

The Mount Allison ACADEMIC GAZETTE.

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Two years and a half have elapsed since the preceding number of the Academic Gazette was issued, during which time the Institution has continued in successful operation.

A Catalogue of its Officers and Students was published at the end of the first year of that period; from which it appeared that there had been ninety-seven Students in attendance in the Male Branch, and one hundred and fourteen in the Female Branch, in the course of the Academic Year which ended June 1858.

Since then one hundred and thirty-nine Students, whose names may be found on the fourth page of this number of the Gazette, have been connected with the Classes in the Male Branch,—of whom one hundred and three were Boarders or Resident Students, and thirty-six Day Scholars; fifty-eight were in attendance the Term which began August 12, 1858; seventy-three, the Term which began Nov. 18, 1858; sixty-seven, the Term which began Feb. 24, 1859; sixty-seven, the Term which began July 28, 1859; and eighty-six up to the present time in the current year. The average age of the Students has been between seventeen and eighteen years.

The following is a statement of the number of Students in the different Branches of Study during the eighteen months, viz.; in

Geography.....	65	Mensuration, &c.....	35
English Grammar.....	77	Land Surveying, &c.....	12
Arithmetic.....	87	Geometry.....	13
History.....	19	Trigonometrical Analysis.....	7
Book-keeping.....	31	Calculus, &c.....	4
Physical Geography.....	12	Rhetoric.....	10
Natural History.....	8	Mental Philosophy.....	8
Chemistry.....	14	Logic.....	3
Natural Philosophy.....	27	Moral Philosophy.....	6
Physiology.....	8	Evidences of Christianity.....	11
Natural Theology.....	5	French Language.....	46
Astronomy.....	11	Latin Language.....	60
Algebra.....	40	Greek Language.....	35

From a Catalogue of the Female Branch which has been recently published it appears that the total number of Students in it since the publication of the Catalogue, in June, 1858, has been one hundred and fifty-two. From this Catalogue we copy the following statement of the "Number of Pupils in different studies":—

ELEMENTARY.		NATURAL SCIENCES.	
Reading.....	86	Natural Philosophy.....	63
English Grammar.....	78	Physiology.....	15
Geography.....	40	Chemistry.....	50
Pennmanship.....	130	Geology.....	34
English Analysis.....	36	Botany.....	44
English History.....	55	Astronomy.....	33
Universal History.....	35	Natural Theology.....	20
Physical Geography.....	41	SCIENCES.	
Composition.....	140	Mental Philosophy.....	18
MATHEMATICS.		Moral Philosophy.....	8
Arithmetic.....	97	Logic and Rhetoric.....	20
Algebra.....	53	MUSIC.	
Geometry.....	18	Instrumental.....	125
Trigonometry.....	10	Vocal.....	100
MODERN LANGUAGES.		FINE ARTS.	
French.....	73	Drawing.....	36
German.....	17	Oil Painting.....	27
ANCIENT LANGUAGES.		Colored Crayon.....	36
Latin.....	37	Black do.....	26
Greek.....	16	Mono chromatic.....	11
		Water Colors.....	12
		Grecian Painting.....	9
		Oriental Painting.....	21
		Wax Flowers.....	23
		Wax Fruit.....	22

At the present time the daily attendance in the two Branches, being about equal in each, is about one hundred and seventy;—a number which, although it falls considerably below that of either of the two years which immediately followed the opening of the Female Branch, when the average daily attendance in each was more than a hundred, is regarded, in view of the long continued depression of the times which is yet so severely felt in many parts of the country, as highly encouraging. Still we think a slightly increased manifestation of zeal, a little special exertion on the part of the loyal Alumni and other true-hearted friends of the Institution in truthfully representing the superior advantages which Students may here enjoy would ensure to us ever crowded halls even in hard times. We take the liberty of respectfully intimating to these friends that although we have a larger number of Students this winter in the elder Branch of the Institution than we have had for some time past, yet we can find comfortable accommodation for fifteen or twenty more. Surely there are more than this number of young men scattered through these Provinces for whom arrangements ought in some way to be made, to give them access to the educational privileges which this Institution is prepared to afford them.

We find by looking over the School records that nearly a thousand (986) different individuals have been connected with the Classes of the elder Branch of the Institution since it was opened, with six Students, January 19th, 1843. The average length of time spent in the Institution has been about one year and a half. The average attendance for each of the forty Terms already past has been between eighty-two and eighty-three.

We should wish for the sake of the country, as well as the Students themselves, that the average length of time spent in the Institution could be very much extended, and also that the average attendance hereafter should be at least a hundred.

ALEXANDER S. REID, ESQ.

This gentleman, who has been employed in the Academy for many years as Teacher of French and Assistant in Classics, dissolved his connection with it a few weeks since, in order to take charge of an Academy in St. John's, Newfoundland.

By some re-arrangement and re-division of the work of Instruction among the other Officers, and the partial employment of two of the Students belonging to the Collegiate Department as Assistant Teachers in the lower Departments, adequate provision has been made for the instruction, during the remainder of the current Academic Year, of the Classes which Mr. Reid had usually taught.

The vacancy which his retirement has occasioned in the Faculty will doubtless be filled up at the Annual Board Meeting, by the election of some suitable person.

It is hoped that one of the most promising of the Alumni of the Academy who, having completed its full course of study and having efficiently served as an Assistant Teacher here two years, then spent two years in one of the most respectable Universities of the United States, where he took the highest literary standing in his Classes, and graduated with distinguished honor, and who is now Principal of a flourishing Academy in Stansted, Canada East, may be induced to allow himself to be put in nomination for the vacant office.

THE LATE CHAS. F. ALLISON, ESQ.

Although long months have passed away since the Institution was subjected to the sore bereavement which it suffered in the death of its magnificent Founder and untiring Benefactor on Saturday afternoon, the 20th November, 1858, we can even now scarcely refer to the event which is so distressing, especially to those who had been most intimately associated with him in building up the Institution which he founded, and to establishing which he devoted so much of the most valuable portion of his life, without emotions overwhelmingly distressing. The relation which he sustained to the Institution and to all who were connected with it was such as no other individual can ever sustain. His re-