

blame for the former, and the temporary character of the certificates of many teachers has much to do with the latter. This is being gradually remedied, and, as the number of permanent certificates increases, will no doubt become less and less.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A Teachers' Association for Annapolis County was organized at Lawrencetown, on the 29th ult., under the superintendence of L. S. Morso, Esq., A. M., Inspector of Schools for District No. 4. The programme of exercises was varied and interesting, and the proceedings throughout in the highest degree acceptable. Next month's notes will contain a detailed report.

The Provincial *Journal of Education* for April contains the text of the Educational Act passed at the recent Session of the Legislature. In addition to minor amendments, it introduces important changes respecting the duties of Commissioners and the power of Inspectors. The grants to County Academies are to be henceforth to a certain extent conditioned on the amount raised by local effort.

It is announced that henceforth the tests of Examination for each Grade of License will be uniform for all classes of candidates. For a few years past, Graduates of Colleges, applying for the Academic License have been required to pass only the examination on professional subjects.

The Convocation of Dalhousie College was held in the Assembly Room of the Province building on the 21st ult., in the presence of a very large gathering of ladies and gentlemen. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Very Rev. Principal Ross, who followed the prayer with a short address, in the course of which he referred in touching terms to the late Prof. DeMill, by whose death he said not only the college, but the city and the Dominion as well, had suffered. He then referred to the number of students during the term closed, nearly a hundred, and closed his remarks by saying that he had received a letter from Sir Wm. Young stating that, owing to illness, he was unable to attend. After the reading of the customary Pass List, and the presentation of Certificates of Merit by the Secretary of the Senate, Prof. Charles McDonald, to those who had merited this mark of distinction, the various University prizes were presented by the Professors of the classes in which they had been won, and the other prizes by the Principal. The graduating class, consisting of the following gentlemen,—Edwin Crowell, Albert E. Thompson, and Frederick S. Kinsman, in Arts, and W. M. Frayer in Science,—was then presented by Professor Lawson to the Principal, who conferred upon them their degrees, and addressed them afterwards. He first referred to the smallness of the class, and said they need not expect a lengthy address. He did not estimate the value of the work done by the smallness of the number of students. If five students were turned out thoroughly trained and equipped for the world, he thought the mission had been better filled than if they sent out fifty scilists or pedants. The valedictory was then delivered by Mr. Thompson.

Rev. G. W. Hill, D.C.L., Chancellor of the Halifax University, having been called on for an address, responded in eloquent terms. After a brief consideration of the proper location of Collegiate Institutes, and a reference to the benefits reaped by the City of Halifax from the presence in her midst of such a distinguished University as Dalhousie, the learned Chancellor, alluded in modest and fitting terms to the peculiar position occupied by the Halifax University. He vindicated in an able manner the utility of a general Examining Institution, such as the University is, in one of its chief functions, intended to be. The concluding portion of his remarks was of a highly practical character, dwelling on the importance of enlisting the energies of our educated classes in developing the resources of the country.

The following are the Examiners in Arts of the University of Halifax for the current year:

Classics.—Prof. Smith, A. M. (Mount Allison), and Prof. Wilson, A. M. (Kings.)

Mathematics and Physics.—Prof. A. G. McDonald, A. M. (St. Francis Xavier), and Prof. Eaton, A. M. (Provincial Normal School.)

English Language and Literature.—President Inch, LL.D. (Mount Allison), and Prof. Currie, A. B. (St. Mary's.)

French and German.—Prof. Liechti (Dalhousie), and F. C. Sumichrast, Esq.

Hebrew.—Rev. Prof. Stewart, D. D. (Mount Allison), and Rev. Prof. Currie (Presbyterian Theological Hall.)

Chemistry.—Prof. Lawson, Ph. D., LL.D., F. J. C. (Dalhousie), and Prof. Spencer, B. A. Sc., A. M., Ph. D., F. G. S. (Kings.)

Logic and Philosophy.—Very Rev. Dr. McKnight (Presbyterian Theological Hall), and Rev. R. McDonald, A. B.

Constitutional History and Political Economy.—Hon. L. G. Power, B. A., LL.D., and John V. Paygant, Esq., A. M.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The right of women to the same Educational advantages as the sterner sex is gradually gaining practical recognition everywhere. Their claim, or the claim made for them, is very generally admitted in theory; but we have only to compare the number of seminaries and colleges for ladies, or open to both sexes alike, with those open solely to men, to see how much remains to be done in the way of acknowledging the claim practically. Every year sees progress in the right direction, however, and New Brunswick is not to be behind other countries in the matter. The Senate of the Provincial University recently enacted the following Statute relative to examinations for women:

Examinations for women in certain of the subjects of the Faculty of Arts may be held at Fredericton or elsewhere in the Province, according to the regulations hereinafter prescribed.

1. Candidates will be admitted to a first examination, embracing the subjects of the Matriculation Examination, and will be examined in all the subjects required for such examination. French, however, may be substituted for Greek.

2. Candidates will be admitted to a further or second examination, embracing the subjects of the Course for the Freshman Year; but Hygiene and the rudiments of Vegetable and Animal Physiology and Morphology may be substituted for Greek.

3. Candidates, on passing each of the above examinations, will be entitled to a certificate bearing the Seal of the University.

4. No candidate will be admitted to the First Examination unless she has completed the fifteenth year of her age; nor to the second examination unless she has completed the sixteenth year of her age.

5. Every candidate who proposes to present herself at an examination must give notice of her intention to the Registrar of the University at least four weeks before the commencement of such examination; and said notice must be accompanied by a fee of three dollars.

6. Both the First and Second Examinations will be held each year at the University, on the opening of the term in September. But should not fewer than four candidates have given timely notice of their wish to be examined at any other central locality in the Province, the Senate will endeavor to make such arrangements with the local Trustees of Schools, or others, as will enable them to hold a simultaneous examination in that locality.

This is the season for changes of teachers, which, especially in the country districts, where many male teachers give place to female teachers in the Spring, are far too numerous and frequent for the good of the schools and of the country. The existing regulations with regard to the classification of schools by Inspectors are so framed as to discourage these changes, and promote permanency in the location of teachers.

Among the resignations that have come to our knowledge, to take effect on the first of May, are those of L. A. Curray, M. A., Principal of the Queen's County Grammar School; Alex. Johnston, B. A., of the Winter Street School—(the department in his charge being close); A. D. Smith, of Indiantown; Miss Laura Hughes, of the Leinster Street School, St. John; Miss Katharine R. Bartlett, of the Model School, Fredericton, who takes Miss Hughes' place; Robt. M. Raymond, B. A., Principal of the Park Barrack Schools, Fredericton; and A. E. Wortman, B. A., Principal of the York Street Schools, Fredericton. Mr. Wortman goes to Salisbury, Westmorland, and his place is taken by Jas. R. Mace, B.A., recently of Springfield; Mr. Raymond will be succeeded by Berton C. Foster, B. A., recently of Andover; and the third Department of the Model School, vacated by Miss Bartlett on account of her appointment in St. John, will be placed in charge of Miss Ellen M. Freeman, Silver Medallist of the Normal School.

Leave of absence has been given to Miss Minard, who has so long successfully taught the Primary Department of the Model Schools, and to Miss Frances J. Ross, and Miss Frances N. Seely, of Fredericton Schools. Their places will be filled by Miss J. R. Bateman, Miss Alice Meagher, and Miss Annie T. Moore.

The fine School-house at Gibson, York Co., was accidentally destroyed by fire on the 24th of March, at noon. This was the second school house burned on the same site, having been erected in 1876 to replace the first one, destroyed by incendiarism. The building was insured for \$1000, about one half its cost. The furniture was saved. Until the proposed new building is erected, the schools are separated,—Mr. R. H. Davis and Miss Staples teaching in the Hall at Gibson, and Miss Marsh at St. Mary's.