

four hundred dollars (\$400) per annum to two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) per annum, but the yearly grant to Horton Collegiate Academy has been withholden, so that the actual increase has been but one thousand dollars. While this distribution of public money for educational purposes is as yet far from being either fair or equitable still it is the best that can be expected at the present time.

The condition of the bestowal of all these grants, both to Acadia College and other Collegiate institutions is, that they shall cease and determine at the end of five years.

UNIVERSITY OF HALIFAX.

By an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, at its last session, an Examining University, bearing the above title, has been constituted, designed to be somewhat similar in plan and operation to the University of London. It possesses power to confer degrees in every department of Arts and Sciences, except Theology. At present, it will establish no classes of its own, but simply examine candidates sent up from the respective Colleges, named in the Act, or candidates who shall matriculate at the University of Halifax, and by any means they think proper, pursue the course of study requisite for the degrees required.

Certificates according to merit of either class of the above candidates shall be conferred or withholden, under the Charter of said University.

It will be observed, that in the Act whereby said University is created, the various Colleges are intended to be connected with the University in two ways: 1st, By making any such graduates of former years, of the several institutions, as may desire it, members of convocation. 2nd, By the projected establishment of curriculum, or course of study, for the various degrees in which these Colleges are expected to concur.

It has *not* been deemed advisable to *ask* the concurrence of the governing bodies of the several Colleges to sanction, by a formal act, the proceedings of the founders of the new University. Nevertheless, in June last, an application was presented from the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, requesting your Board to nominate two persons, to be appointed by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, as members of the Senate of said University. As such a nomination might be considered to imply the acquiescence of your Board in the proceedings by which the University of Halifax was instituted, it was deemed advisable, courteously to decline taking any action in the premises until the views and feelings of the members of this Convention could be ascertained. It appears, however, that the Government, unwilling to make further delay, proceeded to appoint the Senate, naming five gentlemen connected with the Baptist denomination, as Fellows. Thus the matter stands. A Committee has been appointed by your Board to carefully consider the subject and suggest a course of action. Their report will be placed before you.

HORTON ACADEMY.

The reference made last year to the failure in amending the Act of Incorporation whereby Horton Collegiate Academy is placed under