

We are not now at liberty to mention the name of this truly enlightened philanthropist. He is a comparatively young man,—a "merchant prince," a Christian patriot,—who in these days of extraordinary business prosperity would duly recognise his responsibility as a steward of God, and make such investment of the profits of his enterprises as shall be most advantageous for society and pleasing to Heaven. Well would it be for themselves and the world if all who are in danger, in consequence of becoming rich, would act as wisely.

A suitable Hall will doubtless be erected with all convenient speed, which will, when finished, leave nothing to be desired in the way of buildings at Mount Allison, for the present at least. We hope the new edifice will bear the name of the generous-hearted man through whose well-timed liberality it is to be brought into existence. The influence of such examples as that given by the worthy Founder of the Institution, and this which we are now allowed to record, must prove beneficial to Society. Let the memory of these then be perpetuated!

Endowment Fund, &c.

The following article was published in the *Provincial Wesleyan* of the 21st July last. The result of the exertions made by the agents therein named, up to the present time, is the obtaining of additional subscriptions to the amount of more than three thousand pounds. Arrangements for the farther prosecution of the business of such an agency during the ensuing year will doubtless be made in due season. In the meanwhile, persons wishing to obtain scholarships may make application to either of the District Agents, or to the Treasurer of the Academy. The price of a Scholarship is twenty-five pounds, New Brunswick currency, which may be paid one half in June and one half in December, 1854.

The attention of the public is respectfully, but at the same time, very urgently, invited to the following explanations and statements relative to our educational interests in these Provinces:

Education, in the proper sense of the word—*far-reaching, right-principled, religiously conducted education*—is a pressing necessity of our race, and especially in this age. And facilities for acquiring such an education at all extensive—such an education as will form our youth into men and women for the times—can be secured neither at home, nor yet in the immediate neighbourhood of most of the homes of a country such as these Colonies constitute.

If then, the youth of these Provinces are to have the advantages of a high course of educational training, proper arrangements must be made to secure it for them, away from their own families. Institutions must be established and maintained which will afford all desirable facilities for a thorough course of intellectual training, and at the same time make adequate provision for the guardianship and efficient supervision of youth who are away from the influence of home and the immediate care of their parents.

The following things are necessary for such an Institution: 1. Buildings sufficiently commodious to afford a comfortable, convenient, and pleasing common residence for all the members of the Academic family, and also suitable apartments for Library, Laboratory, Lecture and Class Rooms, &c. 2. Furniture, Books, Maps, Philosophical, Chemical, and Astronomical apparatus, &c., &c. 3. A sufficient staff of *properly qualified, rightly disposed* Officers, to accomplish all the purposes of ceaseless supervision, efficient control, and thorough instruction.

And in order that the privileges of such an Institution may be within the reach of the greater number, there should be some sources of permanent income to aid in meeting the current expenditure, so that the ordinary expense of students may be as low as possible.

To secure these objects it is evident that a very considerable amount of money is indispensable.

With the leading facts in the history of the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy, up to the present time, the public are doubtless already somewhat familiar. Through the enlightened, wisely directed, and never-to-be-forgotten Christian philanthropy of Charles P. Allison, Esquire, aided by generous donations from numerous friends of education in these Districts, and the continued Annual Grants made by the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Legislatures, the Academy for Males, which was opened in 1843, has been maintained in successful operation now more than ten years. In this time more than five hundred different individuals, collected from almost every part of the lower British North American Colonies, have been

connected with its classes, and have here pursued, during periods varying from less than a single term to five or six years, courses of study more or less extensive. The total expenditure up to the 31st December last, had been between twenty-eight and twenty-nine thousand pounds, of which a sum of more than ten thousand pounds had been invested in the necessary buildings, furniture, apparatus, &c., &c., so remaining a fixed capital, for carrying on the business educational in the future.

These facts demonstrate that such an Institution was needed, and also that its establishment and support were practicable. It has, however, been long seen and felt that the provision for Academic Education, for which the Wesleyan Church in these provinces was responsible, was only half made, at the most, when arrangements had been perfected for the training of only the sons of our families and friends. Hence, at the united meeting of all the Preachers of these Districts, and several of the leading lay friends from different places, which was held in this place in June 1847, a resolution was unanimously adopted—declaring that an Academy for Females, similar to the one then in existence for Males, was necessary, and acknowledging our Church responsibility for making early provision to meet this necessity. A Committee was then appointed to conduct a correspondence in relation thereto, and I suppose, to watch the openings of Providence. Early in the following year Mr. Allison intimated to this Committee his willingness to contribute one thousand pounds towards the foundation for a Branch Institution for Females, to be established here; and other friends in this neighbourhood, upon being called upon, seconded his offer, and subscribed to the amount of about another thousand pounds. But although those upon whom the responsibility of determining what should be done under these circumstances, promptly decided to accept these generous offers, yet owing to the business depression, and other discouragements of the times which followed before the preliminary arrangements could be completed, it was not judged expedient to bring the matter formally before our friends in other places, so as to give them the opportunity of determining whether the work of establishing such an Institution here should be undertaken or not, until last year. In the months of June and July, 1852, the subject was submitted for the consideration of some of our friends in the Halifax, St. John and Charlottetown Circuits; and they so promptly and so encouragingly gave their hearty sanction to the proposed undertaking, that the Board of Trustees regarded it as their duty to proceed at once with the erection of a suitable edifice. Contracts were accordingly entered into, last autumn, with competent parties, and the work of the erection is now rapidly progressing. But, to ensure the completion of the design, and the comfortable maintenance of the Institution in both its Branches and all its Departments, the hearty co-operation and support of all the friends of our Church, and of Education generally throughout the three Districts, must be obtained. This united co-operation the Board of Trustees have confidently counted upon, feeling assured that when properly called for, it would be cheerfully yielded.

The time having now come when this co-operation is required, Agents are to be simultaneously employed, with the consent and under the direction of the respective Chairmen in the three Districts, to bring the subject as soon and as generally as possible before our friends in every Circuit. The Rev. JOHN ALLISON, of the New Brunswick District; the Rev. JOHN McMURRAY, of the Nova Scotia West District; and the Rev. J. HENRY STANN, of the Nova Scotia East and Prince Edward Island District, are already engaged for this service, and they are to enter at once upon the work of the Agency in their several Districts.

This article is only designed to introduce them as the appointed Agents for the accomplishment of a purpose of prime importance to the successful prosecution of the enterprise to which we as a people seem to be so honorably called. On behalf of the Institution, the Church, the youth of both sexes in our provinces, and the general interests of education, we would most respectfully bespeak for them a favorable reception everywhere, and an attentive consideration of the well founded claims for assistance which they will urge, we hope successfully, upon every person to whom they may find access. If this is granted all that is desired will, we are confident, be secured.

What is considered desirable is that an Endowment Fund of at least from eight to ten thousand pounds should be secured to aid in the permanent support of the United Institution. And upon the terms upon which the Agents are authorized to receive subscriptions, investments, by our friends in the three Districts, amounting in the aggregate to this sum would certainly be wise and safe,—profitable to all parties concerned—the Institution and the Public, Families and the Church, Parents and Children.

Signed by order of the Executive Committee.

H. PICKARD.

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