

## SOME ACADIA DATES



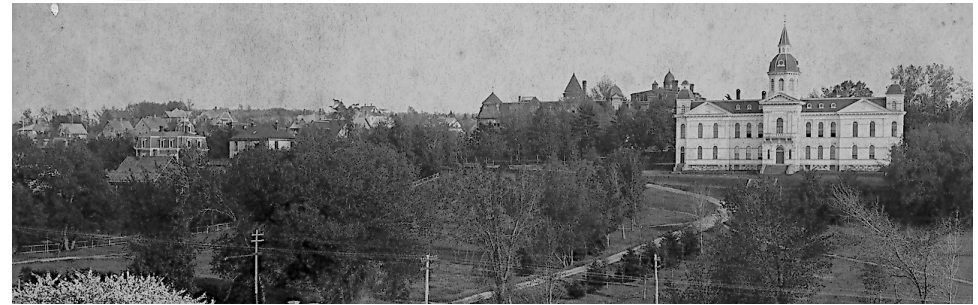
*Acadia Farm*

- 1828 Founding of Horton Academy
- 1838 Founding of Acadia College, first known as 'Queen's College'
- 1839 21 January first classes of Acadia
- 1843 Beginning of construction of first College Hall
- 1851 Dr. J. M. Cramp becomes President
- 1861 Acadia (Ladies') Seminary opened, Alice Shaw, Head
- 1869 Dr. A. W. Sawyer becomes fourth President
- 1877 2 December: burning down of first College Hall
- 1897 Dr. Thomas Trotter becomes fifth President
- 1907 Dr. W. B. Hutchinson becomes sixth President
- 1910 Dr. George B. Cutten becomes seventh President
- 1914 Construction of Whitman Hall
- 1920 2 December (same day date as first) Burning of the second College Hall
- 1923 Dr. F. W. Patterson becomes eighth President
- 1948 Dr. Watson Kirkconnell becomes ninth President
- 1962 The Rev'd Frank becomes University Chaplain
- 1963 Manning Memorial Chapel opened and dedicated
- 1964 The Rev'd Dr. I. Judson Levy becomes University Chaplain
- 1975 The Rev'd Gordon Delaney becomes University Chaplain
- 1985 The Rev'd Dr. Roger H. Prentice becomes University Chaplain
- 2001 An Extension is added to the East End of the chapel
- 2002 The Rev'd Virginia Cookman becomes Assistant University Chaplain
- 2007 The Rev'd Timothy McFarland becomes University Chaplain
- 2019 The Rev'd Dr. Roger H. Prentice becomes University Chaplain (Acting)

# The Chapel Times

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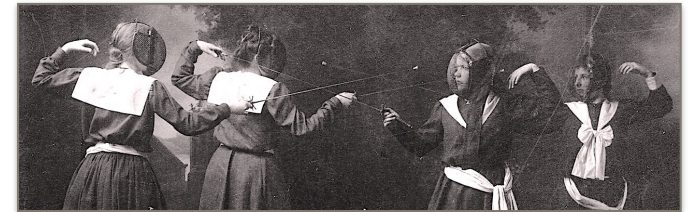
## ANNIVERSARY DAY



Although this year it was a quiet celebration, last Friday was 181 years after people came to Horton (as Wolfville was then named) and made a momentous decision. They voted, not without worry and concern, to expand their Horton Academy and establish a new University. This would be a revolutionary university: it would be open to everyone regardless of their religious denomination.

What we take for granted today was certainly not in 1838. The other universities in the Province demanded that entrants be of a certain denominational membership. Acadia (the first name chosen was 'Queen's College', in honour of Queen Victoria's coming to the throne in 1837 and her coronation in the auspicious year 1838) was determined to be inclusive. She remains so to this day.

This did not mean that the faith was left behind. Daily chapel services were mandatory for all students and faculty. Nevertheless, even these were always inclusive for all Christians. The University President conducted them each morning. Students were required to wear academic gowns not only to chapel but to all classes.



## RETURN OF THE NATIVE



**Acadia Ladies Seminary.**  
Reprinted from Longley.

Denominationalism was left to the town churches, and students were expected to attend them each Sunday.

There were 'chapel rooms' set aside in both previous College Halls (as they were called then) where the daily services were held. Eventually, these became too small so the services were conducted in the 'Assembly Hall' (and later, 'Convocation Hall' in the third building). The first University Chaplain (termed 'University Pastor') was in 1930, Dr. Charles Wellington Rose.

Last Friday, the chapel recognized this heritage at the Morning Chapel service. At tonight's service a 'Hymn to Acadia' concludes the service as a mark of respect for our history and heritage.



*Helen Chase?, Mary Brown,  
Kathleen King, Mary  
Lawrence?, and two  
unidentified women. 1923*

The University Chaplain (Acting) came back to Wolfville after a lovely tour of the Western Mediterranean aboard the Queen Victoria (note the above article) and visits with friends from their time at Oxford University of 40 years ago. This concluded with a stay in London and seeing the superb Canadian musical, *Come From Away*, which has been playing in London since last January. It is also playing presently in Toronto and New York.



The chaplain visited Southampton, UK, Cadiz and Saville, Spain, Valencia and Cartagena (Spain), Florence and Rome (Italy), and Gibraltar, taking tours of each place where the ship docked. The Cunard Lines began with Samuel Cunard who was born in Halifax. As a child of South End Halifax, the chaplain witnessed many Cunard ships sailing in and out of Halifax Harbour. He especially recalls seeing the last sailing of the *Aquitania*, the last for the 'four-stackers', before it's scarping.

The chaplain is most grateful to the Rev'd Dr. John Churchill for assuming the duties whilst this inter-regnum took place. He has been a long-time close friend of the chaplain and, indeed, in 1985, mostly responsible for him being invited to take this position. He is also grateful for the help which the Rev'd John Boyd, another old Acadia friend and the Rev'd Dr. William Brackney, former Professor of Acadia University and friend of the chaplain.

