

The Mount Allison WESLEYAN ACADEMY AND COLLEGE.

GENERAL CIRCULAR.

THE ACADEMY has been opened and in successful operation more than twenty years. The arrangements which were made for the accomplishment of the important object for which it had been founded were such as obtained for it a high position in the public estimation very early in its history; and those upon whom the direction of its affairs has devolved, have been stimulated and encouraged by its prosperity to continued efforts to render it, in all its departments, ever increasingly efficient. Each year has, therefore, been marked by valuable additions to its educational facilities; and by more or less extensive general improvements throughout the Establishment. The Officers of Instruction and Government have also labored assiduously to prove themselves not unworthy of the important trust committed to them by the Trustees of the Institution and the Parents and Guardians of their pupils; and that they have not seemed to toil unsuccessfully has been proved by the continued large attendance of Students from almost all parts of these Provinces. In the instruction of these during the past year six thoroughly qualified and experienced Teachers, three Assistant Teachers, and a Professor of Music, have been engaged. The employment of so large a staff of instructors rendered practicable a thorough classification of the Students, and such a division of labor, as was most pleasant to the Teacher and most profitable for the pupils, ensuring a sufficient amount of attention daily to each Class, and to every individual in such Class; and, as the Academy will still be conducted upon the same principles which have secured for it such enviable and distinguished popularity, and such extensive and continued patronage, the attention of young men; and of the Parents and Guardians of youth, is confidently but respectfully invited to it, as an Institution where, under most favorable circumstances, thorough intellectual training may be obtained in safety and comfort, and at very moderate expense.

The arrangements which had been previously made for a regular Collegiate organization were carried into effect at the commencement of the last Academic year. THE MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN COLLEGE was, therefore, then established; and it has been in successful operation during the year, having a full set of College Classes, entirely distinct from those of the Academy. It has a competent Faculty, consisting of five working Professors and one Tutor, each of whom devotes from one to three hours daily to the College Classes. This Institution is, it is confidently believed, already prepared to do as much at least as any Collegiate Institution in these Colonies to promote the comfort and facilitate the progress of those who wish to pursue a thorough Collegiate course of study.

Students who may complete the prescribed course of study, and pass the required examinations, will receive the usual College Honors and Degrees.

SITUATION, BUILDINGS, &c.

Sackville, being at the head of the Bay of Fundy, is a retired Country Village, pleasant and healthy, and easy of access from all parts of the Lower Provinces.

The Academy Buildings are elegant, spacious, and comfortable, and delightfully situated upon an elevation of ground, so that they command one of the richest and most extensive views in British North America.

During the year 1881, a Building, 60 x 26 feet, 20 feet high, was erected and fitted up as a Gymnasium.

During the past year, a College Hall, 63 x 40 feet, 3 stories high, has been erected, which furnishes all needed accommodation in the form of Recitation and Lecture Rooms, Studios, &c., for College Classes, Professors and Students.

LIBRARY, APPARATUS, &c.

The Library, containing about three thousand well selected volumes, is always accessible.

The Recitation-Rooms, Laboratory, and Lecture-Rooms, are furnished with Geographical and Astronomical Maps and Globes, and Philosophical, Astronomical, and Chemical Apparatus.

ACADEMY COURSE OF STUDY, CLASSIFICATION, &c.

The Course of Study is designed to ensure to the Student thorough preparation for comfortable entrance upon a university, either of special training for Agricultural, Mechanical, or Commercial pursuits, or of specific study for professional life; it is therefore systematic and extensive, including all the branches of Science and Literature, which are taught in the best conducted educational establishments on this Continent and in Great Britain.

The aim in arranging the order in which the several subjects for study succeed each other in the course, has been, not only to secure to the greatest possible extent, the symmetrical development of all the intellectual powers of the regular Student, but at the same time also to accommodate the class of worthy young men, who, being able to spend but a short time in the Institution, wish to devote it all to particular studies.

The Students being classified according to their respective scholastic attainments, are arranged in two distinct Departments. Each Department is subdivided into classes, and has assigned to it its own appropriate portion of the course of study as follows, viz.:

I. PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

This is designed as a preparatory school for such of the more youthful Pupils as may not be prepared for the exercises of the classes in the higher Department.

TIME—TWO YEARS.

STUDIES.

FIRST YEAR—SECOND CLASS.

Reading, &c., Penmanship, Mental Arithmetic, First Lessons in Geography.

SECOND YEAR—FIRST CLASS.

Reading, &c., Penmanship, Arithmetic, (Elementary Rules,) First Lessons in Grammar.

Note.—Weekly Exercises in Dictation Exercises and Composition required from all the Pupils in this Department.

II. INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

TIME—TWO YEARS.

STUDIES.

FIRST YEAR—SECOND CLASS.

1st Term—Latin Grammar, Geography, English Grammar, Arithmetic.
2nd " Greek Grammar, Latin Reader, Arithmetic, Book-Keeping.
3rd " " Reader, " " Physical Geography.

SECOND YEAR—FIRST CLASS.

1st Term—History of England, Caesar, Xenophon, Algebra.
2nd " Natural Philosophy, Virgil, Xenophon, Mensuration, or Algebra.
3rd " Cicero, Homer, Land Surveying, &c.

Note.—Weekly Exercises Alternately in Composition and Declamation required from all the Students of this Department.

Students in the Intermediate Department will be required to go through an elementary course of study in Grecian and Roman History and Antiquities. Those for whom an acquaintance with Ancient Languages is not thought desirable, may take French instead of either Latin or Greek.