

Board of Governors during anniversary week to discuss the subject of affiliation. The school will undoubtedly be located in Wolfville and will occupy the slopes in rear of College Hall and immediately adjoining the gardens of the Fruit-Land Improvement company. The Board appointed a committee to confer with the Executive Committee of the Society and report to the Board meeting in August next. It consists of Dr. Sawyer, W. C. Bill, C. W. Roscoe, Prof. Haley and Rev. A. Cohoon.

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The first year's work of the Manual Training school in connection with the Academy has been a very successful one. The course of instruction in this department has been wholly optional to the Academy students, about forty of whom have availed themselves of the opportunity to acquire a knowledge of the use of tools. Operations have this year been confined to wood-working and drawing. During the summer it is expected that apparatus for working in iron will be procured and placed ready for use at the beginning of next school year. The power for driving the saws, lathes, etc., is furnished by a water motor which gives good satisfaction. During Wednesday and Thursday of anniversary week the building was open to visitors. A large number of specimens of work done by the students was on exhibition. This consisted of fancy cups, vases, and various other articles made from different colored woods. These, as well as the drawings displayed, show that Mr. McDonald the instructor is a careful and painstaking teacher. It is to be hoped that this school which has made such a good beginning will be liberally supported and enlarged for increased usefulness, for it is doing a good work and supplies a long felt need.

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A matter which we have had in mind for some time and which we understand is being adopted relates to outside reading. In the way of what may be termed the skeleton work of knowledge Acadia's course is at least equal to that of any of the other colleges of the Maritime Provinces. But sufficient attention is not paid to the directing of the student in his acquirement of what may be called the "filling in" matter. While the skeleton gives the man strength the latter does the rounding out. It would be well if examinations were required in reading collateral with the texts used in class. Of course such examinations would not be as stiff as those on the lecture texts, but would demand a knowledge of the soul of the books, though not of the details. But if this cannot be done at least the student can be told what are the best works to read in connection with his subjects. It is noticeable that the students at Acadia have not been following any system in their reading. It is now proposed to publish in the Calendar under each subject a list of reference books and works suitable