

We are glad to hear that observers in Pictou County are interested in the new Dalhousie Scholarships. We have heard interested comment elsewhere. But we are far from believing that education in Nova Scotia is in the perilous condition so graphically described by the writer. We believe that there is excellent material both among pupils and among teachers in our schools at present. If Dalhousie University can make it possible for some of the best of this material to receive higher education both schools and universities will receive a new quickening, and, as "Observer" sees, the community at large will benefit thereby.

"Observer" speaks of the Greek that was in the parsonages in the old days. We are informed that owing to the entire absence of Greek in the schools, there will presently be a great dearth of Greek even in the parsonages. We believe too that if "Observer" will enquire of teachers of biology in Pictou County he will find that they were brought up on Greek, and found it a distinct advantage in biological studies. English literature has certainly been written largely by students of Greek - Shelley among the number. We agree, it is not a study for all and sundry.

Mathematics, too, is a fundamental study that must flourish among a few at least if science is to continue. Its "scaling down", and its replacement by history, etc., is the very thing that is to be deplored. Nor is there any evidence that history and the other substitutes are better taught and better learned in consequence.

Looking again at the regulations for these four scholarships we notice that in the case of all of them "a creditable standing in English" is put in the very fore-front of the requirements.

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

I am much amused with the gorgeous metaphors of "ObserverY but have tried to deal with them discreetly, and the enclosed notes will, I hope, suit your purpose.

It is very good of you indeed to let me see the thing in advance.

Yours faithfully,

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President.