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pended upon it, and, finally, if there is it shall hold in the future in relation to Boards on their own responsibility. He author, Rev. R. R. Meredith, is a valpublished.

back to pages 101 and 102. Whence do these inform you that these candidates came? 14 had studied in private; present year-the last twelve months. | really promote the general welfare. Twenty persons applied for examination, 13 for matriculation; 5 for First **B**. A. 1 for Second B. A.; 1 for Second LL.B. Of these 5 came from Mount Allison College; 1 from St. Mary's; 5 from Pictou Academy; 1 from St. John, New Brunswick, Grammar School; from Mount Allison Academy.

Observe, then, the result of this investigation into positive facts. With the exception of Mount Allison College, we may say that not one of the six colleges, specially referred to in the Act of the Legislature, have considered it wise or advantageous the take advantage of the opportunity afforded them of having their students tested by examiners outside of their own institutions-that not one College, except that already named, has taken any practical interest in furthe youths whom they have been instructing. From Acadia College there have been no candidates, although I know of few from whom, in the matter of legislation, the University has received more valuable aid than from several individual members both of the faculty and the governing body of that institution.

able project of its acquiring the position Some years ago there was a public de- by the motion on it this discussion had to which its theoretical merits entitle it. mand for a general Examination Board arisen, because the question of higher Let us then look upon what has been to test the work of the colleges. That education must necessarily occupy the accomplished. On page 104 of last scheme has been in operation for a space attention of the Government and Legisyear's Calendar, which brings up the of four years, and so has been on trial. lature during the ensuing session, and statistics to December 31, 1879, you will If its success has not been as full as was no Government would care to interfere find a summary of the men who came anticipated, the cause or causes may now so far with a duly established University up for examination, and to this I shall be ascertained. It may be that the Uni- like this, as to destroy it, save under the afterwards add that of the present versity examination is not the best way year, which, of course, is not as yet of testing the work of the colleges, or that no such test is desired or considered pended, its degrees would preserve their Analyze this summary. What does necessary. Such are questions for the intrinsic value and force. This was the it reveal? This series of facts; that Government to determine; and if the only degree conferring institution whose the total number of candidates in Arts, work in which we have been engaged is degrees were got by open competition Science, Law and Medicine was but 57 one of supererogation, or of a kind not with all comers before an independent still effective way, then it will be for the 2 came from Dalhousie College; 1 from | Government and the Legislature to say Halifax Medical College; 1 from St. whether it is desirable for us to continue Francis Xavier's College; 1 from St. our work; for it is manifest that in a Mary's College ; 1 from King's College ; | circumscribed Province like this, we have 4 from Mount Allison Wesleyan College; need to husband the time and energies 5 from Pictou Academy; the remainder of active and busy men, to use with wise from some of our public schools. Add economy our limited resources, and to to this what was effected during the direct all our efforts to whatever may

> In the afternoon session the matter presented by the Chancellor was taken up for consideration. Judge Johnston after some appropriate remarks moved : That a committee be appointed to conter with the Boards of Governors of the colleges, and ascertain why they do not send up their students to the examinations of the University.

Dr. A. P. Reid seconded the motion. Rev. J. Ambrose said a Central Teaching University was out of the question. NoGovernment would stand for a moment that attempted to root out the denom. inational colleges. It was important to know what the Government was goingto do with regard to the college grants. This was a question of great interest to thering the project of trying by one the people, who did not quite see why mistakes; he thought so. He quite general touchstone the acquisitions of the colleges should not have grants for agreed with Dr. Allison's remarks. He C. W. Saunders, Esq., Yarmouth. 5 00 carrying on the higher education of the moved in amendment : country, while the public schools, doing the elementary work, were in receipt of Government and Legislature embodying public money. Unless the Government | the report of the Chancellor, setting were going to start and maintain a teaching university they would have to sity, and expressing the belief of this James Power, continue the college grants. He advised Senate that the co-operation of the waiting to see what the Government | colleges is necessary for the success of would do in this respect. Professor Higgins thought the vis expectations of the public." inertia complained of, the conservatism in human nature was one of the best ference with the College Boards. The things after all. Corporations moved applications received from all parts of slowly, this should always be borne in the Dominion showed how far abroad mind. Each college had its individuality, | the reputation of the University had and it was scarcely to be expected that already gone. He suggested that it each would revolutionize its system to should be urged on the Government adopt the new one; it took time to do to maintain the grants to colleges and that, and that was probably the reason at the same time to withdraw the desome of the colleges had not given gree conferring powers bestowed on Clark. greater support. Patience was required | them. in this respect. Then the University being new could not have the status of an old college, and although the graduates of the University might be better men, superior to those of the colleges, they were not yet before the country, besides which the doubt as to the continuance of the University militated against it in the favor of degree seekers. He would be willing to see a true conference with the Boards if the object was to ascertain what could be done to would be brought up in more than one remove difficultics in the way of the colleges supporting the University. Principal McKnight thought the end to be aimed at was the getting of the degree examination into the hands of the University. Theoretically that should have been done when the University was established, but the ment. objections that might have been made to such a proposal at the outset could matters, the report on the admission not now be urged, for the University of women was adopted, with the curricula had been to a very large extent | omission of the clause recommending adopted by the colleges. with the spirit of the report, and ates. believed it was a fit question to ask whether the University should be continued in view of the want of support from colleges. His misgivings had been removed by the speeches of the representatives of the various colleges, but he was strongly of opinion that there should of the discussion. It is evident the tist Church Building fund : be no doubt as to its permanency. He did not entertain the opinion that the success of the University would in the least weaken the attachment felt by the denominations for their own colleges. representatives of the Senate present at believe when we say that we fail to the Convocation of the different colleges, and believed this would remove any prejudices existing. He was of Mr. Ambrose's opinion that there should be more display and ceremony at the public presentation for degrees.

no fair, or, what may be termed, reason. the higher education of the country. was glad the report had been made, and uable contribution to the many helps pressure of an inconceivable necessity. Yet, granting the University were sus--of whom 17 could not pass Look required in the circumstances of our Board of Examiners. and naturally an ture, can therefore hardly fail to become educational institutions which may ambitious young man could not help of more and more value every year to themselves be doing it in a different but seeing the greater value of a degree won its readers. thus. The Senior Wrangler of Cambridge, holding the highest mathematical honors obtainable on earth, had within twelve months of gaining them, presented himself at and passed the Freshman examination of the London University "a paper University," a " great ghost" of a University, if you like, proving the esteem in which degrees of this class are held.

> Professor Lawson said it required a great deal of courage to look things in the face. The University has had a fair chance for four years; all of the members have worked hard, yet but scant success has attended it. Of course, in speaking as he did, he spoke only for himself and not as representing a college. The fact was, not many students had come up for examination from the affiliated colleges. Different reasons had been given for this. In Ontario there was a University but it had only one college supporting ers. it, the others holding out against it. If the case was to be the same here the question arose-Was it worth going on? It was obvious the colleges had not given this University hearty co-operation. Each college, of course, knew its business best; they might have made J. W. Barss, Esq., Wolfville, for

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The Chancellor quotes the expressions of the Faculty and Governors of Kings College, in approbation of the University, and then proceeds to remark :

Other colleges took somewhat similar steps, as, for example, the recognition of the standard for matriculation. What, however, has been the issue of the proposed co-operation? The statistics just read to you furnish the answer. No doubt, the ruling powers of these firmly established institutions have exercised their best judgment in the matter, and have some solid reasons for the course which they have adopted. But whatever these reasons may be, I do not hesitate to say that, however disappointed I may be as to the line of policy adopted by the colleges concerning that which I am fully persuded is for the true well-being of this country in its relationship to higher education, the University for some reason or other, has failed to enlist the practical sympathies, and even the luke-warm co-operation, of the chartered colleges of Nova Scotia: And when I look at the efforts which have been made to obtain the advice, the counsel, the suggestions of the various faculties, I confess to be wholly at a loss to account for the indifference manifested. Time and again, both by letter and spoken conference, we have urged the several authorities to tell us our deficiencies, to point out our excesses, to give us any suggestions as to what we might do better than we were doing. We have had examiners from every college; we have consulted every one connected with the leading institutions as to what they thought would be most conducive to the highest interests of all; and the result has been that which I have frankly stated. Should this project fail. I declare, fearless of being proved incorrect, that the University has had a fair trial of its merits, and that no person or college can complain that its members neglected to seek counsel and assistance in mouldand conducting it. Briefly, my honorable colleagues, this is the situation to day. As I have said, the grants to the colleges cease this week; in view of the attitude assumed by these colleges, is it desirable that the University should be maintained? Is there a reasonable prospect, that outside of private study we shall have any number of candidates? Two questions I ask—Is it worth while for us busy men to devote time and whatever ability we may have to a work against which these institutions, in practice, if not in theory have set themselves ? Is it right, in the financial condition of the country, to spend \$2000 a year on a project which seems, at any rate, to meet with small favor from the learned bodies? Is it then just to ourselves to labor when we reap so little harvest; is it just to the

"That a statement be prepared for the forth the present position of the Univerthe University in fulfilling the reasonable

Rev. T. J. D.ly, was opposed to a Con-

Dr. Allison suggested that in view of Rev. A. H. Lavers. the long debate and frank explanations, and the possible misconstructions of the by the undersigned. resolution and amendment, the desirability of withdrawing both resolution and amendment.

The Chancellor approved of this suggestion, for he believed the purpose sought for had been accomplished by the debate of this afternoon. He had reason to know the question of higher education shape at the ensuing session of the Legislature. He believed, also, that the Government would be asked to continue the grants to colleges, and this alone would bring up the question.

Leave was then granted by the Senate to withdraw the motion and amend-

In the evening session, among other giving different titles to women grad-President Inch was quite in accord | uates from those given to male gradu-

> The Senate continued its Friday morning sitting till about one o'clock, and then adjourned the session.

We have given the above as briefly as we could so as to preserve the spirit members of the Senate perceive the Dea. J. W. Healey, Round Hill \$5 00 them, and are doubtless desirous of doing their work imparcially. Our Principal Ross would rather see friends will agree with us however we see any sufficient reason for Acadia relinquishing its degree-conferring powers.

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Yarmouth, Dec. 31, 1880.

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will meet at Lake George, on Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 1881, at 2 P. M. The following is the programme :--

A paper on "Sanctification,"-by the

A paper on "Pastoral Visitation,"---An exegesis of Heb. vi. 4, 5, 6,-by Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.

The first Sermon to be preached-by Rev. John Rowe.

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CORRECTION. -- Mrs. Freeman in C. M., Dec. 29, should have been \$7.95.

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Dear Editor,-1 wish by your permission, to acknowledge through the Christian Messenger the receipt of two barrels A paper on Luke xxii. 32-by Rev. J. | well packed with eatables, and other useful articles, with two dollar cents in cash, which is a very generous Christmas present from my esteemed friends at New Albany and vicinity, collected and forwarded to me by my esteemed Brother in Christ, T. A. Oakes, Esq. I wish also to express our heartfelt thanks to each donor, and our prayer is, that God may abundantly increase their temporal and spiritual blessings, and give to each of them by and by, an abundant entrance into His everlasting rest.

R. S. MORTON. Millville, Dec. 30th, 1880.

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PALESTINE'S UNHAPPY CONDITION .- A correspondent of the London Times gives a sad picture of the present condition of Palestine. He says it is now almost treeless, and the cultivation of the soil is everywhere neglected. There are no regular roads, and the villages are but mud huts. He recommends the purchase of the country from the Sultan for four or six millions. The Turkish misrule is producing its bitter fruit; "everything is taxed; every fruittree, so none now are planted; every cow or horse, &c.; every vegetable sold out of a private garden. Every eighth egg is not taxed, but taken by the Government. In some places the taxes of the districts are sold to the highest bidder. The farmer is unable to sell a measure of his corn till all has been collected into a heap, and the tax collector has set his sum upon it, from which there is no appeal. Double taxes are expected this year, because, after three years of scarceness, the harvest promises to be abundant." It may be added, in this connection, that the Palestine Exploration Society in London has determined to spend from \$5,000 to \$8.006 a year to excavate Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida, to examine the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, to dig

round about Jerusalem, and make other

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Rev. R. Macdonald fully agreed with the motion, for it was a duty owed by the University to its graduates to secure the permanency of its degrees.

Dr. Allison had very grave doubts country to expend means on an institu-tion the object of which is ignored by which has a legal status, entering into the greater part of the existing colleges. any conference with the Boards of the It appears to me that the time has colleges. The University would derogate now arrived when the Government, in from its own dignity by asking the view of the experience of the working colleges to send up their students; if of the University, have in their hands they did not choose to do so it was a the means of determining what position matter to be decided by the College the lessons. The Exposition by the

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P. E. ISLAND BAPTIST S. S. CONVENTION. The P. E. I. Baptist S. S. Convention will meet in its annual session, with the church at Alexandra, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, 8th January, 1881. A large representation is earnestly requested. M. G. MACLEOD, Sec'y. Charlottetown, Dec. 7th, 1880.

THE SHELBURNE BAPTIST MINISTERIAL LAY CONFERENCE

will be convened at Shelburne, January 11th, 1881, at 21 o'clock, P. M. public meeting will be held in the evening. As each church in the county is requested to send a delegate for every thirty, and fraction of thirty, of its members, we have reason to expect a large attendance. Brethren don't disappoint us this times drast sainaises W. H. RIOHAN, Sec'y.