

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

The Rev. Principal Rexford, the Rev. Dr. Smyth and the Rev. Dr. Hunter were selected as examiners for 1893. In the unavoidable absence of Principal Rexford and Dr. Smyth, the Rev. Edward Bushell, B.A., and the Rev. J. McGillivray consented to act in their stead.

The examinations were conducted in the Institute on Monday, May 1st, and lasted nearly four hours. The pupils, numbering 48 in all, were present, with the exception of one who was ill, and Mrs. Ashcroft, the efficient Superintendent, and her staff of teachers were on hand to direct the mode of procedure and facilitate the work of examination.

The pupils in the preparatory year were first presented. Some of these seemed like mere infants, and their work at the black-board was not more gratifying than surprising. As familiar objects were presented to view their names were correctly written in a moment, showing how perfectly they understood the questions proposed and the work they were asked to do.

Next came the primary classes who dealt with words and sentences, as well as simple examples in addition, while the pupils of the intermediate classes were quite at home in the construction of sentences and the arrangement of nouns, verbs, adjectives and prepositions. The names of qualities, and the descriptions of actions, simple problems in arithmetic, and questions in history, completed the examination without a single failure.

The senior classes were prompt in writing simple, and compound sentences, and correct in describing persons and objects, and gave evidence of a good knowledge of composition. In Scripture history and in French and English history they have made remarkable progress, and examiners in these departments will do well to brush up their history before facing these classes.

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