

told that he would be expected to say a few words. The meeting would therefore take him as they found him. (Hear, hear.) He then informed the meeting that he had been deputed by a commission appointed by the Queen to obtain information with a view to improving the educational condition of the middle class of England. He had therefore been sent out to investigate the school systems of the United States and Canada, but he had only been in Canada a few weeks; and he regretted not having arrived here before the summer vacation, as he feared he could not stay in the country perhaps more than a month, and would not have an opportunity of witnessing the school system in its practical working. He would improve the time, however, in reading the excellent reports of the Chief Superintendent of Education, Dr. Ryerson. He was much struck with the statement made by the chairman with regard to the small cost of education in this city, and especially so after coming from the City of New York, where the sum of \$2,000,000 was annually expended in educating 80,000 children, which was over \$20 per child. He congratulated the meeting upon the lightness of their school estimates, and trusted that the common schools, as now established, would be protected and encouraged. Much money was saved by educating the youth of the country. It was better to expend money on education than in the maintenance of jails and penitentiaries. (Applause.) The other day the Bishop of Chicago had told him that one priest was as good as a hundred policemen in keeping in order the Germans and turbulent Irishmen in that city. (Laughter.) And he contended that such excellent masters as he had seen the previous day at the Louisa and Victoria Street schools were of more value to the citizens than a hundred policemen. In referring to the absence of religious instruction in the schools, he said that, as a minister of the English Church, he would like to see religious training in the schools. As regards our schools, however, he said that many complaints had been made against them as being irreligious institutions; but he had ascertained that every clergyman in the city had the privilege of attending the schools one hour each week for the purpose of imparting religious knowledge. Notwithstanding this fact, however, he had learned that only two clergymen in the whole city availed themselves of the privilege. (Hear, hear.) He paid a high tribute to the common school system of this country, and trusted that whether we should remain as a loyal province of the British empire, or go over to the United States—(cries of "never, never")—it should be fostered and protected. The Rev. gentleman concluded his remarks by referring in pleasing terms, to the beneficial results of the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, in successfully establishing free schools in this country. Mr. Fraser took his seat amid warm applause. Rev. Dr. Fuller then briefly addressed the meeting, pointing out the advantages to be derived from the city schools, and urging the parents to be careful in the training of their children. The chairman having called for volunteer speakers, Rev. Dr. Ryerson again came forward and said that as volunteers had been called for, he would take the opportunity of saying a few words in regard to a matter he had overlooked, and that was the establishment of a high school in a central position in the city. He thought one of the ward schools might be set apart for that purpose. The high school system prevailed in many parts of the United States, and also in Hamilton there was a central school. He trusted the great City of Toronto would not be long behind Hamilton in this respect. He merely threw out these hints in order that the matter might be acted upon. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Armstrong briefly addressed the meeting, after which the Rev. Dr. Fuller pronounced the benediction, and the company separated.—*Leader*.

—**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS.**—The examination of the pupils frequenting the schools of the Christian Brothers took place last week. We have heard that the answering was admirable, and that an amount of information was displayed that agreeably surprised those who had the good fortune to be present, and reflected the highest credit on the pupils and the teachers alike. The subjects of examination comprised almost every thing—spelling, reading, parsing, dictation, notation and numeration, mental arithmetic, geometry, algebra, natural philosophy, &c. Nothing could exceed the ready, accurate answering of the boys to the different questions proposed by the examiner. They seemed to be quite as much at home, when these questions involved points of the most difficult nature, which everywhere suggest themselves in accounting for the several laws that regulate the universe and all therein, as when they referred merely to the ordinary rules for the dependence of one part of a sentence on another. The exercises were of the most instructive and pleasing nature, and elicited many commendations from the audience. Several dialogues of a humorous nature were very happily rendered by the boys. One of the pleasant

incidents of the exercises was the singing of the juveniles at intervals during the exhibition. No small degree of credit is due the Brothers for their untiring zeal in imparting a sound, solid, and Christian education to the Catholic youth of this city.—*Freeman*.

—**LORRITO CONVENT TORONTO.**—The annual examination of the pupils of this institution closed on the 11th. The young ladies were examined in the morning in all the branches of their various studies; and by their proficiency gave great satisfaction to all interested. The afternoon *seance* was held in the drawing-rooms of the institution, and was very successful.

—**WOODSTOCK SCHOOLS.**—The examination of the East End School yesterday, was quite successful and satisfactory. At the close of the examination three young ladies came forward and presented Miss Clarke with two beautiful books (Shakspeare and Miss Landon), as an expression of their respect for and appreciation of her labours; and Miss Henderson read an address. Miss Clarke, in reply, said that she was very thankful for the expressions of kindness and love they had given her, feeling sure that they all loved one another. She also expressed her hope that if they did meet again on earth they would realize the meeting spoken of in the address. The examination then closed by singing the national anthem, which the girls sang very faintly, many of them being overcome with their sad feelings at the thought of parting with Miss Clarke, who is so deservedly endeared to the pupils. Miss Clarke, who is about to assume the duties of a more important trust in the Model School, Toronto, carries with her the best wishes and highest respect of this community. In the examination of Mr. Cullen's department, the classes acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner.—*Times*.

—**PORTSMOUTH COMMON SCHOOLS PIC-NIC.**—Yesterday was a gala day among the Common School children at the village of Portsmouth. At half-past one o'clock the children of Mr. Le Richeux' school, 110 in number (mostly boys), and those of Miss Johnson's school, 70 in number (mostly girls), left the village in procession, headed by the Portsmouth brass band, under the leadership of Mr. Scott, and proceeded to the grounds, where every preparation had been made to receive them; Mr. Stewart having given up his house for the accommodation of all parties during the remainder of the day. Flags having been unfurled, and a number of swings placed in secure positions, plenty of refreshments provided, and nothing left undone which could in any way conduce to the comfort or happiness of the large number of children present. Having been thoroughly regaled, the children resorted to various games and amusements, and enjoyed themselves thoroughly during the remainder of the day, the heads of the two schools laboring incessantly to keep pace with the wants and requirements of the little army of juveniles; the band playing at intervals to heighten the general enjoyment. During the afternoon the children sang several school hymns very correctly and heartily; and their general conduct and bearing throughout was extremely orderly and gratifying. Many of the parents and friends of the children were present, and R. J. Cartwright, Esq., M.P.P., the proprietor of the farm, was present for a short time. All the trustees of the School Board were on the ground, three of whom, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Mooney, addressed the children, as did also Mr. Stewart, previous to their leaving. It was after eight o'clock when the children sang the national anthem, after which the procession reformed, and, headed by the band (the members of which volunteered their services gratuitously for the occasion), were marched back to the village and their homes. The picnic was a very pleasant and successful affair, and the turn-out of children highly creditable to Portsmouth, both as to numbers and respectability.—*Kingston News*.

—**COBOURG SCHOOLS.**—On the 14th ult., the Common School Teachers entertained the School Trustees and Dr. Powell, the Superintendent, at supper, and added to the interest of the occasion by presenting an address and a handsome writing desk, with the necessary accompaniments, to the latter gentleman. It is pleasing to see such good feeling existing, and we have no doubt our friend, the Doctor, is flattered by this evidence that his efforts are truly appreciated. We regret that want of space prevents our giving the address and the reply.—*Cobourg Star*. [See page 136.]

—**PRESENTATION AT CAYUGA.**—The pupils of School Section No. 1, South Cayuga, recently presented their teacher, A. N. Moyer, on the occasion of his leaving the school, with a beautiful morocco gilt Bible, accompanied by an address, expressive of their regard for himself and appreciative of his abilities as a teacher. He made a suitable reply.

—**THE ONTARIO COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.**—The County Council of Prince Edward, at its last meeting, made a grant of \$500 towards the establish-