

Mr. Munro was born in Pictou County, attended Pictou Academy with Principal Grant, afterwards was principal of an academy in New Glasgow, later, was principal of Free Church Academy in Halifax. Here he had associated with him Professor Fowler of Queen's University, and Dr. Neil MacKay of Chatham. Mr. Munro completed a course in theology, but never asked for license to preach. He made the beginnings of his fortune in the "Seaside Library."

He was also a generous friend of the University of the City of New York.

From the extra of the *Halifax Herald*, of April 29th, we glean these facts about Dalhousie University:

She has nine instructors in arts, and fourteen instructors in professional subjects; 215 students in arts, 99 students in professional departments. 314 in all; 13,000 volumes in libraries; endowment of \$348,000; property worth \$105,000; income of \$26,000.

In 1876, the governors had at their disposal a revenue of only \$4,600. When George Munro endowed the first chair with \$40,000, the governors in the resolution of thanks, stated that "Mr. Munro's liberality is on a scale without a parallel in the educational history not of Nova Scotia alone, but of the Dominion of Canada." This was in 1879.

Sir William Young, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, for forty-five years a governor, and for thirty-five chairman of the board of governors, gave the college \$20,000 for a new building, \$4,000 for prize fund, over \$2,000 for current purposes, and bequeathed the residue of his estate.

Alex. McLeod left the university \$140,000 for the endowment of the chairs of classics, modern languages and chemistry. John P. Mott bequeathed \$10,000.

The nucleus of Dalhousie endowment is the Castine Fund. The balance of the fund resulting from the collection of customs by the British army during the time they held Castine in Maine in 1812. At Lord Dalhousie's suggestion, £10,000 of this fund was devoted to the "founding of a college or an academy on the same plan and principle as that in Edinburgh."

The education of each student costs Dalhousie about \$100 per annum. The student, in return, pays about \$35 in fees. The average expenses for a student per session are about \$250. The students bring over \$70,000 to Halifax each year.

Dalhousie has been conferring degrees for thirty years. Her first graduates were J. H. Chase, now Presbyterian minister at Onslow, and R. Shaw, once M. P. P. for Queen's County, P. E. I., who died in 1882.

About one-half of the teachers in the academies and

high schools of Nova Scotia, are graduates or sometime students of Dalhousie.

In 1870, Dalhousie's B. A. was recognized by the Senators of Edinburgh University as equivalent to their M. A. When Dalhousie's M. D. was recognized by the Royal College of Surgeons, London, the same privilege was granted to but five others on this continent—McGill, Queen's, Harvard, Bellevue, and Philadelphia.

Dalhousie students form 7 per cent of the students of the Canadian colleges. Dalhousie graduates have won 21 per cent of the scholarships and fellowships awarded to Canadian students by American universities. Her graduates exceed 585.

The first principal of the college, Dr. McCulloch, was the author of a novel (still in MS.) intended as an answer to "Old Mortality." He thought Scott very unfair to the Covenanters.

For the REVIEW.]

Mt. Allison Convocation.

The anniversary exercises in connection with the Mt. Allison educational institutions began on Saturday, May 23rd, and continued until the following Tuesday evening. The public proceedings included several musical rehearsals, intended to exhibit the scope and character of the training in that department which, during the last few years, has been greatly extended. Much interest also attaches to the art school in connection with the ladies' college since the removal of the Owens collection to Sackville, the acquisition of Professor Hammond as director of the school, and the erection of the art building, which is the gem of the whole group of structures on the hill.

The academy for boys, which is the oldest of the Mt. Allison schools, is prospering under the care of Principal Palmer, whose reputation in the collegiate school at Fredericton has been more than sustained in his new position. Diplomas were given to eight graduates in the commercial department of this school, and several took certificates as short-hand and type-writers. Five students will probably matriculate from the academy into the university.

Principal Borden, of the Ladies' College, reported an enrolment of 203, against 180 last year. There were 145 in the literary department and 141 in the musical department. Of the students, forty-nine were registered in the regular arts course of the school. The degree of M. L. A., which marks the completion of this course, was awarded to eight ladies. Diplomas in music were given to four students, of whom three received certificates of qualification as teachers.

The university classes this year, with the exception of the seniors, were larger than usual. The graduating