

The Mount Allison ACADEMIC GAZETTE.

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SINCE the number of our Gazette immediately preceding this was commissioned to go forth with its reports for the information and encouragement of the friends of the Mount Allison Academy, a full year of duty and privilege has completed its course. To those upon whom devolves the task of preparing faithful Reports of this year, it seems cause for still increasing gratitude to the "Father of all mercies" that the work of education, as here conducted upon Christian principles, has continued to go on prosperously. From the Catalogue given elsewhere on this sheet, it will be seen that the total number of Students for this year has been—in the Male Branch—one hundred and thirty-one; of whom ninety-seven were in attendance the first, one hundred and fourteen were in the second, and one hundred and one the third Term; sixteen were in the Primary, ninety-four in the Intermediate, and twenty-one in the Collegiate Department. The total number of Students in the Female Branch was one hundred and three—making a grand total, for the two Branches, of two hundred and thirty-four.

The systematic course of study, according to the published Programme, has been pursued more generally than in any previous year. Nearly all the Classes in the different Departments have been duly formed and instructed in regular order. The curriculum of study for the year has therefore embraced English Grammar, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Book Keeping, Mensuration, Land Surveying, Navigation, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometrical Analysis, Analytical Geometry and Calculus, Natural History, Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Botany, Intellectual Philosophy, Rhetoric, Logic, Evidences of Christianity, and the French, Latin and Greek Languages.

In addition to the ordinary Lectures to the Classes in Chemistry, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, a course of popular lectures was commenced in the autumn and continued through the winter, in which the Officers of the Institution were kindly favored with the valuable assistance of the Rev. Matthew Richey, D. D., Rev. T. H. Davies, Rev. E. Botterell, Rev. R. A. Temple, Titus W. Knapp, Esq., M. D., and Lewis Johnson, Esq., M. D.

The past year, as each previous one in the history of the Institution, "Has been marked by valuable additions to its educational facilities, and by more or less extensive general improvements throughout the establishment." Among these may be enumerated the following very valuable accessions to the property of the Institution, which, it will be noticed, have been made without any expenditure from the general funds entrusted to the care of the Board of Trustees:—

An admirable full-length, life-like Portrait of the late lamented Rev. John Beecham, D. D., first President of the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America has been procured by the Members of the Conference at an expense of at least £200, and presented to the Institution. It is probably unsurpassed by any work of art of the kind on this Continent, and it cannot fail, it is believed, of assisting in the proper æsthetic training of the Students.

A very beautiful, powerful, fine-toned Organ, has been placed in the recess opening into the Orchestra of Lingley Hall. It was built expressly for the Institution by E. L. Holbrook, Esq., of East Medway, Mass. It has two banks of keys, and the following twenty-four stops, viz:—

Couple Swell to Great.

" Pedals "

" " Swell Bass.

Pedals Check.

Bellows Alarm.

Sub-Bass—Two Octaves, Double Stop.

Compass of Great Organ—CC to G—fifty-six notes.

Compass of Swell of Great Organ—from Tenor F to G, thirty-nine notes, and Swell Bass from CC to E, seventeen notes—in all fifty-six notes.

It cost, in its place, upwards of £300, a considerable proportion of which has already been obtained through the exertion of Students and Alumni of the Academy, and the balance, it is expected, will soon be secured; so that this valuable instrument may stand an expressive memorial of their grateful regard for their "Alma Mater."

For an account of the late Examination and Anniversary Exercises, we have much pleasure in referring to the following communication written by the Rev. T. H. Davies, and published in the Provincial Wesleyan.

ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT ALLISON WESLEYAN ACADEMY,

WESTMORLAND, N. B.

The Conference of Eastern British North America, at its last annual session in St. John, N. B., appointed a Visiting Committee consisting of seven highly respected laymen and two ministers to attend the examination of the scholars in May and June 1857, requesting their acceptance of the pleasing task assigned them, to attend the anniversary meeting of the Institution, to inspect the buildings, attend the examination of the students, and mark the working of the educational system adopted in both branches, so as to be prepared to present a suitable Report of the state of the Establishment to the Board of Trustees, and to the public. The distance at which most of the members thus appointed resided from Sackville, the urgent requisitions of their own business, with other reasonable causes, no doubt, prevented the visiting committee from being all present on so pleasing an occasion. But one of the number appeared, and on him now devolves the duty of making a few remarks upon the interesting subject of the anniversary services of Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy. Had the committee met, a suitable report would have been presented to the Board of Trustees, and would, no doubt, have been communicated to the public through the pages of the *Provincial Wesleyan*; but we now regret that only a few observations can be given in place of so desirable an article.

The examination and exercises of the recent anniversary fully sustained the high reputation which had been won by the talent, assiduity, and entire devotion to duty, of the Principal and his effective staff of Teachers, and the success of the taught, through successive years. And the report of the moral and religious conduct of the students in general, was not only honorable to the scholars themselves and their teachers, but was also strongly illustrative of the wisdom, faithfulness and success of the talented Governor and Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Evans. Indeed the testimony of the students themselves of their esteem and gratitude for his services to them, as communicated by one of their number in a beautiful and pathetic address at the close of the services, must have been truly pleasing to the reverend gentleman, and compensated, we think, in no small degree, for many hours of anxiety and toil that had been undergone in the performance of the onerous duties of watching over so many immortal beings in the most interesting period of their history,—when the character is being formed for the future of life, and for the realities of a solemn eternity. The examination of classes commenced in each branch of the Institution, on Saturday the 30th May, and was continued at suitable hours until evening; was resumed on Monday, the 1st June, and closed for the day in the evening. The reading of the *Mount Allison Times* by two of the young ladies at the close of this day's examination, was highly interesting, and proved the possession of carefully cultivated minds, and literary taste, in the authors of the articles. The drawings and pictures by the young ladies were handsome specimens of their attainments in the skill of using the hand to minister to the pleasures of the eye and of the mind. And the strains of music, both vocal and instrumental, proved that

GREAT ORGAN.		Notes.	SWELL ORGAN.		Notes.
1. Open Diapason,	-	56	1. Bourdon,	-	39
2. Dulciana,	-	44	2. Open Diapason,	-	39
3. Clarabella,	-	44	3. Viol de Gambia,	-	39
4. Stop Diapason,	-	17	4. Stop Diapason,	-	39
5. Principal,	-	56	5. Principal,	-	39
6. Flute,	-	44	6. Twelfth,	-	39
7. Twelfth,	-	56	7. Fifteenth,	-	39
8. Fifteenth,	-	56	8. Trumpet,	-	39
9. Trumpet,	-	39	9. Swell Bass,	-	17