

Law and Physic will present themselves for examination at the time appointed for the annual examination.

The Senate have likewise prescribed a science course, and a resolution has been tabled for consideration at the next meeting with a view of committing the University to the duty of providing for examinations in technical studies.

The zeal with which all entered on the discharge of their various duties is of itself sufficient to shew that the establishment of the University provided for a felt want; and, now that the rough work connected with its inauguration is pretty well completed, its friends are justified in indulging the hope that the object with which the University was established will be fully realized, and the interests of higher education so conducive to the advancement and prosperity of a people, by its means, materially advanced.

The past year has been a season of considerable commercial depression felt in all branches of business, and in almost every section of the Province. In many instances rate-payers have been slow to vote the money required, and many schools have continued through the year with but few manifestations of vigor and growth, yet it is gratifying to know that Trustees, upon whom rests the duty of carrying the work forward, have not relaxed in their effort, nor has their zeal slackened. No backward steps have been taken. No opposition of a serious character has been experienced, and little disposition to offer factious hindrance has been manifest. On the whole, we can say, with entire confidence, that notwithstanding all drawbacks and discouragements, the public schools of the Province were never as prosperous as at the present time. They are more decidedly in favor with parents and rate-payers, are better managed, Trustees are coming to understand their work better, and, as seen in the table of expenditure, sections by their own voluntary assessments, are making more liberal contributions for the better sustentation of the school. The commercial depression so severely felt will, it is hoped, soon have passed, and with better business, will come an increase of means for the further expansion of our educational influences, and consequently for an enlarged blessing to the country.

For more minute information on the several particular branches of our operations and expenditure, I beg to refer to the Tables and Inspectors' Reports as printed in the appendices. The Inspectors' Reports in particular should not be passed by without a careful reading, as they contain information relating to each County in particular, and present the views of those who are daily engaged in working out our educational scheme. I beg to acknowledge the valuable aid afforded me at all times by these gentlemen, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to their zeal and devotedness in the cause intrusted to their supervision.