

# The Mount Allison ACADEMIC GAZETTE.

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THE Reports with which the Third Number of the "*Academic Gazette*" is commissioned for the numerous friends of this, the most extensive Educational Establishment of British America, will, we are confident, be regarded as of a most gratifying character.

The twelfth year in the history of the Institution has been completed in a most satisfactory manner; so that a review of its events must occasion peculiarly joyous and grateful emotions to every one interested. The opening of the Branch Academy for Females, and the necessary modification and enlargement of the plans for the promotion of the cause of sound learning in the united Institution, rendered this a period of much more than ordinary interest and importance. Those, who from their official positions were most closely identified with the work, and more immediately responsible for its right conduct foresaw this, and therefore, although they had the most unhesitating confidence in the principles involved in the enterprise, they could not look forward to it without a degree of solicitude which at times became quite oppressive. And we have reason for supposing that not a few of our friends largely sympathized with us in this anxiety. So that now, this period of transition having most happily passed, we feel, as we submit for their consideration, the evidences of prosperity which this paper contains, that we may with perfect propriety congratulate all those who have been sufficiently interested in the welfare of the Academy to be anxious concerning the working of the united Institution.

## Opening of the Branch Institution for Females.

We copy below a communication which was published in the "*Provincial Wesleyan*," giving an account of the commencement of the term in August last:

"MOUNT ALLISON, SACKVILLE, N. B.

August 24th, 1854.

"MR. EDITOR,—Will you please to let it be known by the numerous readers of your paper that this Institution has entered upon a new epoch in its history under circumstances which must be regarded by all its friends as most encouraging.

You are aware, that in consequence of the prevalence of Cholera in St. John and its neighbourhood, it was judged best to postpone the public exercises with which it had been proposed to celebrate the opening of the Branch of the Institution designed for Females. On the day appointed, (the 17th inst.) however, the doors of the new edifice were thrown open, and the Founder of the Institution and the Officers elect were allowed to meet and welcome to its privileges an unexpectedly large company of eager aspirants for the honour of being enrolled thus early as students. At eleven o'clock these with a few friends of the pupils who were present, assembled in the Lecture Room, and after a few remarks by the Principal, an hour was spent in devotional exercises introductory to the organization of the first set of classes.

These exercises were: 1st, singing; 2d, reading the Scriptures; 3d, prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Temple and Pickard; 4th, singing; 5th, prayers by the Rev. Messrs. Beals, Cardy, and Evans. It was an exceedingly interesting, and to those most immediately concerned for the success of the undertaking, a joyfully affecting occasion. We gratefully recognized the marked manifestations of the Divine Goodness, which were so apparent in the satisfactory consummation of the arrangements necessary for a comfortable entrance upon the work designed;—we truly felt and humbly acknowledged our absolute, ceaseless, dependence for all the future success expected, upon that Being "without whom there is nothing wise, nothing great, nothing good;"—we earnestly, sincerely, believingly, prayed that the blessing of God might be ever granted unto the work which was about to be commenced;—and

we, in cheerful confidence, commended the Institution in all its departments and interests to the parental care and supervision of the Almighty.

At the close of these exercises the Chief Preceptress and the Teachers associated with her were left in charge of between eighty and ninety pupils.

And this number has since been considerably increased,—the attendance in the other Branch is also considerably larger than was expected. The total number of students in the two branches amounts now, on only the eighth day of the Term, to one hundred and ninety, viz.:

In the Male Branch—Boarders	70,	Day Scholars,	12,	Total	91
" Female "	" 70,	" "	29,	" "	99
In both	" 140	" "	41	" "	190

And this number will doubtless be increased to at least two hundred in the course of the ensuing week.

I need scarcely say that such an auspicious beginning of the new epoch is encouraging beyond the largest expectations of the most sanguine promoter of the extension of educational operations here, and that it is in the highest degree satisfactory to the generous-hearted founder of the Institution and to all who have been prominently engaged in the enterprise.

It will, I am sure, be very gratifying also to the friends in different places, who so cheerfully subscribed to enable the Trustees to erect and furnish the new Edifice, to know that on the very first day that it was opened the number of Candidates for admission was so large as to demonstrate that the Branch Institution which they had helped to establish was required by the understood necessities of our provincial society."

H. PICKARD.

## The Past Term.

The Catalogues of Students, which are given on the preceding pages, show that both branches of the Institution must have been full.

The total number of Students in the Male Branch was, it will be observed, one hundred and twelve, and in the Female Branch, one hundred and eighteen,—giving a total for the United Institution of two hundred and thirty; affording an average attendance throughout the Term of more than two hundred. Of those connected with the Male Branch fifty-nine received instruction in *Geography*, sixty in *English Grammar*, eighty in *Arithmetic*, thirty-one in *Algebra*, seventeen in *Geometry*, nineteen in *Chemistry*, nine in *Intellectual Philosophy*, thirty-five in *French*, forty-one in *Latin*, and eight in *Greek*.

In the Female Branch ninety-nine received instruction in *Geography*, one hundred and six in *English Grammar*, one hundred and eight in *Arithmetic*, twenty-five in *Rhetoric*, eleven in *Chemistry*, six in *Algebra*, forty in *French*, forty-seven in *Drawing*, &c., and sixty in *Instrumental Music*.

## Semi-Annual Examination.

This having been commenced on Saturday, the 15th inst., and continued on Saturday and Monday, was closed in the usual way on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The Classes in all departments of both Branches of the Institution were presented for Examination, and appeared to be well prepared for such tests, as proved that both Students and Teachers had been generally industrious and successful during the Term. On Tuesday afternoon thirteen of the Students belonging to the Male Branch, viz. :—I. Jones, J. Pidwell, L. Johnson, F. Fullerton, C. Chandler, E. Olive, F. Y. S. Marshall, G. P. Upton, S. Annett, J. Hillis, E. Fairbanks, W. H. Olive, D. Allison, and S. J. King, each took a part in the more public exercises. Two Young Ladies also read a number of the "*Mount Allison Times*," which consisted of several very interesting original compositions, written by Young Ladies belonging to the Academy.

At the close of these Exercises, the Class Standings of all the Students were read by their respective Teachers,—and this very successful and pleasant Term was brought to a close with the usual religious services—singing and prayer.