

We cannot permit you to leave us without conveying to you our high appreciation of the firmness, justice, sound judgment and urbanity which characterized your administration, and which enabled you to retain the respect and goodwill of those whose labors you directed.

To many of us who have worked under you throughout your term of office your name will always in a special manner recall memories of continued acts of kindness in time of affliction.

Your generous sympathies led you to a respectful consideration of every opinion, so that your conclusions embodied the united wisdom and commanded the respect of all. History will credit your *regime* with steady progress and with many important amendments of an educational system fundamentally good. Teachers work with enthusiasm and are proud of a profession in which the honors of the highest positions are now the rewards of successful work in the ranks.

The system has become more completely organized and modified by the introduction of a graded course of study and by the academic and high school regulations which have thus stimulated secondary education.

The colleges are beginning to realize more than ever the necessity of some organic connection with the schools from which they draw their students.

Our public school system is not only better organized, but it has also extended its sphere of usefulness by including the education of the deaf and of the blind.

You have fostered schools for miners, for farmers and for the manual training of young men. As president of the art school you have given encouragement to those studies which do so much to improve the artisan, to stimulate the industrial development of our country and to advance the finer arts.

Our regret at the termination of the official intercourse of so many years is lessened by the knowledge that while the public school system of Nova Scotia is to lose your fostering care, the cause of education is still to have the benefit of your learning, experience and executive ability. May the providence that has re-united the links that were severed when you assumed the duties of this office give you the strongest pledges of approval in the work you resume under extended conditions by a large bestowal of the spirit of wisdom and power.

Kindly convey to Mrs. Allison our sincere wishes for her happiness. May her health and strength permit a continuance of those good works in which she is so abundant. Again wishing you and yours continual health and prosperity, we remain, dear sir, your warm friends and well-wishers.

The proceeding was a surprise to the esteemed Dr., who replied in a very appropriate vein, alluding to his most pleasant relations with the members of the various governments under which he served and the teaching profession. At the invitation of Supervisor McKay, who presided, Hons. Premier Fielding, Attorney-general Longley and Commissioner Church, made capital speeches, followed by Prof. Weldon, M. P. The incident was a very pleasing termination of a long, invaluable and happy official career. Dr. Allison assumed the duties of the President of Mount Allison on the 1st of November.

There are 6,250,045 Roman Catholics in the United States. The church is represented in every state and territory.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

The University of New Brunswick, in connection with the New Brunswick Natural History Society, has organized an extension movement in St. John that ought to lead to important educational results. The design of the movement is to bring the University—its learning and methods of study—within reach of those who cannot take a University course. Classes will be formed and lectures given by specialists on certain subjects which have been announced. The lectures are intended to stimulate the hearers to study and research and to pursue a regular course of reading, followed by a University certificate, to be gained by students who do regular work and pass an examination at the end of the course.

The following is the scheme of lectures, to begin on Monday, November 23rd, and to be continued during succeeding weeks on the same day:

Monday, Physics, (8 lectures), PROF. DUFF.

Tuesday, History of England, 1640-1659 (8 lectures), REV. J. DE SOYRES.

Wednesday, Botany, (8 lectures), MR. G. U. HAY.

Thursday, Philosophy, (8 lectures), DR. D. MACRAE.

Friday, Zoology, (8 lectures), DR. BAILEY.

On the completion of the above courses (about the end of January) the following will succeed them:

English Literature,.....PROF. STOCKLEY.

Geology,.....MR. G. F. MATTHEW.

Chemistry,.....MR. A. E. MACINTYRE.

Political Economy,.....PROF. MURRAY.

Law, { Its nature and Origin,.....DR. I. ALLEN JACK.

Private Wrongs and their Remedies,.....DR. A. A. STOCKTON.

An executive committee, composed of Messrs. J. V. Ellis, J. D. Hazen, M. P., G. U. Hay, Prof. Stockley and Prof. Duff, Secretary, has been formed, who will make all necessary arrangements to carry out the course. The following gentlemen have consented to act with the lecturers and executive committee in making the scheme and its purposes known and appreciated in St. John, viz.: His Worship Mayor Peters, H. J. Thorne, Esq., Dr. Thomas Walker, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Rev. George Bruce, Jonas Howe, Esq., Dr. Boyle Travers, Ezekiel McLeod, M. P., J. E. B. McCready, Esq., S. D. Scott, Esq., John March, Esq., Dr. F. E. Barker.

Much interest has already been aroused in St. John and vicinity, and Mt. Allison University is about organizing a similar extension movement at Moncton.

The University extension originated in England over twenty years ago, and since that time it has made great progress. During the past two years the movement