

than ordinary promise, while his exemplary assiduity in his different studies had won for him the unqualified approbation of his instructors, and a standing for scholarship second to none in the Academy, had made respectable proficiency in the important art of composition. Its concluding passages, in which the estimable Founder of the Institution, the Faculty, the Chaplain and his fellow-students were successively addressed, were characterized by genuine pathos, and found the most appropriate eulogy on their excellence in the melting emotions and irrepressible tears of his crowded auditory. Were the students generally, who seek an education within the portals of Mount Allison Academy to emulate the diligence of this young gentleman who, with the accumulated success of five years' application, is now issuing from them, it would soon sustain a comparison with kindred institutions even more advantageous than it does at present.

Thus closed the exercises, so far as the students were concerned, of the late Academic Anniversary, leaving an impression upon the memory and the heart of all who witnessed them, equally tender and tenacious. Documentary testimonials of character and Scholarship were given by the Principal to those students who have spent a considerable time in the Institution, and whose connection with it now terminates.

Then came the address on *THE OBLIGATIONS OF EDUCATED MEN*, by the Rev. JOHN ALLISON, which for the classic beauty and purity of its style, and the comprehensiveness, discrimination and practicalness of the views which it embodied on its happily selected topics, would have illustrated a high reputation for philosophic observation and eloquent exposition. The excellent Chaplain, whose influence on the moral and religious character of the Institution is increasingly effective and appreciated, gave out a suitable hymn at the close of Mr. Allison's admirable address, and called upon the Rev. Dr. Richey to engage in prayer. Happy and hallowed day! May thy salutary influences intend to immortality!

I am requested by the Board of Trustees, to place in your hands for publication the following Resolutions, adopted at a meeting held in the Receiving Room of the Institution, immediately subsequent to the public exercises on Tuesday, which will be found officially to corroborate the general views to which I have given utterance.

Resolutions proposed and unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy, Sackville, held on Tuesday June 21, 1853.

Rev. RICHARD KNIGHT, President, in the Chair.

I. Moved by the Rev. Ephraim Evans, D.D.; seconded by S. Fulton, Esq., M. P. P.

That in review of the Academical year just terminated the Board express their high approbation of the zeal, ability, and efficiency with which the respected and talented Principal, and the Faculty associated with him, have discharged their important duties, alike in the departments of tuition and government; and their gratitude to Almighty God for the growing favour with which the Institution is regarded by the public, as manifested by the increased number of Students in attendance during the year.

II. Moved by the Rev. T. H. Davies; seconded by S. Fulton, Esq., M. P. P.

That the examinations and other exercises connected with the close of the present term, have been regarded by the Board with more than ordinary interest and gratification as evincing highly successful results of the admirable system of instruction which has been in operation.

III. Moved by the Rev. M. Richey, D. D.; seconded by the Rev. Wm. Temple.

That the cordial thanks of the Board be presented to the Rev. John Allison, for the highly appropriate, able and felicitous Address on the *Obligations of Educated Men*, with which he has favored us in connection with the exercises of this day; and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the address, for publication in the columns of the Provincial Wesleyan.

In the first of the preceding Resolutions, reference, it will be perceived, is made to the cheering fact, that there has been an encouraging increase in the number of Students the past year. From the Report of Classes, forwarded by the respected Principal to our late District Meeting, it appears that from August 6, 1852, to May 20, 1853, the total number of Students entered, was 135. Improving exercises in Composition and Declamation, regularly occupy a portion of the time of the Students on alternate Saturdays; to which I ought to add, what the Board desire to be generally known, and what every devout and enlightened friend of education will rejoice to hear, that all the resident Students have received instructions in Biblical knowledge, each Sabbath during the term.

To these plain facts and unvarnished statements, it were altogether superfluous to add anything in the way either of eulogy or appeal. The history of the Wesleyan Academy furnishes the best, because a *practical* record of its praise. The noble design which, twelve years ago, existed

only as an inspiration in the heart of its disinterested Founder, has become a tangible and a telling reality. And, when the Female Branch now in progress of erection, is added to that which has been so long in successful operation, CHARLES F. ALLISON, Esq., will have conferred upon his country, as well as upon the Church of which he is an ornament, an obligation of incalculable magnitude.

I am, my dear Sir, Your's respectfully,
Halifax, N. S., July 1, 1853. MATTHEW RICHEY.

Academy for Females.

The commodious and beautiful edifice, which has been in course of erection at Mount Allison during the past season, is now rapidly approaching to completion. It is to be finished in the month of March, and opened for the reception of Students in August. The intervening time will be occupied in getting it properly furnished and fitted up for the important purposes for which it is designed. It is the determination of those upon whom the responsibility of making preparation for the work which is to be attempted therein rests, that it shall be in all respects most thorough; such as shall best tend to the accomplishment of the end proposed.

Our next *Gazette* will doubtless contain the announcement of such arrangements for commencing and carrying on the work of Female Education here as will be entirely satisfactory to the numerous friends of this most interesting enterprise.

We hope, therefore, that all who are friendly, and Mothers and Daughters especially, will remember that this new Institution is to be opened on the 10th of August, A.D. 1854, and that they will so plan as to insure to it a full house from its very commencement.

Meeting of the Alumni of the Academy.

It has been suggested that as eleven years have already nearly elapsed since the first of the many companies of students, which have in succession held possession of these halls, was gathered here, and as the number of those who having been more or less perfectly trained, have gone out hence to life's business, now numbers more than five hundred, it would be both pleasant and profitable to many of these to have an opportunity of meeting soon once again for a little while, to greet each other, renew the friendships of earlier days, review together the notes of life's experience, and engage in such exercises as would be appropriate to such an occasion.

Accordingly it is proposed to have such a re-union of former Students, sometime during the ensuing summer, either at the time of the Annual Examination in June, or at the commencement of the succeeding term in August.

At the request of the Faculty of the Academy, the following gentlemen Alumni, viz.: Messrs. Joseph L. Moore, J. Herbert Starr and Thomas Crane, have consented to act as a Committee to make the necessary preparatory arrangements for the first Meeting of the Alumni of the Academy.

As soon as these arrangements are completed, proper notice will be given by this Committee. We doubt not that every Student who possibly can, will plan to respond to the invitation to be present at the time which may be determined upon as most suitable for the meeting.

Hall for Lecture Room, &c.

The erection of the Academy for Females, and the proposed consequent enlargement of Educational operations at Mount Allison, have rendered it exceedingly desirable, nay indispensable, if these operations are to be carried on comfortably, that another Building should be provided, to contain a large Lecture Room or Chapel, and suitable apartments for Library, Museum, &c.

We are sure that the announcement which we are now authorized to make will exceedingly gratify all the numerous friends of the Institution. A noble-minded friend of Education has undertaken to provide for the erection of such a Building at his own sole expense.