

usual avocations, it may be, benefited by attendance on this occasion. Teachers, and such Students as intend returning the next term to quaff still more copious potions from the ever-full fount of knowledge, will retire to rest awhile, before engaging afresh in mental labour. But those of us who expect not to continue longer in connexion with this privileged edifice—who must somewhat sooner than our fellow-students, launch our barks on the tempestuous ocean of life—now bid adieu to the favoured spot whereon we have together trodden for some time past; we leave, perhaps, forever, our worthy "Alma Mater."

Noble Founder!—Having enjoyed for a period the advantages arising from a connexion with this institution, established, and so materially upheld, by your munificent donations, we would now, on the eve of departure, express to you our gratitude, and give expression to the hope that you may be long spared to give still greater *impetus* to the cause of Education and Religion.

Respected Principal!—In behalf of your pupils, whose names are no more to be registered as students, we offer you hearty thanks for the faithfulness with which you have discharged the duties attendant upon your position, with respect to us. Though pleasure would be derived from a longer association, duty to ourselves, duty to the world, compels us to bid you Farewell.

Worthy Chaplain!—You have held for quite a number of years the office of Religious Instructor to the Students. In many cases your earnest efforts have been blessed. Continue to labour on, and may you be instrumental in spreading the *true Faith* throughout our sin-defiled land!

Kind Teachers!—You also would we thank for the treatment received by us,—for your ever-manifested desire that we might succeed in our several branches of study. And now, as we are about to take a stand on the broad stage of life, and put in practice the principles inculcated by you, we say Farewell!

Fellow Students!—I turn to you. Long to be remembered are the hours which we have so pleasantly spent together during the period of our connexion! Pleasant is it to recall the transactions of the past term! When first we met, we were most of us strangers to each other, but since then, months have rolled on, and one no longer looks upon the other as "an unknown." Time, in its onward march, has borne away our first feelings, and now, even though expecting soon to behold at "home" the "nearest and dearest to us on earth," what one can say that there rises not in his heart a pang of sorrow, at the thought of parting with those, so long his companions.

• • • There have gone before us from these walls, those whose example we may advantageously emulate. And ere long, undoubtedly, there will succeed others, who will take the places we now occupy. However, let us remember that the past is irrevocable,—that the untried future is to us as a "sealed book"—that the present alone is ours. Let us in a proper manner fulfil the duties incumbent upon us, bearing in mind that if we act manfully, conscientiously, there is an unseen Hand, which will protect us alike in sun-shine and storm, and eventually guide us safe to the Haven of Eternal Rest. Farewell! F-a-r-e-w-e-l-l!!!

The Mount Allison ACADEMIC GAZETTE.

SACKVILLE, N. B., DECEMBER, 1853.

This paper, which now makes its first appearance without the formality of a previously published Prospectus, presents itself, a modest but confiding candidate for friendly examination and consideration.

Its design is to afford information respecting the Educational Institution here established, and to promote the cause of Education generally in these Provinces.

Each number will contain several original and selected articles relating to this highly important subject, and also full and accurate reports respecting the Academy. For the present it will be published as a semi-annual periodical. The second number will therefore be issued in June, and the third in December, A. D., 1854.

Rev. Mr. Allison's Address.

We hope that this, the first article in our paper, will be read with the care which the importance of the subject discussed merits; especially do we hope that all who have been educated at the Wesleyan Academy will ponder well the weighty truths which are so eloquently presented.

Master McLeod's Valodictory.

This piece, when spoken last summer, was received with much favor, and many who then heard it expressed a wish to have it published, we have therefore, obtained a copy, and given it a place in the *Gazette*, regarding it as a very respectable composition for so juvenile an author.

THE ACADEMY.

This year now closing—the eleventh since the opening of the Academy—has been one of prosperity, most encouraging to all persons interested in its success.

One hundred and fifty individuals have been connected with the classes of either one or other of its three Departments of Instruction,—a larger number than was ever in attendance before in any one year. We give below certain articles which have appeared during the year in the *Provincial Wesleyan* and the *Courier* respecting the Institution.

(From the *Courier* of the 29th January, and 25th June.)

CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE WESLEYAN ACADEMY, MOUNT ALLISON, N. B.

The Tenth Anniversary of the opening of this flourishing Institution was celebrated by the Officers, Students and a large assemblage of the friends of education, on Wednesday, the 19th Inst. A gentleman, not connected with the Academy, but who was present on the occasion, has favoured us with the following sketch of the celebration, which we insert *verbatim*, and from which we are gratified to learn that a seminary which has already done so much for the education of the youth of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, is still in full and efficient operation, and promises a continued and brilliant career of usefulness. We are also pleased to hear that the labours of the Mount Allison Academy are so soon to be emulated by a sister Institution, devoted to the education of Females; and we congratulate the ladies of the Lower Provinces, in anticipation of March, 1854, when they will no longer have to regret the want of a public Institution suited to the intellectual requirements of their sex.

The Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, first opened for educational purposes on the 19th January, 1843, celebrated the tenth anniversary of that event on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday last, by solemnities somewhat different from those customary on such occasions, but perhaps not the less agreeable, on that account, to those who took part in them. As I have always felt much interested in an establishment which had attracted so large a share of public favour, I was gratified at receiving an invitation, and gladly arranged to be present on this occasion.

On reaching the Academy at "sharp" three o'clock, the hour named for the commencement of the exercises, I found the reception rooms full of ladies and gentlemen, disrobing themselves of cloaks, furs, and other frost-defiers; and on entering the spacious lecture-room, I was struck with the numbers and highly respectable appearance of the audience already assembled, and with the beautiful effect of the evergreen decorations which graced the walls of the apartment. I think I never before saw so many ladies assembled on any secular occasion in the country; and I am quite safe in saying, that I never before witnessed an equal number together, who could lay better claim to the admiration of our admiring sex. I noticed among the *lay* gentlemen present, the Hon. Wm. Crane, Speaker of the House of Assembly; Jos. F. Allison, C. Milner, Chas. Dixon, and Wm. Fawcett, Esquires; and Dr. Lewis Johnston. The platform was occupied by the Hon. C. F. Allison, Founder of the Academy; the principal Officers; and by the Rev. Messrs. Hennigar, Johnston, Beals, Allen, Chesley, and Gaetz. The exercises commenced by a few introductory remarks by the Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Debrisay, followed by singing and prayer, the former by a very efficient choir of the Students, and aided by a fine-toned seraphine; and the latter by the Chaplain and the Rev. Mr. Johnston.