executive to continue their efforts to secure additional representation for the Association on the Board of Governors.

It was resolved that the Executive spend such sum as in their judgments is necessary in the publication of the Historical Prize Essay.

The retiring Executive submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted.

To the President and Members of the Alumni Association of Dalhousie College and University:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, whose term of office is now at an end, I beg to submit the following report of their proceedings during the year just closed.

The resolutions adopted at the last annual meeting related to matters of the greatest importance to this Association, and to the members of the University, and afforded a programme which gave direction and character to the work of the committee.

Among the matters committed to the care of the Executive were the Historical Essay prize; the compilation of lists of persons eligible for membership in the Association, and the proposed site for the new College buildings.

At the time of the Annual Meeting it was known that the Board of Governors had obtained from the City a lot of land containing about four acres, situated in rear of the Exhibition building, in the City of Halifax, and opposite the Provincial Poor Asylum; and that the Governors had come to a resolution to erect their new building on that site.

Outside of the Board of Governors this decision was almost universally condemned, and the members of the Association were a unit in opposing the action of the Board. It was apparent that every member deemed the locality unsuitable for college purposes or premises, and utterly out of keeping with the requirements, character, and aims of Dalhousie University. As soon, therefore, as the Executive entered upon the discharge of their duties, they had prepared a lengthy memorial setting out fully the numerous and weighty objections to the selected site, and urging upon the Board the desirability and wisdom of procuring more eligible grounds whereupon to place the proposed edifice. With this memorial the Executive presented a request for a conference on the subject with the Board, and at the time appointed attended in a body, and presented their views upon the subject, earnestly protesting against the choice made, and respectfully inviting the Board to alter their decision.

At the Conference your representatives were received with much politeness, and were given a patient hearing, but were not honored by any discussion of their views, and as a result they were subsequently advised that the Board found it impossible to do otherwise than adhere to their original choice.

Later in the year, the President, in response to a requisition duly signed, called a special

meeting of the Association, at which the matter received the fullest discussion, and a resolution was come to, which made it the duty of your committee to do all in their power to strengthen the Governors in their present undertaking.

In accordance with the instructions of the Association, the Executive offered a prize of \$50 for the best Essay on the history of the University, and caused advertisements announcing the fact, together with the conditions to be complied with, to be circulated throughout the Maritime Provinces.

Two Essays were submitted in competition for this prize, and on the recommendation of the Rev. Dr. Forrest and Dr. W. J. Alexander, who kindly discharged the duties of Examiners, the prize was awarded to Mr. George Patterson, B. A., one of the members of this Association. Mr. Patterson's paper is a full and accurate account of the checkered life of our *Alma Mater*, and has put this Association in the possession of information of the greatest value collected from original sources, and presented in a readable and attractive form.

During the year your committee have been very busily occupied in examining roll-books and other lists of students, who formerly attended the West River, Free Church, Truro, Gorham, and Dalhousie Colleges, for the purpose of securing the names of all persons who are entitled to become members of this Association. The reports from the several sub-committees, to whom the different portions of the work were assigned, have been presented, and the Association is now in possession of a reliable catalogue of names of persons who at one time or other have been educated to some extent at least upon the funds of Dalhousie University. For the purpose of opening up communication with such persons, a circular has been prepared setting forth the objects and purposes of the Alumni Association, and the conditions of membership therein, which has already been sent to many of these persons, and will in a short time be in the hands of all of them whose whereabouts can be ascertained.

One other matter of much importance has engaged the attention of the Executive. I refer to the resolution passed at the special meeting of the Association held in January, last past, on the subject of additional representation for this Association on the Board of Governors.

It is a fact long apparent that the administration of the affairs of Dalhousie College is not in consonance with the views and sentiments entertained by the members of this Association; and it is notorious that during the past two or three years occasions have presented themselves,

by the proper use of which, the interests and influence of our *Alma Mater* would have been greatly promoted and enhanced, but which were so misused that we are to-day in a position much less favorable to growth and power than at any time within the last twenty years.

All this the members of this Association keenly feel, while at the same time they are convinced that if they had as large a voice in the government of the Institution as they are entitled to, the state of affairs would have been very different.

There is also the feeling that a representation on the Board strong enough numerically to have weight would imbue this Association with new life, and would develop an enthusiastic interest in everything connected with the University.

Moved by these considerations the Association has been endeavoring to secure for itself the right to send to the Board a sufficient number of members to make its views and influence matters worthy of consideration by the majority of the governing body. The resolution passed at the special meeting before referred to, was forwarded to the Board, and afterwards a conference with a committee of Governors was held. As nearly as could be ascertained from the opinions expressed at that conference the views of the Board seemed to be totally in opposition to any immediate legislation at the instance of this Association in the direction contemplated. They were willing to allow us to nominate to an existing vacancy one of our graduates who, if he was satisfactory to the Board, would be gazetted a member, and stated that when the time came for remodelling the Constitution of the University, this Association would be consulted.

It was understood that the Board of Governors would adopt a resolution on the subject, but up to the present no intimation of such having been done has been received by your committee.

The Executive do not consider that the conference resulted satisfactorily, and have no reason to hope that the Governors will actively aid them in their endeavors to secure the desired representation.

Members of the committee have thought it desirable to have introduced into the Legislature a bill giving this Association the power of sending representatives to the Board, but many difficulties presented themselves in the way of such a proceeding, and deterred the Executive from attempting it. It was known that the session of the Legislature would be very short.

The President of the College stated the Board would be obliged to oppose such a bill with all the influence at their command. Pro-

minent members of our own Association thought it inadvisable to ask for legislation at the present time, in view of the fact that it would cause a breach between the Governors and the members of the Association which might affect the collection being made for the new building fund, and some of them stated that they would be obliged to actively oppose the bill if introduced into the House.

The Governors have led some of your committee to believe that at a very early day they intend asking the Legislature for a new Constitution, and that, when the bill for that purpose is prepared, provision will be made for carrying into effect the objects which we have in view.

The Constitution of the College is no doubt only in a formative condition. Many changes are absolutely necessary. But as the real wants of the College are better known to college men than to any other class, and as these wants can be much better supplied through efforts of those who have had the experience of college men, the fact that a new charter is to be applied for is only a very urgent reason why the members of this Association should be placed in a position to influence the necessary legislation. It will then be the duty of our successors in office to push these matters as vigorously and thoroughly as circumstances will permit.

Your committee have discharged to the best of their ability the routine work of the Association. A number of new members have been elected and enrolled, and every effort has been made to reduce the amount of overdue subscriptions. There is still a large sum of money due from members, but the Treasurer's Report to be submitted at this meeting will show you that, after paying all claims against the Association, and also the historical Essay Prize, there remains a balance to the credit of the Association, which your committee feel assured will very soon be considerably augmented as a result of their efforts to secure payment of arrearages.

It has been decided at the instance of a number of our members to revive the custom of former years, and have a convocation dinner. For this event, which is the last item on the programme of this busy day's proceedings, all arrangements have been made, and the committee feel assured that every member of this Association will contribute to the success and enjoyment of the occasion by gracing it with his presence.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee,

HENRY W. C. BOAK,

Secretary.

Halifax, April 27th, 1887.

The dinner of the Alumni Association, which was given on the evening of Convocation day, was a highly successful and enjoyable affair. There were present about eighty of the graduates and their friends, among were, Hon. Wm. Ross, Hon. J. W. Longley, Principal Forrest, Dr. Weldon, M. P., Messrs. Sedgewick and Harrington, Professors McGregor, Russell, Alexander, Seth, and many prominent graduates. Mr. Newcombe, President of the Alumni Association, occupied the chair with characteristic dignity. Great enthusiasm in the welfare of the college was manifested. The following was the toast-list:

The Queen.

God save the Queen.

Dominion, Provincial and Civic Governments—Responded to by Hon. Wm. Ross, Dr. Weldon, M. P., Hon. J. W. Longley, and ex-Mayor Mackintosh.

Dalhousie—Responded to by Principal Forrest, and Mr. Sedgewick, Q. C.

Sister Universities—Responded to by Dr. Weldon, Prof. Russell, F. S. Congdon, F. W. Hanright, and A. A. McKay.

Our Professors—Responded to by Profs. Alexander and Seth.

The Learned Professions—By Rev. Edwin Smith, B. A., of Middle Stewiacke, and Mr. Harrington, Q. C.

Our Benefactors—Prof. McGregor.

The Land we Live in—Prof. Russell, and Mr. Sedgewick, Q. C.

The Graduating Classes and New Members—By E. M. McDonald, LL. B.

The Ladies—Proposed in a very witty speech by W. B. Wallace, LL. B., and responded to by the irrepressible "Titus" J. Carter, LL. B.

The Press—Responded to by Hon. J. W. Longley and H. McInnes.

Before this stage the company had been increased by the presence of several members of the House of Assembly, and in their honor a toast was proposed by Mr. Sedgewick to "Our unfortunate and overworked legislators," which called forth very humorous replies from Messrs. Lawrence, Hearn, and Cameron, M. P. P.'s, and with a toast to "our next merry meeting," and Auld Lang Syne, a most delightful evening was ended, each one present declaring that not another year should pass without "another of the same," and perhaps a little more.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Y. M. C. A.—One of the most important of the societies connected with our University is the College Y. M. C. A. This Association, which was organized three years ago, has during the past session continued to flourish. The number of students who are members of the Association is quite large, and the meetings held during the winter have been well attended. The usual Saturday evening Prayer Meeting has been kept up, and on several occasions the meetings were addressed by President Forrest, Professor Seth, Mr. J. S. MacLean, and others who take an interest in the spiritual welfare of the students.

Besides these regular meetings several other meetings have been held from time to time. In the early part of the session the Association had the pleasure of a visit from Ober, the Travelling College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. During his stay, Mr. Ober held several

meetings, and explained the methods employed in Y. M. C. A. work in the different colleges he had visited. Mr. Ober's visit was greatly enjoyed, and many of the members of the Association were strengthened and helped by it.

A visit was also received from Mr. Campbell, formerly tutor in this University. He conveyed to the members of the Association the greetings of the boys at McGill College, at which he was last winter a student, and told how the McGill Association was getting on. A new feature in the Y. M. C. A. work at this University was instituted this session, namely, the carrying on of a Bible Training Class. This class, which was held on Sabbath afternoons in the Halifax Y. M. C. A. building, was attended by about a dozen students. The object aimed at was to obtain a good knowledge of the Scriptures with a special view to employing this knowledge in practical work. Altogether this winter has been a prosperous one for the Association, and the officers and members have great reason to thank God and take courage.

GLEE CLUB.—On the morning of Convocation day a committee of the Dalhousie Glee Club waited on Mr. Penny in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A., when Mr. Frazee, on behalf of the Club, conveyed their thanks to Mr. Penny for his valuable services in connection with the Club, and his untiring efforts to make it a success. At the same time he presented Mr. Penny with a beautiful gold headed cane, the gift of the Club. The cane bore the inscription, "G. B. Penny, from Dalhousie Glee Club, 1887." Mr. Penny replied briefly thanking them for their kindness on this occasion as well as for the interest they took in everything connected with the Glee Club, and expressed the hope that it would be still more successful in the years to come.

ON Monday, the 25th of April, the members of the Athletic Association met in the Law School, 1st Vice-President, J. E. Creighton, in the Chair. After hearing the reports of the various committees they proceeded to elect the following officers for the ensuing year:—

Hon. President.....PRES. FORREST, D.D.
1st Vice-President.....WILLIAM BROWN.
2nd " ".....AULAY MORRISON.
Secretary.....GEO. PATTERSON.
Asst. Secretary.....D. K. GRANT.
Treasurer.....GEO. MILLAR.

The following members, Albert McNeil, D. K. Grant, and Gordon Laird, were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with the above named officers.

A committee of five was also appointed to decide upon the new colors of the Club, and to procure new jerseys for the coming autumn. They were also empowered to negotiate for suitable grounds for foot-ball. The meeting then adjourned.

IMMEDIATELY after the adjournment of the meeting of the Athletic Association a general student meeting was called, V. Coffin in the chair. The reports of the different committees were first heard, and here a committee of twelve were appointed in order to make arrangements for the procuring of a new cover for the GAZETTE. There being no other business to transact the meeting adjourned.

DR. FORREST but voiced the sentiments of every student of this University, we feel assured, when at the farewell meeting on Sabbath evening, the 24th inst., he informally conveyed to the members of the Y. M. C. Association of this city, the sincere and heartfelt thanks of the students for the great kindness they had received at the hands of the Society during the term just closed.

The invaluable privilege of free admission to the Society's well-stocked Reading Room is one that has been very generally embraced both by Arts and Law Students.

Many, moreover, have availed themselves of the further privilege of consulting the excellent library in connection with the Institution. In addition to this the Society very generously, in March last, held a Reception for the purpose of enabling its members to become more fully acquainted with our boys, and too much cannot be said of their kindness on that occasion. We are confident that all these kind deeds will live within the memory of the recipients, and result not only in creating a lasting friendship for the members of the Y. M. C. A., but also in the extension of the Society's best interests.

Once more, then, on behalf of our students, we tender the worthy President, John S. Maclean, Esq., and the members associated with him, the thanks and the cordial good wishes of the Dalhousie boys.

THE WADDELL PRIZE.—J. Waddell, B. Sc. Ph. D., again offers a prize of the value of \$10 in books for the best article published in the DALHOUSIE GAZETTE during the session 1887-88. The prize will be subject to the following conditions:—

1. All alumnists and registered students of this University (whether in Arts, Law, or Medicine) for the session 1887-88 shall be entitled to compete.

2. Articles must be written in prose, may be on any subject, and must not exceed in length four columns of the GAZETTE.

3. Articles intended for competition must be in the hands of the editors of the GAZETTE before the 1st day of February, 1888.

4. Articles intended for competition shall become the property of the editors of the GAZETTE.

5. Should any student who has contributed papers desire to withdraw a paper from the list of competing articles he may do so by notifying the editors in or before April 1st, 1888.

Dr. Alexander, Professor of English Literature in this University, has kindly consented to be examiner.

Two Law students have kindly offered a second prize to the amount of \$5 subject to the same conditions as above.

As already announced, Rev. S. McNaughton, of Preston, England, has again offered a prize of \$5 for the best poem appearing in the GAZETTE during the session of 1887-88, subject to the same conditions as in the previous year.

PERSONALS.

Graduating class of '87.

MISS FORBES goes to teach at Great Village.

DONALD FRASER will be at his home in Pictou.

MISS McNEIL will be at home during the summer.

A. F. STEWART will be at home in Pictou.

MISS RITCHIE will be at her home in Halifax.

J. J. BUCHANAN will study law in Sydney during the summer.

W. S. CALKIN will continue the study of chemistry in the Normal School Laboratory, Truro, and likely blow his head off.

W. R. CAMPBELL will take charge of the Maitland Schools.

F. I. COOPS will spend the summer at home preparing for grade A.

J. E. CREIGHTON will be found at home anxiously waiting until the foot-ball season comes around.

VICTOR COFFIN will be at home preparing for grade A., excepting an occasional run to see the girls.

M. J. McLEOD will do nothing for the first part of the summer, and will then go to Edinburgh to study medicine.

W. G. PUTNAM will shortly sail for Edinburgh to study medicine.

H. C. SHAW and J. C. SHAW will go home and spend the summer in hunting, fishing, and the like. No doubt we will hear of a ten pound trout being caught one of these days.

PROFESSORS.

PROFESSOR JOHNSON has sailed for the Continent, and will visit Italy and other places.

PROFESSOR SETH will return to Edinburgh for the summer.

PRESIDENT FORREST will visit different parts of the Province in interest of the new building.

DR. WELDON returns to Ottawa to attend Parliament.

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