

Mr Dawson was succeeded in his office of Superintendent of Education by the Rev. Alexander Forrester, D. D., and during the Legislative session of 1853, a measure was passed, in the affirmative, for the endowment of a Provincial Normal School, to be established at Truro, of which the Superintendent of Education was to be Principal. Accordingly, in the autumn of 1855, the Institution was opened, and it has been in vigorous operation ever since. Model Schools have since been connected with the Seminary for training Pupil Teachers, and the whole establishment is now in a most efficient and promising state. Dr Forrester is eminently the "right man in the right place," and if his hands be duly strengthened for the great work in which he is engaged, by the popular voice expressed through their representatives in Provincial Parliament, as well as directly, he will ere long place the common schools of Nova Scotia upon such a footing as will secure to our youths all the advantages arising from a sound physical, mental, and moral Education.

In justice to the gentlemen who have from the opening of the Institution down to the close of the last session, acted as Dr Forrester's subordinate officers, in the Pupil Teacher's department, namely Messrs Mulholland and Randall, it ought to be stated that they have very ably supported the learned Doctor in conducting the affairs of the Institution.

It is to be regretted that the last named gentleman has recently considered it necessary to resign his situation. The cause is not yet made public, but it is to be hoped that one whom hundreds of his former pupils, including the author, justly esteem, on account of the invaluable instructions received from him, and the uniform kindness with which these instructions were given, has acted from a sense of duty both to himself and the Institution. At the same time it is to be hoped that another, equally well qualified will be found to occupy the important place left vacant by his retirement, and that the Institution will continue to be worked efficiently and harmoniously throughout all its departments.

One thing more is imperatively demanded to place the educational institutions of our country on a broad and firm basis, and to give the desired efficiency to the Normal School, and that is **GENERAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF EDUCATION.**

Besides the Normal and Model Schools, there is at Truro, a very efficient Seminary belonging to the Presbyterian body, so that Truro may be considered to be the Literary metropolis of the province—in fact, it is so styled.

There are many facilities for obtaining education of a higher class. Grammar Schools or academies, in which the classics and the higher branches of English education are taught, exist in nearly all the towns,