

pieces in composition. Then came performances in declamation by J. G. Angwin, J. L. Rebl, J. B. Snowball, Alex. Wright, J. Knight, C. W. Smith, J. T. Knowles, S. King and A. E. Wilson, in which each speaker sustained very well his part. These were followed by the delivery of original essays or orations by F. Weldon, "On the Importance of Early Life;" by A. S. Tuttle, on "Education;" by C. C. Gardner, on "Patriotism;" by S. P. Tuck, on "The Study of Nature;" by George Johnson, on "Mind;" by A. D. McLeod, on "National Greatness," with Valedictory Addresses. The three first named speakers belonging to the intermediate, and the other three to the collegiate department.

The original pieces were pronounced by competent judges to be highly creditable, both in composition and delivery, to the Academy, as well as to the young gentlemen themselves; the last especially was listened to with rapt attention, and many a moistened eye testified to the power which the youthful orator exercised over the feelings of his audience.

The Principal then made the customary report of the standing secured by each student by his diligence and good conduct during the term in "Literary Rank" and "General Department." Twenty-two were found entitled to the fourth, forty-nine to the third, twenty-six to the second, and three, viz., S. P. Tuck, A. D. McLeod, and Samuel Avery, jun., to the first or highest "Literary Rank." Diplomas or certificates were then given to four of the students, who after having been two, three and five years connected with the Institution, were about to pass forth to "the battle of life."

An appropriate address, on "The Responsibilities of Educated Men," was then delivered by the Rev. John Allison, of this City.

Parents who have sons to be sent from home for education, cannot, we believe, do better than to secure for them the advantages of the moral and mental discipline of the educational course at Mount Allison.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The Report of the Sackville Academy having been read, and the state of the Institution taken into consideration, the brethren unanimously Resolve:—

1. That the financial statement of the Treasurer, as now read, is highly satisfactory to the brethren of this District; and also the statement of the large number of students in the Institution; the account of their diversified studies; their progress in learning, and their general deportment have afforded the brethren much pleasure; and the interesting fact that sixteen of the Students, including six sons of Wesleyan Ministers, regularly meet in class, is cause of devout thankfulness to Almighty God; while the Biblical information imparted to all the Students every Sabbath will, we trust, be sealed upon their hearts by the Holy Spirit, and the beneficial results thereof be seen in future years.

2. The brethren cordially approve of the re-appointment of the present staff of officers, and have the fullest confidence in the competency and integrity of the Executive Committee; particularly do they rejoice to know that the generous and noble-minded Founder of the Institution, C. F. ALLISON, Esq., still continues his valuable services as Treasurer; and that the Rev. HUMPHRY PICKARD, A. M., by whose indefatigable labours and literary talents, it has attained its present eminence, continues his office as Principal; and the Brethren again declare it as their firm conviction, that the Institution of Sackville is inferior to none in British America, for its correct moral training, and for the facilities it affords, for a thorough Educational course.

FEMALE BRANCH OF SACKVILLE ACADEMY.

The brethren rejoice to learn, that the Female Institution at Sackville is in a state of forwardness; and, considering the importance of those Institutions, and the vast beneficial influence they are calculated to have upon the Church, and upon the community throughout these Provinces, are determined as far as in them lies, to promote the interests of both branches of the Institution in their respective Circuits.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA EAST AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

"After earnest consideration of various official papers, disclosing the financial, literary, and moral condition of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, N. B., the members of the Nova Scotia East and Prince Edward Island District Meeting do unanimously resolve:—

That deeming the existence of an Institution of such high excellence as the Wesleyan Academy an incalculable blessing to the youth of these Colonies,—combining as it does facilities for the acquirement of a thorough education, unsurpassed by any Academical Institution in the Lower Pro-

vinces, with a careful moral supervision; not exceeded in any Collegiate Establishment on the American Continent,—they desire to record their deep sense of gratitude to the Author of all true enlightenment for the manifold blessings of His Providence, which have conducted the Wesleyan Academy to its present state of financial, literary, and moral prosperity; and also to tender their cordial thanks to the Committee who have managed its financial concerns, to the Faculty who have so successfully trained its numerous Students, and to the Chastlains who with paternal solicitude have watched over its spiritual interests, as the instruments in the Divine hand of achieving such gratifying success.

MINUTE OF THE NEW-BRUNSWICK DISTRICT MEETING.

The minutes of the Board Meetings, and the reports of the religious state, the financial condition, and the scholastic operations in this Institution since the last District Meeting having been brought before this meeting and duly considered, thereupon motion made by Rev. C. Churchill, seconded by Rev. R. Cooney, A. M., unanimously

Resolved—I. That we rejoice to see in the continued prosperity and usefulness of our Academy unmistakable evidence of the ability and fidelity of those upon whom its management has devolved during the past year.

II. That we are exceedingly glad to learn that the arrangements for the establishment of a Branch Institution for Females have been completed, and that we are now likely to be so soon prepared to afford the privileges of a higher course of education to the daughters of our people and friends in these Provinces.

III. That in the opinion of the Members of this District prompt measures should be employed to secure an endowment Fund for the benefit of the united Institution, and that the Chairman be requested to enter into any arrangement with the Board of Trustees, which may seem to him suitable for this District for the ensuing year, to secure the services of an agent; and we do furthermore pledge ourselves to give all the assistance we can on our respective Circuits for the accomplishment of this object.

IV. That Charles F. Allison Esq., and G. T. Ray, Esq., be respectfully requested to continue their valuable services as Trustees another year."

THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF THE WESLEYAN ACADEMY, MOUNT ALLISON, SACKVILLE, N. B.

To the Editor of the *Provincial Wesleyan*—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—The Academical year of our progressively efficient and influential Institution, at Mount Allison, closed last week with a public examination, as usual, the results of which, as illustrative of its present position and claims on the confidence and encouragement of the friends of sound education in these Provinces, cannot but be highly gratifying to the readers of the *Provincial Wesleyan*.

In addition to the elementary branches of English instruction, to which just importance is practically attached in the systematic course, the examination embraced classes in the Latin and Greek Classics, in the Greek Testament, and in French. The attainments of pupils whose attention had been directed to Algebra, Geometry, Mensuration, Land Surveying, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy and Geology, were also subjected to scrutiny. To all who attended these interesting exercises officially, as well as to those who, *con amore*, availed themselves of the privilege—would that the number had been much larger—they ministered, I believe, high intellectual satisfaction. The examination, properly so called, occupied the whole of Monday from an early hour; and in order to render it as detailed and satisfactory as possible in the limited time necessarily assigned to it, various classes passed under review simultaneously, in different apartments of the Institution.

On Tuesday no regret was experienced from a paucity of attendance, but much, on the contrary, from the total inadequacy of the spacious Lecture Room to afford comfortable accommodation to more than one-half of those who felt the resistless attractions presented by the declamatory powers and original compositions of the youthful aspirants to literary honour, who were selected to exemplify on that occasion the intellectual and oratorical influences of their training. I refrain from criticising, and have, certainly, no disposition to censure. The scene was one of delightful interest, sustained and even elevated to the close. Several of the original compositions embraced a power and range of thought, and a correct appreciation of the most important objects of education, which evinced on the part of those who recited them, very creditable attention to the discipline of their minds, as well as to the acquisition of knowledge. We may not individualize, lest we should, perchance, awaken the slightest suspicion of invidious comparison. We are quite sure, however, we shall hazard nothing on this ground, by a distinctive reference to the valedictory, which was delivered by Master Albert Deshay McLeod. Well, and most impressively, did he discharge the trying duty devolved upon him. The former part of the address afforded sufficient evidence that this youth, of more