

both of parents and children, all apparently eager to witness the distribution of prizes. H. S. McDonald, Esq., was called to the chair, and the proceedings commenced with a prayer from the Rev. Mr. McGregor, Local Superintendent. The Chairman then delivered the opening address, showing the advantages of education, and the high position occupied by the school, the qualifications of the Teachers, and the names of the pupils sent forth, who have already distinguished themselves at higher institutions, one of whom, Mr. Campbell, had never entered the Grammar School, but had studied privately under the Rev. Mr. Morrison. He also stated that the statistics showed an increase in the daily average attendance from 260 in 1860, to 513 in 1867. Mr. McKechnie followed, and delivered the prizes awarded to the fourth and fifth classes, warmly and effectively commending the little ones, as the respective recipients came forward to the platform to receive their prizes. He also called attention to the crowded state of the school, and stated that measures would shortly have to be taken to remedy this. He concluded by offering a prize of \$5 for Grammar, for 1868. Dr. Morden, on delivering the Special Prize for Reading, to Miss Anna Wade, consisting of Shakespeare's works handsomely bound in five volumes, calf, expressed his satisfaction at having to present them, and while congratulating Miss Wade on her success, mentioned the extreme difficulty experienced by the Judges in arriving at a decision. The chairman then presented the special prize for mathematics, value \$40, presented by Dr. Barnjum, consisting of ten vols. of the History of England, 8 vols. of the History of Greece, 9 vols. of Burke's works, and 2 vols. of Locke's works; stating that the questions which were given to the competitors for the prize were chiefly selected from University papers, consisting of Matriculation, Honor Mathematics, and 1st years pass Mathematics, and that he examined the University papers and checked them. The questions were in Arithmetic, Algebra, Trigonometry (solution of plane triangles), and the first six books of Euclid, Colenso's Algebra, part 2nd, and Todhunter's Algebra furnished the remainder of the questions, which were selected at the request of the Principal by a 3rd years University Student. The result of the competition was in favor of Master John Briggs, aged 12, who had answered sufficient to obtain over two-thirds of the full value of the paper; he was loudly cheered as he stood on the platform to receive his munificent prize, and was warmly congratulated by the Chairman. The Rev. Mr. McGregor, Local Supt., then delivered the Head Prize for General Proficiency, value \$30, presented by Henry Ogden, Esq., and awarded to Miss Harriet Fitzsimmons. The prize consisted of five volumes of Milton's Works, and eight volumes of Lodge's Portraits, handsomely bound in calf. The Superintendent paid Miss Fitzsimmons a deserved compliment, and mentioned that the Principal had had her under his care and instruction since she was a child of 9 or 10, and that in her examination before the County Board she had always stood well, carrying off their highest certificates, and for the longest periods. She was also loudly cheered on reaching the platform. Two special diplomas were also awarded to Master Briggs and Miss Fitzsimmons. Mr. Wylie then explained the reasons for the non-delivery of the special prize for Composition, consisting of eight handsome volumes of "The Intellectual Observer," value \$20, presented by himself, and stated that the Judges, Messrs. McGregor, Bigg, and Wylie, were unanimously of opinion that none of the essays handed in on the subject for Composition, viz: "The progress of the Age," were sufficiently meritorious to be deserving of the prize; under these circumstances it had been decided to try the affair over again at Christmas, and as many thought that the subject was too abstruse for young pupils, he would give them an easier theme, which would be announced at the re-opening of the school. He would also state that the judges, on comparing their lists, found that they had each placed the six competitors in the same relative order of rank, although no prior consultation had taken place between the judges, and that Miss Fanny Reynold's essay was considered the best of the six, and Thersa Row's the second, and consequently a better prize had been given to Miss Reynolds than she would otherwise have obtained, as an additional recompense for her labor. The delivery of the Grammar School prizes by Messrs. Green and Hudson, followed; they accompanied their presentations with suitable remarks. Dr. Hurlburt next delivered an interesting address, dwelling upon the necessity of moral instruction, and advocated the reading of the Bible in the schools. The audience then joined in singing God Save the Queen, and the proceedings terminated by the Rev. Mr. McGregor pronouncing a benediction.

We may also state that the whole of the Examinations for the prizes in the Head Class were in writing, and the subjects were English, Canadian, Ancient and Modern History, Astronomy, Grammar, Dictation, Chemistry, Geography, Algebra, Arithmetic, Mensuration, Writing, and Natural Philosophy—Recorder.

—TORONTO CITY SCHOOLS.—*Presentation of Certificates, Scholarships, and Prizes.*—The semi-annual or summer examinations of the public schools were held on Thursday, the 1st ult., in this city, prior to the usual vacation. The pupils, as is usual upon such occasions, were neatly dressed in holiday attire, and presented a very healthy and happy appearance. They were examined in the various branches taught in the schools by their teachers, several of the local trustees, and other gentlemen, who were present; and the greatest satisfaction was felt with the creditable manner in which they acquitted themselves. The unfavourable state of the weather, however, in the afternoon had the effect of preventing the attendance of many visitors. This was much to be regretted, as we doubt not the parents of the children would have been delighted with their marked improvement, in the acquirement of all the useful branches of education taught in the schools. The Rev. Mr. Porter, local superintendent, visited the several schools, and by kind words encouraged the pupils to persevere in their studies, to enjoy their holidays, and to return to school at the termination of the vacation. At the conclusion of the examinations, the deserving pupils were presented with certificates of honor for punctuality of attendance, good conduct, and general proficiency during the term.

Next evening a public meeting was held in St. Lawrence Hall for the purpose of presenting the scholarships, prizes and certificates of honor awarded to competitors from the city schools at the recent combined examination. The spacious hall and gallery were filled to their utmost capacity with parents, children and others interested in the prosperity of the city schools. Amongst those present were Rev. Dr. Ryerson, chief superintendent of education for Ontario; Rev. Mr. Gregg, Mr. J. McMurrich, Dr. A. D. Riddell, Rev. Dr. Jennings, Dr. W. W. Ogden, Mr. J. Baxter, Mr. J. Bain, Mr. Greenless, Mr. Wm. Stephenson.

The successful competitors occupied seats on each side of the platform—the boys on the west, and the girls on the east. The chair was taken at eight o'clock, by Mr. J. McMurrich, who opened the proceedings by stating that he had been unexpectedly called upon to preside, in the absence of his Worship the Mayor, who was to have been present. He hoped, however, that the Mayor would arrive before the close of the meeting. He then stated the object of the meeting, and having briefly congratulated the successful competitors at the recent combined examinations, he called upon Mr. G. A. Barber, the secretary of the board of trustees, to read the report of the examiners.

Mr. Barber then read a report from Dr. Wickson, rector of the Toronto Grammar School, stating that Daniel Ryrie and Alfred Baker, former pupils of the school, had distinguished themselves at the University, the latter having gained the scholarship in Mathematics of the second year, and the former, a scholarship for general proficiency, as well as first class honours in Mathematics, classics, French, and German. Dr. Wickson also reported favourably of the pupils who obtained scholarships enabling them to attend the Grammar School during the past year. The report of the "Examiners of the Combined Examination," was then read," of which the following is an extract:—

The examiners recommend that scholarships, prizes and certificates of honor be given to the following:—

SCHOLARSHIPS.—(Boys)—1st, James Watt, Louisa street; 2nd, Robert Beyer, George street; 3rd, John Marshall, George street; 4th, John Alexander, John street; 5th, James Ryrie, the Park; 6th, Christopher Sheppard, Louisa street; 7th, Francis A. Bowden, the Park.

CERTIFICATES.—(Boys)—8th, Wm. Spotton, Victoria street; 9th, John Kane, the Park; 10th, Wm. Purdom, John street.

PRIZES.—(Girls)—1st, Augusta Roddy, George street; 2nd, Eliza Willson, George street; 3rd, Clara Ann Skaith, Victoria street; 4th, Georgina J. Stokes, (2nd division), John street; 5th, Elizabeth Pliibrite, Phoebe street; 6th, Mary Faircloth, George street; 7th, Jane A. Cruise, Louisa street; Certificate, 8th, Sarah Johnston, Phoebe street.

Taking a review of the whole, the examiners are satisfied that the degree of excellence reached by many could not have been attained without much diligence and zeal on the part both of teachers and pupils.

They have, in closing the report, to express their indebtedness to the