

Matriculation examination in October, but was not present, having been matriculated on the 4th of that month.—The names of the following gentlemen were announced as prizemen in the June examination, 1861:—*Divinity Class*.—The Bishop's Prize: Bethune, Carruthers—*æq.* *Third Year*.—Prize in Classics: Evans, L., Harrison—*æq.* Prize in Geology and Practical Chemistry: Harrison. *Second Year*.—Prize in Classics: Jessup Prize in Geology: MacMartin. *First Year*.—Prize in Chemistry and Experimental Philosophy: Givins. The following prizes were also declared:—Dr. Bovell's medal for Essay on Natural Theology: Forneri. English Essay Prize: L. H. Evans. The Archdeacon of York's prize for English Verse: Trew. Dr. Fuller's Reading Prizes: Bethune, Carruthers. Mr. Forneri and Mr. Evans recited their essays, and Mr. Trew his poem, all being rewarded with loud rounds of applause. The proceedings of the Convocation were closed by the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction. The students then sang "God Save the Queen" with much spirit, after which three hearty cheers were given for the Queen, three for the Chancellor, three more for the Lord Bishop, and a final three for the ladies.—*Leader*.

—**QUEEN'S COLLEGE UNIVERSITY RIFLE CORPS.**—A meeting of the Students of the University of Queen's College was held on Saturday evening in the College buildings, and a good deal of enthusiasm was manifested in the volunteer movement. It was resolved to organize a Rifle Company, and 55 students at once enrolled themselves, and selected Mr. John May, captain, Mr. Robert Kincard, lieutenant, and M. C. Irwin, ensign, by acclamation. It is intended to fill up the company to 75, but as many of the students are absent spending the Christmas holidays at home, this will not be done till their return. At the close of the meeting three hearty cheers were given for the Queen.—*Kingston News*.

—**SCHOLARSHIP, QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.**—A new scholarship has been placed in the hands of the senate of the University of Queen's College, Kingston, by the handsome donation, from John Watkins, Esq., of City of Kingston, of sixty dollars. The scholarship will be awarded this session.—

—**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION OF COMMON SCHOOL PUPILS, IN WELLINGTON.**—The County Council having, with praiseworthy liberality, granted eighty dollars for the purchase of prize books for the Common Schools of each riding, a competitive examination of the pupils attending the schools of the North-Riding was held in Elora some months since; and the South-Riding examination took place in the Town-Hall here, on Thursday and Friday, December 5th and 6th, under the direction of the Local Board of Public Instruction. The examinations were conducted by the Rev. J. G. McGregor, Elora Grammar School; A. D. Fordyce, Esq., School Superintendent for the North-Riding; and J. Baikie, Esq., Head Master of the Central School, Galt. A majority of the members of the Board of Public Instruction were present at one or more of the sessions of examination. Many of the school teachers of the Riding were also present. About 232 common school pupils presented themselves for examination. The examination of the different classes was conducted with ability and impartiality by the examiners, the children evincing a healthy emulation, and the teachers no small interest in the success of the pupils of their respective schools. The County Warden, the Members of the Board of Public Instruction, and the Examiners, having assembled on the platform of the hall, the Rev. Mr. McGregor addressed the assembly at some length, contrasting the present condition of the town with that it held a few years since, in a material, a social, and an educational aspect; marking the rapid progress made, tendering sound advice to the teachers and pupils present, and expressing a hope that the County Council would continue, by such liberal grants, to advance the educational interests of the county. Messrs. Fordyce and Baikie also addressed the audience, giving appropriate and judicious advice to the successful and unsuccessful competitors, to the teachers, and to parents. W. Whitelaw, Esq., the County Warden, expressed the gratification he had experienced in witnessing the examination, and his hearty intention of supporting a resolution for a similar grant on a future occasion. The prizes were distributed by H. W. Petersen, Esq., and the awards of the examiners appeared to give general satisfaction.—*Guelph Herald*.

—**LAVAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.**—We learn from the *Quebec Chronicle*, that within the last few months, the library of the Laval University has been enriched by the acquisition of a number of rare and interesting works—among others the Ecclesiastical Annals of Baronius, the Bollandists, the complete works of Muratorius, and many other treasures of literature,

amounting in all to some five hundred folio volumes. The works added to the library, since the commencement of the present year, have cost the University upwards of seven thousand dollars. We learn that they were selected by M. Tailhan, formerly professor of philosophy in the University.

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—**CANADIAN INSTITUTE.**—The annual meeting of the members of the Canadian Institute for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, was held on Saturday evening in the rooms of the Institute, Toronto Street. The attendance was not very large. Prof. Wilson, President of the Institute, occupied the chair. Mr. P. Freeland (Secretary) read the annual report of the Council for the past year, by which it appeared that since the previous report there had been an addition of twenty-seven new members to the Society, and from various causes a loss of twenty-five, showing a total increase of two during the year. This was a slight improvement upon the statistics of 1860, and the Council earnestly hoped that the efforts of those who took an interest in the Society's operations would be such as to enable a still more favourable report to be given at the close of the ensuing year. The total number of members on the 30th November, 1861, was 464. The report of the editing committee, which was incorporated with the report of the Council, reviewed the work of the *Canadian Journal*, published by the Society, the cost of which for the past year, including printing and engravings, amounted to \$1291. The Treasurer's statement showed \$11,745 60 to be the amount of receipts during the year, including the cash balance from last year; and \$9,853 60 the expenditure—leaving a balance of \$1,892. During the year 126 books had been added to the library, 102 of which were donations. In conclusion the Council remarked that the condition of the Institute was quite as satisfactory as the state of the Province would lead them to expect. It might not exhibit year by year any marked advance; but it was at least able to keep pace with the general march of science and to maintain the high character which it had always held among the learned societies of the continent. The report was unanimously adopted, and thanks were tendered to the President and Council of last year. The members then proceeded to elect officers for the current year, with the following result:—*President*—Hon. Justice Hagarty. *First Vice President*—Rev. Prof. Irving. *Second Vice President*—Mr. Thomas Keefer. *Third Vice President*—Mr. Sandford Fleming. *Treasurer*—Mr. D. Crawford. *Recording Secretary*—Mr. P. Freeland. *Corresponding Secretary*—Rev. Prof. Hatch. *Librarian*—Prof. Hind. *Curator*—Mr. J. F. Smith. *Council*—Prof. Wilson, Prof. Chapman, Prof. Hincks, Hon. G. W. Allan, Prof. Croft, Prof. Hind and Prof. Cherriman.—*Leader*.

—**MONUMENTS TO DISTINGUISHED ENGLISHMEN.**—A monument to the memory of the late Dr. Blomfield, Bishop of London, will be erected in the north aisle of St. Paul's Cathedral. The design is by Mr. George Richmond, R.A. A monument to Sir Humphrey Davy is to be erected at Penzance. It consists of a granite column and pedestal, surmounted by a statue of the great chemist holding a safety lamp in his hand. A bronze statue to Sir John Franklin was inaugurated at Spilsby, his birthplace, on 28th ult. A statue to his memory is also to be erected at government expense in London.

—**THE SURVEY OF A PARALLEL** of north latitude running through Ireland, England, Belgium, Prussia and Russia is nearly completed; and the accurate length of a base line stretching from the west coast of Ireland to the Ural Mountains will very shortly be ascertained.

—**OBSERVATORY ON MOUNT ARARAT.**—The Emperor of Russia has devoted one hundred and twenty-five thousand francs to the erection of an observatory on Mount Ararat.

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