

prefer attending other Institutions where greater facilities for advancement are afforded at no greater cost.

The remarks of Mr. Morse apply with equal force to all the County Academies, which are but High Schools in the County towns in which they are situated; nor are these observations of Inspectors made in disparagement of Head Masters, many of whom are among our best instructors, and, as far as possible under the circumstances in which they are placed, are exercising upon the section where they teach a healthful influence. But I must give utterance to a fact which, although stated in a former Report, needs nevertheless to be repeated,—namely that County Academies are not occupying the place they were designed to fill in our educational scheme. Persons living a few miles distant from a school house, must necessarily board their children from home whilst they are attending school, and the expense thus incurred will be as large as it would be were they at some of our higher institutions, where the appliances for education are, in every respect, of a superior character. No doubt these Academies are doing a good work in the sections where they are located; but outside of these, as a rule, their influence is scarcely felt. The remedy for this is to bring them up to a higher standard, by making them equal to the Special Academies; and if this cannot be done, let them be resolved into a few institutions located in the most central parts of the Province, as then, the means now distributed among the whole, being more concentrated, would secure better results with no additional outlay.

In this connection, I have to state that those Counties where Colleges are situated, are by law deprived of free Academic institutions. It may be suggested that the law might be, in some way, modified, so as to provide a remedy for this defect in our School System. Counties having Colleges should assuredly have Academies, which, as Collegiate Schools, may become feeders to the Colleges. I cannot but think that such counties have a first claim to Academic Institutions.—I would instance the counties of Halifax, Hants, and Kings.

COLLEGES.

Table XIX in the Appendix, exhibiting the state of the six Nova Scotian Colleges, is surely not void of interest, and no doubt will be scanned by the friends of Collegiate education with much care. From this table it appears that there are, at the present time, 210 matriculated students in all these six Colleges, inclusive of 26 medical students in Dalhousie. There are also 88 students taking partial