

The following exhibits the Studies pursued in the Female Branch, during the Term, and the number of Ladies engaged in each, viz.:

Penmanship,	77	Astronomy,	30
Reading,	65	Moral Science,	5
English Grammar,	91	French,	29
" Composition,	110	Latin,	7
Arithmetic,	90	Pencil Drawing,	38
Geography,	69	Crayon,	14
History,	31	Oil Painting,	8
Algebra,	7	Piano Forte,	59
Geometry,	6	Melodicon,	7

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In presenting to our friends another number of the *Academic Gazette*, we have no ordinary pleasure in being enabled to state, that at no period have the patriotic intentions of the Founder and supporters of this educational Institution, been in more gratifying course of realization than during that which has elapsed since our last issue. The attendance has been greater than in any corresponding Term, and the examination exercises at the close, afforded conclusive evidence to the friends of education present, of the judicious adaptation of the system of instruction, and the ability and zeal of those on whom devolve the labour and responsibility of applying it. These were apparent in the marked advancement of the pupils, generally, in the several departments of study to which their attention had been respectively directed, and their familiarity with the subjects included in the general course of examination, embracing, as it did, a thorough review of the entire work of the Term.

Nor is our gratification limited to the contemplation of results already reached. It stretches onward to the future, and anticipates more of that which is destined to advantage and ennoble these Provinces—the vital germ of a mighty Empire—than our space will permit us to express. To spread the blessings of an education, combining the intellectual and the christian elements, over the whole land, at such charges as will place them within the reach of all who appreciate and earnestly desire their possession, has been, and is the commanding motive to exertion of the honoured Founder, and the Trustees and Officers of the Institution. To this sublime object, and not to purposes of personal enrichment will, nay, must, the efforts of the Board ever be directed. All that has been appropriated, whether as private subscriptions or donations, or legislative grants, has been made subservient to this great end; and we can conceive of only one other object for which we could urge a stronger claim upon the surplus accumulations of the wealthy, or upon the liberality of an enlightened government, than Institutions which are conducted on the principles and for the purposes thus indicated.

During the past summer the Building for the accommodation of young gentlemen has undergone a very thorough repair and refitting. All the rooms have been newly painted and papered. A more commodious Dining Hall has been furnished and opened, new kitchen, pantries, &c., erected, and a variety of other arrangements made, which must promote the regular working of the Institution, and increase the comfort and home-feeling of the pupils.

In relation to the spacious edifice opened in August, 1854, for the accommodation of Female Students, we may repeat the statements made in our last issue, that "it was planned and finished for the express purpose of affording a pleasant, healthy, and desirable residence for Young Ladies requiring a course of liberal educational training. Its apartments

are exceedingly commodious, and the whole Building is thoroughly ventilated upon the most approved principles. It is liberally supplied with Musical Instruments, and its numerous rooms are tastefully and comfortably furnished, so as to present a most inviting home for upwards of eighty resident students. It is designed to be in every respect, in proportion to its extent, equal to any public Institution devoted to the advancement of Female Education on this Continent."

Since our last *Gazette* was issued, several important improvements have been made. Among them may be enumerated, the papering of all the students' rooms—a spacious and airy *Gymnasium*, for the purposes of healthy exercise and agreeable recreation—five new rooms for Music practice—a large and well lighted apartment for classes in Oil Painting—with some alterations in school rooms, rendering them more commodious and convenient. Some progress has been made in suitably fencing and ornamenting the grounds.

New arrangements have been made, to give increased efficiency to our Musical Department, which has been also introduced into the Male Branch. The general direction of this Department has been committed to a gentleman of high attainments, trained and recommended by Professor B. F. BAKER, of Boston, whose talents and wide-spread professional reputation furnish an ample guarantee that the instruction given will be systematic and thorough. Professor Powers will be assisted in the Female Branch by the valuable services of Miss Smith, an accomplished pupil of the same school, and other competent instructors, and we express our utmost confidence that an education on the most approved modern principles of musical science will be here imparted to those who have time and suitable taste for acquiring so delightful an accomplishment.

By this arrangement the other teachers in the Female Branch are enabled to devote themselves to the more uninterrupted prosecution of their duties in their respective Departments, and to general oversight and Government. Thus we trust this Branch, in imitation of its senior associate, will continue to sustain its claims upon the confidence and support of parents and the public generally, while successfully labouring to elevate the tone of female character and influence throughout the Province.

Female Education.

A few remarks upon the course of study prescribed in the Ladies' Academy, together with the principles which control the general management of its literary department, may not be inappropriate.

We heartily subscribe to the sentiment uttered by a distinguished educator of our times, that "cultivated, well regulated female intellect is the most pressing want of the age." All the measures of the Institution are adapted to this desirable end.

The superior advantages of a systematic course of study recognized universally in colleges and universities, we deem equally indispensable for securing to young Ladies the proper object of all education—mental discipline. A course of study, is earnestly recommended as a means of imparting steadiness and completeness to habits and character, as well as to knowledge; especially as a means of correcting that impatience of thought, that tendency to the desultory and the superficial, which are proverbial failings of young Ladies, and which are fostered by the ordinary modes of female education. Instead of choosing their own studies, on entering, as fancy or chance may dictate, it is considered desirable, whether they remain long enough to finish the course or not, that the *order* of studies prescribed should be followed, as far as circumstances will permit.

It would be superfluous to advocate what must now be considered a settled principle,—that the introduction of the abstruser sciences into a course of study for females, is of the highest utility.

The Mount Allison Ladies' Academy, affords but additional testimony on this point, to that of Institutions of a similar kind, of longer standing