

The Report of the Principal of St. Margaret's Hall was then read as follows:—

"Since the School was recognized by the Synod as the Diocesan School for Girls, it has been removed to Halifax. Although the financial and commercial depression has prevented many parents sending their children to school, yet the number in attendance has been sufficient to more than pay all expenses, and at the same time allow the Institution to be worked in an efficient and liberal manner. At the close of the year just ended, there were 46 pupils in attendance.

"We have availed ourselves of the facilities afforded by King's College, Windsor, and have presented pupils for the Local Examinations. Altogether thirteen have passed these examinations, three having obtained the title "Associate of Arts." This has been of great value, placing the School in a high position as an Educational Institution.

"Although the School was established for the daughters of Churchmen, it is a remarkable fact that it has received a very large amount of support from members of other denominations; and that whilst it has eminently succeeded as a School, yet those for whose especial benefit it was established have not availed themselves of it as they might have done. It is due to the country clergy to record that they have manifested an interest in its welfare, and have exerted their influence to get their young people sent here instead of to Roman and other Schools. In the city this has not been the case, and quite half of the pupils from Halifax are children of other than Churchmen. I feel it nothing but just to say that some of the warmest supporters of the School, and those who have taken the greatest interest in its welfare, have been dissenters.

"The School is now so large, and the prospects for the future are such as to render it imperative to provide a more suitable School-building, I would suggest that a Company be formed to carry out this work, and that a Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Synod the best means of accomplishing this work.

"It is with pleasure that I add that the Most Reverend the Metropolitan has become 'Patron' of the School.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"JOHN PADFIELD."

The report was received, read, and ordered to be printed.