

whereby local associations could be formed that could work in harmony with the Provincial Association, was called upon to report. He stated that he had postponed convening the committee, hoping that the members from outside would be present at the meeting; but as they had not filed an appearance, and as he had not time to call together the other members during the afternoon, he was obliged to submit a few suggestions of his own. They were as follows: "The Provincial Teachers' Association would recommend that the days hitherto set apart for the attendance of teachers at the Provincial Convention, be granted hereafter at the same periods and on the same terms to Local Associations. Any local Teachers' Associations may become affiliated with the Provincial Teachers' Association by sending annually before the first of July to the Secretary of the Provincial Association a list of its members and a fee at the rate of 10c per member. All the members of affiliated local Associations shall be members of the Provincial Association, and the President of each local Association shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Association. In view of the meetings of local Associations being held at the periods hitherto occupied by the Provincial Conventions it is recommended that the constitution of the Provincial Association be altered so that its meetings may hereafter be held annually in August." These suggestions were adopted by the association. It was then moved by Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Greig and carried, that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Fawcett, Somerset, Byington, Blakely, Hunt, Eaton, the Principals of the Schools in Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Emerson, the President and the mover be appointed a committee to amend the constitution of this Association, and submit the same at an adjourned meeting to be held on the 23rd of August. On motion the meeting then adjourned till Thursday, 23rd of August.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The following gentlemen constitute the Committee on Education of the Legislative Assembly now in session: Hon. Provincial Secretary Church, Mr. Langley, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Robicheau, Mr. Hockin, Mr. Haley, Mr. Patterson.

The students of Dalhousie College have resolved by a large majority to petition the Faculty and Governors for an extension of the annual session. It is urged in support of this action that the present session is too short for the work required.

D. H. Smith, Esq., the retiring Inspector, carries with him the esteem of all brought into contact with him in his official relations. He was a faithful and impartial public officer, and it is to be regretted that his health did not prove adequate to the trying duties of the inspectorial position.

It is reported that Roderick McKay, Esq., B.A., formerly English Master at the Pictou Academy, and now pursuing a post-graduate course at his *Alma Mater*, (Queen's University, Ont.) has been offered the position made vacant by Mr. McLellan's acceptance of the Inspectorship.

R. McLellan, Esq., for several years past instructor in the classical department of Pictou Academy has, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education, been appointed by the Council of Public Instruction, Inspector of schools for District No. 9, (Pictou and South Colchester). This is regarded as an excellent appointment. Mr. McLellan, who pursued several years of successful study at Dalhousie, holds a Provincial Grade A License, and has had a wide and eminently creditable experience as a teacher. As Classical Professor at Pictou, he contributed his full share to the success achieved by Pictou boys during the past few years in various fields of competition.

From the Report of the Superintendent of Education for 1882, we glean the following figures: Total number of schools during winter term, 1,820, summer term, 1,910; total number of teachers during winter term, 1,890, summer term, 1,975; total number of pupils during winter term, 76,888, summer term, 81,196. The number of pupils in attendance during the winter term shows a small decrease in comparison with the preceding year; the other figures indicate a marked enlargement of educational operations. The teachers employed are classified as follows: Academic Class during winter term, 28, summer term, 28; First Class during winter term, 313, summer term, 272; Second Class during winter term, 790, summer term, 797; Third Class during winter term, 719, summer term, 849. The Report states that the year whose operations are recorded was one of exceptional educational activity. The subjects most fully discussed by the Superintendent of Education in the Report are the professional training of teachers, intermediate or Academic Education, and Compulsory Education.

It is understood to have been decided by the Executive Committee of the Provincial Education Association to hold the next ensuing annual session of that body in Halifax instead of Truro, where previous sessions have been held.

The towns of Pictou and Kentville have each met with a serious loss in the destruction of school buildings by fire. The edifice burned at Pictou was large and well furnished, accommodating several of the higher common school grades. That at Kentville, embraced the entire school provision of the town, with the exception of a small building occupied for the primary grade. Though a neat and somewhat commodious structure, it had proved inadequate to the educational requirements of the place, and the trustees had decided upon a material enlargement. The ground is now clear for the erection of a building worthy of one of our most growing towns. Fortunately there was a reasonable sum insured on each of the properties destroyed, while the trustees in both towns have been able to make satisfactory arrangements for the temporary accommodation of the schools.

The *Acadia Athenaeum* reports an unprecedentedly large attendance at the Ladies' Seminary, Wolfville. The same Journal announced that "Mr. W. F. Kempton and Mr. H. S. Freeman, formerly students of Dalhousie College, have joined the Sophomore Class (of Acadia College,) increasing its number to 15. We are further indebted to the *Athenaeum* for the following interesting statistics regarding the graduates of Acadia College; "The total number is two hundred and eleven, of whom twenty-nine have died. Of the whole number, eighty-seven, or forty-one per cent. engaged in the ministry. Thirty-six have entered the legal profession, of whom one has become a Judge of the Supreme Court, and another a County Court Judge. Twenty have studied medicine, and the same number have engaged in mercantile pursuits. Eleven are journalists, five hold positions in the Civil Service, while four are agriculturists, and one a civil engineer."

An important initial step has been taken towards the establishment of a Faculty of Law in connection with Dalhousie College. Through the continued generosity of Mr. Munro, the well-known benefactor of Dalhousie, an adequately endowed Chair of Law has been founded in that institution. Around this central chair, other professorships, or more probably *lectureships*, are designed to be grouped making it a complete Faculty of Law. Several of the leading legal practitioners of Halifax, and at least one judge of the Supreme Court, have promised their hearty and practical co-operation. The Governors of Dalhousie have been singularly fortunate in their selection of a gentleman to inaugurate the enterprise of assuming charge of the newly-formed chair. Prof. R. C. Welden, A.M., Ph.D., has been duly nominated by Mr. Munro, and the nomination ratified by the Board of Governors. A graduate of Mt. Allison College, Sackville, N.B., of the Faculty of which institution he has for several years been one of the most distinguished members, Dr. Welden pursued a post-graduate course in philosophy and constitutional history and law at Yale, graduating there as Doctor of Philosophy with great distinction. Subsequent study of the same branches at Heideberg, under some of the most eminent jurists of Europe, has given to his attainments a wide range and a profound depth. In magnetism of manner, he is well qualified to make attractive a post which his learning and abilities cannot but adorn. The endowment provided by Mr. Munro yields an income of \$2,000 per annum.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Parting with friends is temporary death,
As all death is. We see no more their faces,
Nor hear their voices, save in memory;
But messages of love give us assurance
That we are not forgotten. Who shall say
That from the world of spirits, comes no greeting,
No message of remembrance? It may be
The thoughts that visit us, we know not whence,
Sudden as inspiration, are the whispers
Of disembodied spirits, speaking to us;
As friends who wait outside a prison wall,
Through the barred windows speak to those within.

(Longfellow.)

Be to my faults a little blind,
And to my virtues wondrous kind.