

The total number granted since the institution of the school is 1286; and we have reason to believe that, as heretofore, few of those who have taken diplomas have not fulfilled their pledge to teach for three years, while a large proportion have become permanent teachers.

EXAMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATES IN ARTS.

In the past summer these examinations were again held under the joint auspices of the Universities and of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, and were extended to all the Academies and High Schools. The result showed a further improvement on that of the previous year, and holds forth a good promise of progressive advancement, though some modifications in details may still be desirable, and it is hoped that this attempt to bring all the institutions of secondary education within the scope of one system of examinations will prove a permanent benefit to education in this Province. Candidates presented themselves from 23 schools. Fifty passed as Associates in Arts, besides 21 who passed the examinations, but were over 18 years of age; and 10 took Junior Certificates, besides 5 who passed but were over age. Thus 86 in all passed in these examinations.

In these examinations the Rev. E. I. Rexford, B.A., Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction, and Dr. Harper, Inspector of Academies, were associated with the University examiners.

It should be added here that these examinations have been carried on for many years by the Universities without any public aid, and that only the long experience of the University examiners and their able secretary, Prof. Chandler, could have secured in a matter so complex and difficult the results so far achieved, however imperfect they may be in the estimation of some critical persons.

LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND APPARATUS.

The reports of the Library, Peter Redpath Museum, and Observatory are appended to this Report, and show the present condition of these departments of the University.