

several of the students, both male and female, had made very good and respectable advancement in this pleasing accomplishment.

In the male branch classes were examined on Saturday, 30th May, in French, 1st, 2nd, and 4th classes; English Grammar, Latin Lessons, Ovid, Latin Reader, Greek Reader, Geometry, Arithmetic, 1st and 2nd classes.

On Monday, 1st June, in Geography, Analytical Geometry and Calculus, Algebra, Geometry, 1st class; Greek, 2nd class, Cicero and Virgil, Land Surveying, &c., Physical Geography, Astronomy, and in the Evidences of Christianity. The examination of the female branch was conducted simultaneously with that of the other institution on Saturday; and on Monday forenoon. In the primary department classes were examined in Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Natural History, &c., &c. In the intermediate department in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, &c.

In the collegiate department, in Physiology, Latin Lessons, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, French and Botany, and in the Evidences of Christianity.

The students in general acquitted themselves with credit, and evinced the effectiveness of the training they had undergone. Some who had received a course of instruction for four years in the Seminary, manifested a mental vigor that was truly pleasing, and which would have done honor to the oldest and most celebrated institutions of learning. Several young ladies examined in the Evidences of Christianity, evinced the familiarity of even well trained Divinity students, with the subject, and might have shamed many obtuse or slothful ones, or stirred up even the best endowed to increased mental exertion. The young ladies' class in Latin might, if a young men's class had been present, have prompted even the most studious to strive for increased excellence, lest the weaker sex should become the stronger in intellect and intellectual endowment. But we must not praise the female branch exclusively; the students of the other establishment in their examination evinced a laudable love for learning, and showed by the readiness and propriety of their answers that both teachers and scholars must have been diligent. Indeed the two branches appear like those of a fruitful tree,—the products of one parent stem—the same character of effectiveness being common to them—the same oneness of purpose evidently being aimed at by the teachers—the same healthy spirit actuating both. Observation at the examination convinced me that each branch shares in a goodly degree in an influence imparted by all the teachers of both establishments. The teachers encourage each other by frequent intercourse, and the scholars can mark the progress not only of those of their own branch, but also the mental improvement of the scholars in the other and adjacent one; and thus be stirred to increase of studiousness, from a regard to the honor of keeping up in a progress towards the goal of educational perfection. We once had objections to placing such institutions in one neighborhood, but the successful working of the Mount Allison Institution, under the prudent management of its Principal and Officers, has completely changed our opinion on the subject.

On Tuesday the 2nd of June, at an early period in the morning, in the environs of the beautiful village of Sackville, and on the various roads leading to it, carriages laden with people, and many foot passengers, were seen, apparently intent on some enterprise, or seeking some scene of great attraction. It was evident that Mount Allison's Anniversary was the theme of universal thought and conversation. Though the morning was dark with clouds, from which the rain soon came in torrents, Lingley Hall was filled with spectators. Had the day been fine, it was thought the crowd would have been so great that many must have been excluded. The rainy day, therefore, afforded some consolation to those who obtained seats. The following was the order of the anniversary exercises:—

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Singing, Prayer, and Reading the Scriptures.

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| 1. Salutory Address (Latin) | By Edmund B. Evans. |
| 2. "Woman's Influence," | Isaac N. Mack. |
| 3. "The Scholar's Hope," | Thomas Harrison. |
| 4. "Which is the more prolific source of enjoyment—Imagination or Memory?" (Dis) | Rev. Robert Wasson, Nez. John Read. |
| 5. "The Pleasures and Advantages of Education," | Silas R. Tupper. |

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| 6. "Je Veux," | Read by Miss Sarah Webber. |
| 7. "Truth and Error," | Miss Eliza Allison. |
| 8. "Combination a source of Beauty," | Miss Belvel Warner. |
| 9. "Are our childhood's days our happiest ones?" | Miss Thor. Thompson. |

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| 10. "Man's Intellectual and Moral Endowments" | By Fletch. A. Webber. |
| 11. "Physical and Intellectual Freedom" | David H. Scott. |
| 12. "All Real Good on the Mountain Top" | John Collier. |
| 13. "The Unknown" (a Poem) | David Allison. |

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| 14. "Symbolism" | By Miss Sarah B. Trueman. |
| 15. "The Spirit of Discovery," | Miss Eliza Howell. |
| 16. "The Theory of Life," with Valedictory Addresses. | Miss Annie Dennison. |

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An Address to the Ladies' Literary Association . . . By Rev. M. Richey, D. D.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Singing, Prayer, and Benediction.

The Institution was favored with the presence of the Rev. Dr. Richey, the President of the Conference, who attended the examinations, and after the exercises of the students, gave an eloquent and very appropriate Address to the Ladies' Literary Association of the Academy. This was done in the Doctor's own happy manner. The address was elastic in style, beautiful in sentiment, and convincing in argument. He successfully vindicated the right of the female mind to seek for deep scientific knowledge, and the power of its grasp, too, to attain it—illustrating his arguments by referring to some female authors who had written on the most abstruse subjects with philosophical acuteness and precision.

The addresses of the students, male and female, were all excellent, and therefore we shall not particularize any one of the prose compositions; but as there was but one poetical piece delivered, we may be permitted to say, without any danger of injurious comparisons, that it was full of imagination, of the beauty of original thought, and of promise of a genius for poetry that will, we think, repay future cultivation. Mr. David Allison, who composed and delivered it, has been a student of the Academy for four years.

We have attended a number of Anniversary services at Mount Allison Academy, but can truly say that we never had a greater mental treat in the addresses of its Students, and never felt more impressed with the excellent management of the Institution. We felt, we trust, in some measure grateful to God for sparing the indefatigable and talented Principal of the Academy,—the benevolent and untiring friend, the Founder and Treasurer,—the President of the Conference, and so many of the advocates and supporters of the Institution, to witness the noble advancement it has made, by the blessing of Providence, to be—shall we not be permitted to say,—the most effective, the most useful, the most celebrated literary institution in the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. To God be praise!

But there is no human good unalloyed with liabilities to sorrow: we felt a measure of peniveness whilst we rejoiced in past success to the cause of education at Sackville, by the thought that the talented and much esteemed Preceptress of the Female Branch, and the Rev. Governor and Chaplain, were about resigning their connection with the Institution, which had been for several years so greatly benefitted by their labors. We have no doubt that their places will be efficiently supplied by the successors appointed by the Board of Trustees to take their places—the Rev. John Allison and his lady,—but we cannot part with old friends without regret, whose services have been so much appreciated by the friends of the Institution.

In addition to the usual Anniversary mental treats there were several additional objects of gratification. A very handsome and good toned organ had been procured from the United States, at a cost of £300, and placed in a recess of Lingley Hall. The students and alumni of the Institution, have by their exertions, obtained a considerable portion of the price of the instrument, and it is confidently expected that the zeal of the friends of the Institution will soon raise the balance, and the valuable instrument be a melodious memorial of the regard of the students for their "Alma Mater."

The Hall has also received a valuable memorial of the regard of the preachers of the Eastern British American Conference for their loved and greatly lamented first President, the Rev. John Beecham, D. D. It is a full length portrait of the venerable man. As a likeness it is altogether faultless. As a work of genius and art, it is almost, if not quite, unrivalled by any painting in the Provinces. As an ornament to Lingley Hall, it is truly beautiful, and cannot be seen there in vain, as the portrait of an eminent Methodist Minister, a successful student and exponent of the Word