

which are deemed to be in unbroken fertility at its base. But to undertake an enterprise so noble, fraught with consequences so immeasurable for good to successive generations, involving such sacrifices and such labors as have been combined to raise this Institution to its present elevation, is not the work of human ambition, nor could such results be obtained by merely human power. It is of God! and to him alone should be the praise.

There is one peculiarity in the conducting of this Institution, corroborative of these remarks—and it seems to meet you like some faithful sentinel at every turn:—Every thing is done as if under the constant inspection of the immense voices of the talents and the time with which every human being is entrusted; and that the due improvement and right employment of these constitute the great business of life.

After Tea, a reunion of the delighted group took place in the Hall which had been lighted up in the interior, and the remainder of the evening was occupied in conversations suited to the tastes and dispositions of the several parties, changed and diversified as circumstances controlled,—and in listening to exquisite strains of Vocal and Instrumental Music from the Orchestra. While all were thus mentally regaled, the young especially were delighted by emotions not less thrilling, but partaking more of the physical, as the Electric apparatus was put in requisition to form an agreeable alternation to the enjoyments of the evening. And last, not least, in the way of substantial, were the Refreshment Tables, set out in the Library and Museum by the excellent Ladies who had kindly volunteered their indispensable services to complete the arrangements. These tables were laden with a profusion of eatables and delicacies which included every article that could be deemed excellent and appropriate, exhibited with a taste and skill that would require one of the fair hands employed, correctly to describe.

The whole proceedings, and evening's entertainment were conducted throughout in the most appropriate and becoming manner, and with the most perfect and unbroken harmony and satisfaction to all concerned. Almost every article provided for the Refreshment Tables was sold, remaining, with the sale of Tickets, which amounted to a little more than half, over sixty-four pounds.—Something indeed in its way, towards meeting the heavy liabilities still remaining of the unavoidably large expenditure so recently incurred.

A word in conclusion descriptive of the building, may not be unacceptable to friends at a distance. The New Hall, though plain, is a rather elegant-looking structure—Ionic in its architectural character, about 70 feet by 50, and 30 feet in the height of the walls. A veranda extends along the principal front, (50 feet) with columns to support the Entablature and Pediment—the former being carried round the building and supported at the angles by pilasters of the same character as the columns. A flight of steps to the veranda, extending along the front, and folding doors in the center, mark the principal entrance. There is also a private entrance on the side next the Female Branch. The interior consists of a vestibule (necessarily small) with the Library on one side and Museum on the other, occupying the whole area at the front entrance, to the extent of nearly 30 feet. Over this portion is a Gallery that will seat from 150 to 200, to be used when occasions require. In the centre of the building is a place for the Students nearly as large as the Gallery, the floor of which is an inclined plane, sloed up with open seats, and will hold about the same number. The platform is raised nearly three feet above the lowest of these seats, with an orchestra immediately behind the centre, still higher, on either side of which is a small room, circular in the front so formed as to make the back of the orchestra circular also. These fill up the remaining portion of the area of the building. Over these small rooms are galleries, finished in front with pilasters and Entablature like the front of the large gallery. The interior presents altogether a very neat and unique appearance, and is most admirably arranged for convenience and comfort, and will contain, when the galleries are thrown open, about 700 people.

On the day of Dedication it was tastefully fitted up, with evergreens in front of the gallery, and appropriate inscriptions in large and beautiful letters, over the platform. Above the rest, the words—SCIENCE, LITERATURE, RELIGION, appeared on a large triangle, with a Crown in bold relief, and the letters V. R. immediately under—and still lower—DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES—THE BEST INHERITANCE.

The services and exercises of the day were as instructive as they were interesting. To the Students they must have formed a pleasing variety, and no ungrateful relief to the severer demands of their daily studies.

Mount Allison, Feb. 3rd, 1855.

ISAAC SMITH.

### The Past Term.

As it was anticipated this has been one of "crowded Halls and full Classes." The number of names on the Catalogue of the Male Branch is one hundred and thirty-four; and on that of the Female Branch, one

hundred and sixteen; making the total number of students in the united Institution two hundred and fifty. In the former 66 received instruction in Geography, 56 in English Grammar, 102 in Arithmetic, 60 in Book-keeping, 20 in Algebra, 7 in Geometry, 20 in Minimization &c., 27 in Land Surveying &c., 3 in Trigonometrical Analysis, 27 in Natural Philosophy, 26 in Astronomy, 10 in Physiology, 16 in Music, 17 in French, 44 in Latin, and 16 in Greek. In the latter 60 received instruction in Geography, 50 in English Grammar, 90 in Arithmetic, 60 in History, 11 in Algebra, 5 in Geometry, 40 in Natural Philosophy, 20 in Physiology, 20 in French, 27 in Music, 40 in Drawing, and 11 in Oil Painting.

The Governor and Chaplain, in his report to the Board of Trustees, at their recent Annual Meeting, says;

"During the year now closing, the Institution has been favored with continued manifestations of the Divine approval. We commenced under circumstances calculated to awaken more than ordinary interest, from the extension of opportunity for thorough Academic training to the female portion of our Provincial youth. To the prayers of the devoted friends of religious education do we largely attribute the success which has attended the efforts of the year. Evidence of public approval of past exertions, and of confidence in the system of instruction and government, has been afforded in the unprecedentedly numerous attendance of Students in the Male Branch, and of a much larger number in the Female Branch than had been anticipated by the Trustees prior to its opening. Not only has all the accommodation in the spacious new building been occupied, but several applications for admission have been necessarily negatived for want of room. Enlarged accommodations will soon be required in both Branches, to meet the growing wants of the Province, for which we must rely upon the continued right feeling and liberality of the friends of Christianly conducted education.

"Among other indications of the Divine approval of the attempt to provide for the suitable culture and development of Female intellect, the Board will rejoice to recognize our having been enabled to secure the services of Miss Adams as Chief Preceptress,—a Lady whose character for piety, sound judgment, administrative ability, literary attainments, and successful experience in teaching has been favorably reported; and through whose judicious and indefatigable application, with that of a well qualified staff of Instructors, such improvement has been made by the pupils as cannot fail to secure to the establishment, under her charge, the same high character which has been so long sustained by the Male Branch.

"Through the mercy of God, the inmates of both Institutions have been generally healthy. They were graciously exempted from the fearful malady which during last summer carried destruction into many portions of our country, and death into hundreds of families. During the prevalence of that terrible scourge of God, we were not free from anxiety, but were enabled to trust in Him in whose work we were employed, and found refuge and safety in his promises of truth and love.

"The general demeanor of the youth entrusted to our oversight has been satisfactory and evincive of the advantage of due combination of authority with religious instruction and counsel. The care and responsibility of the government of the Male Branch have been borne to a great extent through the year by the Principal of the Institution, whose voluntary kindness in that respect left the Governor and Chaplain more at liberty to attend to the multiplied duties incident to the arrangement and establishment of the Female Branch.

"Deeply convinced that a highly-improved social, moral and religious condition of the Province is inseparably connected with, and must be the Divine blessing be the result of well directed training of the young, the prayers of the Ministry and of the Church at large are earnestly requested, that the benefits so ardently contemplated by the Founder and Patrons of the Institution may be amply realized."

### Examination and Anniversary Exercises.

THE Annual Examination began on Saturday the 10th inst, and closed with the more public or Anniversary exercises on the Wednesday following. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday forenoons were employed in the simultaneous examinations of various classes in the two Branches.

On Monday afternoon several classes composed of young Ladies were examined in the new Lecture Hall, in the presence of the Trustees, the Officers and Students of both Branches, and a large company of Visitors. Mrs. Neville examined one in *Natural Philosophy*; Miss A. J. Adams one in *Algebra*, and one in *Geometry*; and the Chief Preceptress one in *History*, and one in *Physiology*.