

Closing of the Winter Term in Dalhousie College.

THE formal proceedings in connection with the closing of the Winter Term in Dalhousie College took place on Wednesday, in the hall formerly occupied by the Mechanics' Institute. There were present the Faculty of the College, consisting of Rev. Principal Ross, Professors Lyall, Lawson, McDonald and Johnson; His Honor the Chief Justice, Hon. Dr. Tupper, Hon. Mr. Shannon, A. MacKinlay, C. Robson, Esquires, Governors of the College, and the Students. There was also a select and fashionable assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, among the latter of whom were His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Members of both branches of Legislature, Judges, Clergymen, gentlemen connected with other educational Institutions, &c. The proceedings commenced shortly after 11 A. M., with prayer by the Principal, and after some introductory remarks by him, the Secretary of the Senatus read their report. It appears that sixty students were in attendance during the Winter Term. While the Professors were satisfied with the industry and progress of their pupils, they feel the want of Exhibitions, and other special incentives which work so beneficially in the Institutions of older countries; and have therefore resolved to establish certain Free Scholarships to be competed for by Students of the first and second year. To ensure better preparation among those entering the Institution, it is proposed also to offer a scholarship to each of the principal Academies in the Province, to be competed for by the pupils, and entitling the holder to free attendance in all the first year's classes. It is hoped that private liberality will add to the number and value of these scholarships.

The announcements of the results of the College Examination were then made, showing who were the successful competitors in each class.

After the prizes had been distributed, Hon. Dr. Tupper made an excellent speech to the students, reminding them that much devolved on them to make the present experiment of an unsectarian college appear to proper advantage in comparison with denominational institutions. He spoke of the satisfaction he felt at the proofs of progress now given, and paid a high tribute to the memory of the late Professor MacCulloch.

Hon. S. L. Shannon, M. P. P., then made a neat practical address to the students recommending them to be thorough in all their efforts, and to avoid the superficial tendencies of the age, and instanced various illustrious examples of a thorough collegiate training.

Rev. G. M. Grant very generously promised a donation of ten pounds to the prize fund for next year.

His Honor the Chief Justice, in some eloquent and impressive remarks, expressed his satisfaction at seeing that Dalhousie College was now a fixed fact; and congratulated all concerned on the interesting ceremonies they had just witnessed, and on the additional facilities afforded for the expansion of that intelligence which he had always been convinced was as high in Nova Scotia as in any part of America.

His Excellency Sir Richard G. McDonnell then favored the assemblage with a judicious, admirable speech, expressing very felicitously and forcibly the importance of harmony in educational effort, and his satisfaction at the position and prospects of Dalhousie College. The Rev. Principal then read a parting address to the students, and closed the proceedings were a benediction. The audience separated, highly gratified with what they had witnessed on this interesting occasion.—*Hx. paper.*

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"Trials of the Cape Breton Highlanders."

IN the *Record* of the U. P. Church of the L. P., we observed a brief notice, in the *injured innocence style*, of the papers under the above heading, in the *Pictou Record*. The writer is "sorry" to observe the "unfairness of statement and the bitterness of tone" that pervade them, but he has failed to shew wherein that "unfairness of statement" consisted, as if *assertion* was *proof*. He does not see the necessity of "fighting the battle of the Disruption over again," but omitted to state that *they* have been the aggressors, and that that "war cry" has never yet been hushed in Cape Breton, whenever a member of the Established Church, lay or clerical, steps on that Island to administer to the spiritual wants of those who have not left their "first love." We have not questioned the fact of the intelligence of the Cape Breton Highlanders, but we do know that much of what they have been taught to believe of the Mother Church, since '43, has been an outrage on their sense, and an insult to their intelligence.

Can the writer tell us *who* have revived the "questions" that, he says, "have, by common consent, been allowed to slumber for years"? or how many years they have been allowed to slumber in Cape Breton? If they were "questions" of such great importance when the "battle" raged, why wish them to "slumber" and be forgotten *now*? The reviving of them, no doubt, opens up an old sore, scarcely yet healed, and of which the writer is evidently ashamed. The generation who fought the "battle of the Disruption" is now fast passing away, and if the "questions" and principles then contended for were good,