

Hamilton, gave an illustration of his method of teaching reading, followed by a recitation of the "Main Track," by Sargeant. After some further proceedings of an interesting character to teachers, the association adjourned.—*Leader Correspondence.* See page 153.

— **QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON.**—Degrees were recently conferred upon a number of gentlemen who had completed their course of instruction in the medical department of the college. The following is an alphabetical list of the graduates, and of students who have passed the primary examinations. It has been obtained from the secretary:—Doctors of Medicine.—John Agnew, B.A., Kingston; Alexander Bell, Bath; John Bigham, Orono; Surgeon Major Bowen, Rifle Brigade; George Deans, Trenton; Thomas T. C. Hartson, Selkirk; David Heggie, Brampton; Alfred J. Horsey, Kingston; Edwin H. Kertland, Wolfe Island; John Massie, Seymour; Alexander McLaren, Williamstown; James B. Morden, Bloomfield; James Neish, Kingston; Richard A. Reeve, B.A., Toronto; Thomas B. Tracy, Kingston; William J. Weekes, Lyn. John Bell, B.A., also passed the necessary examinations, and will receive the degree on reaching the required age of 21 years. Primary students.—The following students passed the primary examination:—Alfred Armstrong, Kingston; William Beattie, Kingston; Joseph Campbell, Perth; Charles Lake, Murrvale; James Summerville, Kingston.

— **QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.**—The academic session of Queen's University and College commenced on the 27th ult. The Rev. Principal Snodgrass, after the opening prayer, welcomed the return of the students and the advent of the new-comers. He referred to the passage of the new Grammar School Act which provides that Head Masters of Grammar Schools must have a degree from some University of the British dominions. The new Medical Act provides for the registration of properly qualified medical practitioners, and inaugurates a uniform system of matriculation and examination at the medical colleges. Dr. Williamson, Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, delivered an address, academic in its character, on the advantages of the study of Mathematics and Physical Science. The proceedings lasted about an hour, when the assemblage was dismissed with a benediction by the Principal.—*Chronicle and News.*

— **VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.**—The Fall term of this well-known and eminently useful institution was opened on the 1st ult. At the appointed time, the students began to re-assemble,—old members to report themselves, and new ones to claim a share of recognition and sympathy in the arduous task of plodding for an education. We congratulate them, however, on this first step they have taken, and on the fact that they have now the assistance of able professors and teachers, kind and forbearing in their disposition, well qualified to help them, and willing at once to work with them and to make them work. The course of instruction in this University is not surpassed by that of any other on the continent, and students have now every facility for the requirement of a first-class education. We are pleased to understand that during the recent vacation, arrangements have been effected, in the classification and other particulars, which will render still more efficient the operations of the University; and we hope the educational advantages now offered may prove a stimulus to those who have come, and commend the institution still more fully to the confidence of the public. We are glad, also, to see that notwithstanding the hardness of the times, the College is still well sustained, the attendance being about as large as that of former years.—*Cobourg World.*

— **THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.**—From a letter to the *Advocate* from the Rev. Mr. Sheppard, we learn that the debt to day on the Seminary, if nothing had been paid on it, would have been \$49,557, whereas it has been actually reduced from \$24,123 to \$16,913, showing that there has been raised and paid out since July 1st, 1859, the sum of \$32,644. Surely this ought to satisfy, and no doubt will satisfy every reasonable person, that those who have had the management of the business have dealt faithfully in the matter.

— **EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.**—Following up a project submitted to the Church of England Synod last June, a committee meeting of members of the Synod was held in this city, a day or two since, to consider the desirableness of establishing, in Toronto, an Episcopal church school for girls, and for the education of daughters of the clergy. The committee was well attended, as considerable interest is felt in the movement by the Episcopalians. After an interesting discussion, a sub-committee to consider the whole matter was appointed, to report as soon as sufficient satisfactory information can be collected, so as to enable the present committee to prepare a practical scheme for the adoption of the

Synod. We believe it is the intention of the general committee to submit a preliminary prospectus to the clergy and laity, with a view to invite discussion on the subject, and to secure as large an influence as possible in favor of the scheme. Our readers will remember that a plan was proposed by Mr. Brooke (one of the city board of school trustees), last spring, to establish a high school for girls, and one, we believe, for boys, by the board. The school law gives the board full power to establish such schools; and we are surprised that no further effort has been made to realize the wishes of a great many of the rate-payers on the subject. Other parties, we see, are moving in this direction.—*Leader.*

— **IN MEMORIAM: REV. R. FLOOD, M.A., LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT, DELAWARE.**—The Board of Public Instruction of the County of Middlesex, in reverent submission to the righteous disposal of the Most High, acknowledges its loss by death of the Reverend Richard Flood, M. A., Delaware. This Board appreciates the many excellencies which shone brightly in the character of the departed. To all he cherished and manifested a generous and fatherly spirit. A man of sound and highly cultivated intellect, he delighted to lay out his talents and acquirements in the advancement of general education. He was chairman of this Board since the Bishop of Huron withdrew his attendance. He willingly accepted a competent and important proportion of the Board, and as long as health permitted was exemplary in the punctuality of his attendance. His candour and kindness not only endeared him to all the Members of the Board, but secured the respect of the candidates who submitted to his examinations. It was his delight to draw out the proofs of their literary qualifications and their aptness to teach. The Members of this Board who had the happiness to be acquainted with the Reverend Mr. Flood, will long retain a lively impression of his gentle and loving intercourse with them in the discharge of the responsible duties publicly entrusted to them.—**JOHN MCLEAN, Chairman; JAMES SKINNER, Secretary.**—*Communicated.*

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