

ABSTRACT OF DR. COGSWELL'S PAPER.

DR. COGSWELL read a paper "*On the kind of Education best suited for Nova Scotia.*"

There had long been a depressed state of feeling prevailing in the Province with regard to its climate and resources, which the author attributed chiefly to the circumstance that the education of the people had not been of the best kind to make them acquainted with their own country, in consequence of which they had been governed by opinions emanating from the other side of the Atlantic, where the education was also defective as conveying but very slender information respecting the Colonies. In proof of this he referred to the school histories and geographies imported from England and commonly used in the Province, but treating so slightly of the Colonies that of late it was the practice to supply their deficiencies by special treatises; and yet these were the guides deemed sufficient in the mother country, so that there an individual might arrive at the highest honors of Oxford and Cambridge, without necessarily knowing anything of the various countries composing the empire, and which he might, in due course, aspire to rule over. In this Province our education had been framed on the English model, Windsor being our Oxford, where the leading and, till lately, the sole ambition, was to shine in the classics and mathematics. The author gave due credit to the eminent founders of Windsor College, a kind of institution necessary to qualify the few for the study of the learned professions; and he also thought it not desirable to interfere with the other denominational col-