

CLOSING OF DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

Dalhousie College closed, on Wednesday April 28th, one of its most successful sessions. The number of graduates was larger than ever before, twenty seven in all, viz. in Arts, 14, in Science 1, (a lady) and in Law, 13.

The prospects of the institution are better than ever before.

The old college has been sold to the city of Halifax for \$25,000 and a lot for a new building. Sir. Wm. Young has given \$20,000 to the Building Fund, and the new building is to be proceeded with immediately.

Our Synod while providing in former days as best it could for both the Secular and Theological training of its students, has always held that the higher branches of secular education should be given by the Province. Her dream of a non-sectarian Provincial University is becoming more and more a reality.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF P. E. I.

Met in St. James' Hall, Charlottetown, April 1st.

Rev. Mr. Grant accepted the call from Cow Bay, C. B.

Rev. J. G. Cameron was appointed to preach at Mt. Stewart, and moderate in a call to Rev. A. B. McLeod.

The following delegates were chosen to General Assembly, viz.: Messrs. A. F. Carr, A. Raulston, R. McLean, E. Gillies, A. McLean, and J. McLeod of Strathalbyn, Ministers, and Messrs. C. Craig, J. Clay, Wm. McDonald, A. Brown, J. McLaine, and Hon. K. Henderson, Elders.

PRES. OF P. E. I.

Met at E. S. Peters, Mar. 15.

Mr. J. W. McKenzie was ordained and inducted in the pastoral charge of the congregations, Mr. Raulston preaching, Mr. Archibald addressing the minister and Mr. J. W. McLeod the congregation.

Rev. Mr. Carruthers presented the report of the committee appointed to confer with the directors of the PROTESTANT UNION, with the view of effecting certain changes in the editorial management of that paper. He intimated that the directors had cordially agreed to the proposed modifications in the editorial management

of that paper and recommended that the Presbytery extend to the paper its moral support. The report was adopted.

With the view of visiting congregations Presbyterially, it was agreed that the Presbytery be divided into two committees, viz.; Eastern to embrace Charlottetown and all the congregations, lying to the east—Rev. Mr. Cameron convener; and the Western to embrace all the congregations west of Charlottetown—Rev. Geo. McMillan, convener.

It was agreed to apply to the H. M. Board for the services of Messrs. J. R. Coffin, Thomas Corbet and J. M. McLeod, catechists, during the ensuing summer.

A letter was read from Rev. J. A. McLean, declining the call from Mount Stewart and West St. Peter's

PRESBYTERY OF LUNENBURG AND
SHELburne.

Met at Lunenburg, April 20th.

Rev. A. Brown's resignation of New Dublin was accepted, to take effect April 25th.

Mr. Simpson was appointed Interim Moderator of Session.

The Clerk submitted the report of Presbytery on Statistics, showing nine pastoral changes, and one Mission Station.

The contributions to the schemes of the church for 1885 were as follows:

Lunenburg.....	\$387
Riversdale.....	69
New Dublin.....	43
LaHave.....	163
Shelburne.....	100
Mahone Bay.....	111
Lockeport and East Jordan.....	54
Clyde and Barrington.....	71
Bridgewater.....	147
The Rocks (mission station).....	12

Total \$1157

or more than double the amount given within the same bounds eight years ago.

Childhood is a most fertile part of the vine-yard of the Lord. The seed which is planted there, vegetates very soon, and the weeds that spring up are often eradicated. It is in fact in every respect an easy and a pleasant spot to till, and the flowers and fruit, which with proper effort will bloom and ripen there, surpass all others in richness and beauty.—Abbott.