

## A VISIT TO THE ACADEMY.

**P**ICTOU Academy is beautifully situated on a hill overlooking the town of the same name. It commands a fine view of the harbour, which can be seen most advantageously from the tower of the building.

The Academy is built of brick, and a very good representation of it may be seen in the cut on the last page of the cover of this periodical. This picture represents a view of the institution as seen from Patterson Street.

Let us now enter the building and knock at Room No. 1. Very soon a gentleman responds, who is introduced to us as Prof. Mackay, the Principal; and, as it is a little after the hour of twelve p. m. we find ourselves in the presence of the Advanced or Fourth Year Class, which is always in this room at this hour. The class is composed of twenty-two (22) intelligent looking young men. Some of them are preparing for Grade A. Provincial Licenses; others for the coming examinations at Dalhousie College for the acquisition of the Munro Exhibitions and Bursaries.

After giving the class a few problems on the Theory of Equations in Algebra, and examining it in Practical Chemistry and Determinative Mineralogy, in Science, the Principal conducts us across the hall to Room No. 2, where we are introduced to Prof. Mellish. In this room we find the Junior or First Year Class, having an enrolment of forty-nine (49) students.

A few questions in Arithmetic, and Geometry are readily solved after which we proceed upstairs, and, "keeping to our right" the next class-room we arrive at is No. 10. In this room we make the acquaintance of Prof. Gammell and the Senior or Third Year Class, which is attended by sixty-six (66) students. While here we are gratified by the eloquent reading of Shakespeare and we also hear the description of many Ancient and Modern Historical events. Here we find students making preparation for Grade "B" Provincial Licenses, and for the Entrance Examinations to the Royal Military College at Kingston; McGill College, Montreal; Medical College at Halifax; and also for the Preliminary Law Examinations at Halifax.

We now cross the hall to Room No. 11, and entering, we become acquainted with Prof. Fraser and the Intermediate or Second Year Class, which has an attendance of 73 students. After this class has displayed itself in Latin, Greek and French to the entire satisfaction of professor, we return to the hall, where we examine the collections of Mounted Birds and insects, the former numbering over 200 and the latter over 2000 specimens. Spending half an hour here, we now proceed to the Museum where we spend another half hour, feasting our eyes upon the almost innumerable number of curiosities and relics here collected.

We now ascend another flight of stairs and enter Room No. 15, which we perceive to be the Art Room. This apartment is the largest in the