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MOUNT ALLISON crowning a hill in the town of Sackville, New Brunswick, is from its central position, well fitted to be the representative of higher education in the Maritime Provinces. This representative position, independent of the narrower limits of a province, is reflected in its students who

in Arts, Science and Theology and the first two years of work in Engineering. Each of these has its own buildings and staff. The only building in common is the Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall, erected by a son and daughter in memory of their father, a prominent citizen of Sackville. In this splendid hall



General View of Mount Allison Institutions

come from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Bermuda and Eastern Quebec, as well as from New England, Ontario and the West. And they come in large numbers, five or six hundred each year, to pursue some of the variety of courses of study offered at this educational centre.

Mount Allison consists of three different, although closely connected institutions: the Academy, which prepares for matriculation and gives courses and diplomas in commercial work, shorthand and typewriting; the Ladies' College which prepares for Junior and Senior Matriculation, and has associated with it a Conservatory of Music and schools of painting, arts and crafts, elocution and Domestic Science; and the University, which offers courses and degrees

all public exercises, concerts and University convocations are held. This represents a very considerable growth from the one building, "the old Academy", which was in 1843 the gift of Charles F. Allison whose name is held in reverence at Mount Allison as "the Founder".

SOME FAMOUS GRADUATES

The University in its progress has much more than kept pace with the development of the Maritime Provinces in general. In 1863 the first class graduated, small in number, only two, but both members were destined to be men of mark in their generation, leaders in church and state. They are still active in good work. One is Rev. Howard Sprague, D. D., the Dean of Theology at Mount Allison; the other,

Hon. Josiah Wood, D. C. L., former Member of Parliament and Senator, now Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. The classes of the next four years, though also small, contained such men as J. R. Inch, LL. D., so well known as College President and Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick, Alfred A. Stockton of St. John, lawyer, author and M.P., Judge Borden of Moncton, N. B., Judge Chesley of Lunenburg, N. S., R. C. Weldon, Ph. D., for many years head of the Dalhousie Law School; Judge Burbidge, chief of the Court of Ex-

between students and Faculty. In their studies, in their contests, whether of debating or of athletics, the students have regarded the members of the Faculty as their interested friends to whom they might come for advice or assistance. A condition of this sort counts for much in the lives of young people in their formative years. At Mount Allison there has been a happy avoidance of both the over-careful supervision that checks personal development and self-assertion, and the perils of a freedom without guidance or restraint.



Mount Allison University Residence

chequer at Ottawa, A. D. Smith, LL. D., professor of classics at Mt. Allison, and Hon. Justice Russell, long associated with Dr. Weldon in the Dalhousie Law School, now a member of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. And so the tale has gone on. In the years that have followed several hundred have taken their degree in Arts, many of whom have risen to eminence in various departments of life, in politics, in law, in medicine, in the church, in educational work or in civic affairs of their town or city. The position attained by her graduates through the years has made evident the good work done at Mount Allison and the high ideals impressed on her students.

To this success have contributed the close contact and friendly relations that have always existed

This condition has no doubt been due, in a large degree, to the fact that Mount Allison is pre-eminently a residential university. In this it follows the traditions of the older English seats of learning which regard the mere attendance of students at a university without the communion of living and dining together and the fellowship and knowledge of men gained by such relations, as scarcely university life at all.

This, of course, is merely emphasizing that all the benefit of a college training is not purely intellectual. No prig is quite so disagreeable as the learned prig. Students in their daily intercourse in residence learn human nature, sharpen wits by clash of opinions, "rub each other's angles down", as they could

not in any other way. There also arises a sense of comradeship and an *esprit de corps* that are valuable assets to a young man. Hence Mount Allison.

PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES which in extent and completeness are unequalled East of Montreal. The large stone building, four stories high, with its 220 feet of frontage and two large ells, accommodates 130 to 150 students with both room and dining facilities. It contains also parlors, reading-room, a large Society-hall, hospital, and all the other necessities of a building of the sort. One or more professors live in the building, but the govern-

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A general "Commutation Fee" admits students to

MEMBERSHIP IN ALL SOCIETIES

and the residential life tends to foster interest in these societies. Chief among these is the Eurhetorian, the literary and debating society, which also publishes the college paper, *The Argosy*. This society has a long and interesting history. Scores of men now counted among our prominent public speakers made here their early attempts at speaking and debate. It is from this society that, after preliminary debates, are chosen the members of the Intercollegiate debating team. The success of this society is suggested by

the fact that Mount Allison has won in the intercollegiate contests for the past five years in succession. Close beside the Residence lie, on one side, the tennis court, and on the other, the gymnasium and the athletic grounds, with football field and cinder running-track. The adjacent position enables students to go out in any odd half hour for exercise, and makes the use of the grounds much more general than would be probable, if less favorably situated.

All these social, residential and athletic advantages open to students at Mount Allison are combined with great opportunities for



The Physical Culture Drill at Mount Allison Ladies' College

INTELLECTUAL CULTURE

"to learn something of the best that has been known and thought in the world." The Faculty which in 1863 consisted of five professors and one tutor, has increased until professors, instructors and assistants in the University now number twenty-five. Among these are graduates of English, American and Canadian universities, all of whom have done noteworthy work in their departments, and many of whom after long experience are widely known as educationists. Honor courses are provided in Classics, English, Philosophy, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics, for those who wish to do special work in some department. The library contains a good collection of modern books, of reference, of general literature, and

of special departments. It is freely accessible and affords great facilities both for "browsing" and for serious study.

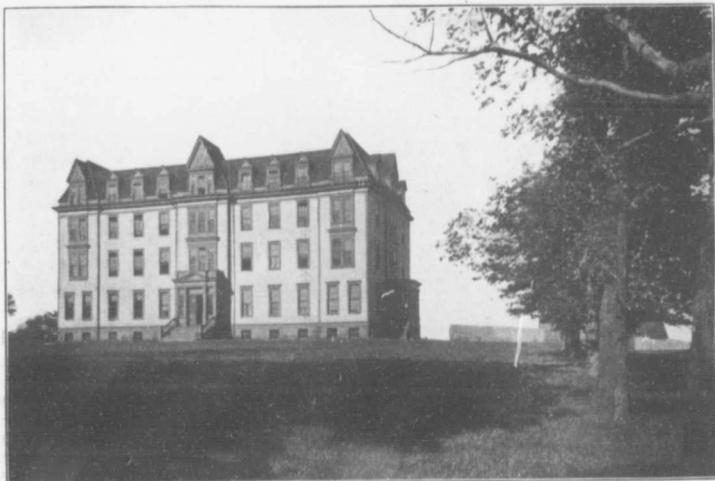
Furthermore must be mentioned

THE CHANCE FOR ASSISTANCE

from Students' Aid Funds and Scholarships. Generous endowments by the late Rev. Ralph Brecken, D. D., of Toronto, and J. Wesley Smith, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., enable the Faculty year by year to dispense very considerable sums to those who could not without such help obtain a university training. These are awarded partly as entrance bursaries to

have proved by their careers the powers of their intellects and the value of their education.

Of all the prizes open to modern students one of the most note-worthy is the Rhodes Scholarship—about \$1,500 a year tenable for three years in residence at Oxford University. Teachers through the provinces and parents should keep this prize in mind and direct the attention of clever boys to it. Appointments are made by the various universities of the Maritime Provinces from their students, who must be prominent both in student activities and in their studies among which must be included Greek. Mount Allison has the appointment of a scholar three years



Mount Allison Academy

pupils who have been leaders in their schools, and partly to students who have done good work during their course at Mount Allison. In addition a considerable number of prizes are open each year to competition. By all these means, added to his power of earning during the long summer holiday, every clever energetic student in these provinces has within his reach a university education. The expenses of tuition, room and board in the Residence, Society fees and all, will amount for an Arts student, to less than \$250 a year. (The Mount Allison year is thirty-three weeks.) Probably nowhere in the world is education of so high a standard so well within the reach of all classes of people as it is here in the Maritime Provinces. And probably, too, nowhere has been found a more intelligent group of students, who

out of every seven. Since 1905 Mount Allison has nominated five scholars and will nominate another during the present year, who will begin residence at Oxford in 1917. In addition three other Mount Allison men have been awarded scholarships, two for Newfoundland, and one for Bermuda.

CO-EDUCATIONAL

All degrees, honors and prizes, except the Rhodes Scholarship just referred to, are open on equal terms to all students without distinction of sex. Indeed Mount Allison was the first Canadian College to throw open its doors to women, for as early as 1875 a woman was granted the degree of B. S., and in 1882 another the degree of B. A. With its close relation to the Ladies' College giving unusual

chances for work in music and the fine arts, and with the splendid residential facilities afforded by Hart Hall, it might be expected that Mount Allison University would attract, as it has attracted, many splendid women students. The advantages can only be really known after experiencing them. Otherwise women would scarcely have remained only between a quarter and a third of the student body of the University. They have, however, shown themselves worthy competitors of the men, and yet the competition has not resulted, as in some of the American colleges, in friction and unpleasantness. On the contrary the presence of the women has tended to keep men alive to the social conventions, and to aid in educating "gentlemen" as well as "scholars."

In 1903 through the generosity of one of her old students, Ex-Governor A. R. McClelan, of Riverside, Albert County, N. B., Mount Allison was able to begin

WORK IN APPLIED SCIENCE

It was not then regarded as wise to attempt to offer complete courses and degrees in engineering, nor has that opinion been changed. The equipment for a satisfactory course is so expensive that it was regarded as best to adopt the plan since followed in Nova Scotia, and offer only the first two years of a course which may then be completed under adequate conditions at the Nova Scotia Technical College or McGill. By this plan the student has, at less expense, the best that two universities can offer him: careful supervision and instruction in the earlier years of his course, and in the later years, when the work becomes technical and specialized, the advantages of splendid apparatus and laboratories and highly trained specialists. The result has been most successful. Mount Allison men have made an enviable reputation in the concluding years of their course, being regarded by the McGill authorities as the best prepared men that come to them from outside colleges.

STUDENTS AND THE WAR

Had it not been for the war, Mount Allison would have had before this an additional science building to meet the needs of this work which has been so popular. Educational matters as well as other interests live in the shadow of the great conflict. But apart from the indirect losses there is the direct sacrifice made by both University and students, since no class has answered the call to service more loyally than the students of the empire. And perhaps no university has given relatively more of its students and Alumni than Mount Allison. Between three and four hundred are known to have answered the call of their country, and probably many who enlisted in the West and elsewhere have not been reported at the University. Of the eight Rhodes scholars mentioned above, six—all whose health permits—are

wearing the uniform of the King. Last year before the session opened many who had planned to return to college enlisted, and during all the year men kept going week by week, until by the close about sixty per cent, of the male students had joined the forces. Everything gave way to the one absorbing interest. Those who were still at college felt it was unseemly to be taking part in athletics—drawing attention to strength which might be used for the defence of their country—and gave up all intercollegiate contests. Even on their own home field sports languished. All energy to be spent should be put into the Officers' Training Corps. Therefore the student body took part in drill and made preparation for the call to arms during the summer. In one way it is sad, and yet who would have it otherwise? Although Mount Allison has no chair specially to teach patriotism, it has always been her pride that her instruction rouses students to a sense of their duty as citizens and fits them to do good service for their fellow-men. What wonder, then, that the present generation has taken to heart in these critical days the spirit of Kipling's lines,

"There's but one task for all,
For each one life to give.
Who stands, if Freedom fall?
Who dies, if England live?"

MOUNT ALLISON LADIES' COLLEGE

Mount Allison Ladies' College, referred to by leading educationists of Upper Canada as the largest and best equipped Ladies' College in the Dominion, stands on the very crest of a hill at Sackville, overlooking the beautiful and historic Tantramar marshes. From this college of more than half a century's standing, have gone out graduates in its Literary, Musical, Fine Arts, Household Science and Oratory courses, whose work has built up for Mount Allison a reputation more than provincial. Students come here every fall, not only from the Maritime Provinces, but from upper and western Canada, from the United States and even far off Bermuda and the West Indian Islands. As a natural result, social acquaintanceships are extremely varied, and the girl who attends Mount Allison comes in touch with the best type of young womanhood from all parts of the continent, gaining a breadth of vision and a knowledge of character such as could otherwise be obtained only through extensive travel.

The courses open to the student at this institution are many and varied. First on the list are the regular Literary and Scientific courses leading to the degree of M. L. A. In these, it should be noted that Mount Allison offers special advantages to students sufficiently advanced, in that they may enter the University classes if so desired, and take up any subject under the professors of the sister institution.

The large and efficient teaching staff of the Ladies' College is thus, for all practical purposes, enlarged by the Faculty of the University.

The Conservatory of Music, one of the best equipped in the country, contains sixty practice pianos and offers full facilities, with a good supply of instruments, for training in pipe organ. Violin and Orchestra work are specialties in the Conservatory of Music, in addition to Vocal training. The excellent reputation which attaches to a diploma from Mount Allison in any of these lines has resulted year by year, in a steadily growing attendance and a larger output of graduates.

Near the Ladies' College stands Owens' Museum of Fine Arts, in itself an architectural gem and housing one of the most complete and valuable art collections in Canada, valued at \$50,000. A large number of preliminary sketches by famous artists are included in the contents of its galleries so that students may follow the technique of the Masters, step by step, at first hand. Advanced pupils receive the personal guidance and instruction of Professor John Hammond, R. C. A., whose work stands in the very forefront of Canadian art to-day. Prof. Hammond has an international reputation, and the advantage of his supervision would be difficult to over estimate. The Fine Arts Department includes also, in addition to drawing and painting, courses in Arts and Crafts work, Leather Tooling, Modelling, Brass Work, China Painting and Original Design.

The Household Science Department offers a one year and a two year Normal Course fitting the student without any further preparation to teach this subject in the schools of New Brunswick. The one year course is designed for those who have already been teaching for the period of one year or more, and wish to include Household Science in their list of subjects. In addition to these Normal courses, a special Housekeeper's course is provided which teaches the fundamentals of scientific household management and economy. Specimen meals are prepared by the students, at stated costs and the various difficulties which confront the young home-maker are dealt with in turn.

The School of Expression, under the control of a graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory, is designed to develop and give proper direction to the mental, emotional and physical powers of the student, to strengthen her appreciation of literature and enable her to fittingly interpret that literature to others, and to give her that ease of manner and refined presence which can be obtained through no other course. Rounding out the work of the School of Expression, is the new department of Physical Education which has been established this year at Mount Allison. This is a branch of woman's education which is receiving more and more attention from the

larger Ladies' Colleges all over the world, and Mount Allison is in the very forefront of the movement as it has appeared in Canada.

Add to the educational facilities mentioned above, the advantages of residential life in one of the most healthful spots in the country with the social opportunities offered by the co-educational system in vogue at Mount Allison, and it can easily be seen why, in the opinion of so many eminent and competent judges, the Ladies' College overlooking the Tantramar is unequalled in Canada.

MOUNT ALLISON ACADEMY

Mount Allison Academy and Business College, with courses leading to University matriculation and business efficiency, offers the inducement of residential life which is a common feature of all the Mount Allison Institutions. The student in this Academy also, has not only the advantages of association with those in his own classes, but finds his ambition aroused and his ideals heightened by his close connection with students pursuing the higher branches of study.

Besides the regular course leading to University matriculation, the Academy has a well qualified staff of instructors in Commercial education. Book-keeping, Business Correspondence, Banking and kindred subjects are thoroughly gone into and make up a general business education of excellent value. The student may follow from this course, if so desired, into the two year course in Finance and Commerce for which the University grants a certificate. He is thus fitted with a sound working knowledge of big business and international finance.

Every year a large number of students take the Stenography and Typewriting courses at the Academy. Knowledge of these subjects is always useful, and the classes include students taking other courses at the Academy, Ladies' College and University in addition to those who are specializing in this branch alone.

It should be noted that Mount Allison Academy offers special advantages to students who are contemplating an engineering course, in that they may take up wood turning, lettering, drafting, descriptive geometry, etc., in the University classes. Graduates from Mount Allison may enter upon the third year course at McGill in any of these subjects and so save time and money at the larger institution. A splendid course in Manual Training is also open to the Academy students through this access to the University class rooms.

The atmosphere of home life in the Mount Allison Academy, the individual attention which each student receives from his teachers and the social advantages of close relationship with the other institutions, make it one of the most desirable schools for a preliminary or business education.



CHARLES FAWCETT MEMORIAL HALL

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