

## Our Universities and Colleges

### III.—SACKVILLE INSTITUTIONS.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE Methodist who visits Sackville, N.B., for the first time has in store a pleasant surprise. Of course he knows in a general way that the Methodist Church has a University here; but he is scarcely prepared for what a personal investigation reveals. Instead of the usual limited College Campus, he finds forty acres of beautiful land, with attractive shade trees, and eight buildings admir-

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was amended, and the name changed to University of Mount Allison College. Dr. Pickard became the first president, and he has had but two successors. When he resigned in 1869 Dr. David Allison became president. In 1878 he resigned to become Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, and Dr. James R. Inch succeeded him. In 1892 Dr. Inch became Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick and Dr. Allison returned to his old position which he holds to-day. Thus Mount Allison has had the rather unique experience of having two of her presidents taken to fill the chief position in the educational systems of the two provinces from which it draws its chief support.

The most important building is the University, or "Memorial Hall," as it is usually designated. This is a beautiful stone structure, containing class rooms

Dominion Senator, and Rev. Dr. Sprague, at present, pastor of the Sackville Methodist Church. Among later graduates may be mentioned Judges King of the Supreme Court, and Burbidge of the Court of Exchequer, H. A. Powell of the House of Commons, Dr. Weldon, Dean of the Dalhousie Law School, Dr. Frank Nicholson, of Middleton University, Conn., Dr. Clarence Webster, of Chicago University. A proportionately large number of Mount Allison graduates, both men and women, are in the foreign mission field in China, India, and Japan. It is cause for regret that we are not able to publish a picture of the University Building, nor of the President who could not supply us with either a cut or photograph of himself.

Across the road from Memorial Hall is a large and substantial looking building now in course of erection to be known



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Mr. Charles Allison, a successful merchant of Sackville, in the second quarter of the century conceived the idea of founding a school for the higher education of the Methodist young people of the Maritime Provinces. He devoted a portion of his property to the purpose, and spent much of his time in awakening an interest in the project. In 1840 he laid with his own hands the corner stone of the first Mount Allison Academy. The building has twice been destroyed by fire and rebuilt. In January of 1843 students first assembled, and the Academy opened under the principalship of the late Dr. Humphrey Pickard. In 1862 Mount Allison Wesleyan College was organized under charter from the Legislature. By subsequent Act the charter

for all the instruction in University and Theological subjects, and also the library and museum. The library is an unusually good one of eight thousand volumes. The museum has a fine collection of minerals from the Maritime Provinces, and the noted herbarium collected by the late Dr. Lawson of Halifax, containing over twenty thousand specimens from all parts of the world.

The President, Dr. Allison, has associated with him eight professors and two lecturers. Rev. Charles Stewart, D.D., is Dean of the Theological Faculty. Last year one hundred and thirty-six students were enrolled. At the last convocation twenty-two received the degree B.A., and M.A. was conferred in course on two. Of these graduates, four were women. Women have for years been admitted to all the privileges of the University, and in 1882 Mount Allison sent out the first woman Bachelor of Arts, in the person of Miss Harriet Stewart, daughter of the Dean of Theology. The first graduating class consisted of Hon. Josiah Wood,

as the "Residence," which will be the home of the University students, during the sessions. It will contain a handsome dining and assembly hall, drawing rooms, and Young Men's Christian Association parlor, besides comfortable study and sleeping rooms, all lighted by electricity and heated by hot water. The walls of the new building are finished over the foundation of the old Residence, which was destroyed by fire last June. Mr. Edmund Burke, of Toronto, is the architect.

The Ladies' College and Conservatory of Music combined form one of the largest buildings of the group. The Principal is Dr. B. C. Borden, and Mrs. A. N. Archibald is Vice-Principal. They are assisted by sixteen instructors. The Conservatory is under the direction of Mr. Almon Vincent. All the music teachers have had the advantage of European study. The pupils have in use daily twenty-eight pianos, two vocalions, and two fine pipe organs. Beethoven Hall, the assembly room of the Conservatory, contains a