

it has pleased God to call them, therefore, for his part he would advocate a plain unambitious education, in which the three R's should be the staple. The Chairman read a letter from the Hon. M. C. Cameron, regretting his inability to attend on account of absence from the city. Dr. Hodgins said that if there was one thing of which the Province had reason to be proud, it was of its educational system. From his long experience with that system he thought that it would be found those things had been provided for which statesmen had considered as most important. The system was dear to the hearts of the people, and if it were not so, they would not put their hands in their pockets and pay the expenses so cheerfully. Another glorifying fact was that the door of every school-house was open free to children of the poor as well as of the rich. It was a great thing to say that while these privileges were enjoyed in this capital of Upper Canada, they were enjoyed as much in the schools of the far off colonization districts. He differed most respectfully from the previous speaker on one subject. He had visited the manufacturing towns of this province, and was sorry to find that owing to the neglect of teaching in years gone by the elements of natural philosophy and the natural sciences, it was necessary to bring skilled workmen from England and the United States to perform the work in these factories. Viewing this fact he thought that the elements of the natural sciences should be taught in the higher classes of the schools to those who were fitted for them. The distribution of prizes then took place, after which the proceedings closed with the national anthem.—*Globe & Mail*.

**PICKERING UNION SCHOOL PIC-NIC** was held in Hubbard's Grove, near Brougham, on Friday last. The pupils of nine school sections were present, and, with their parents and friends, formed a vast array. The procession was formed at the School-house, Brougham. It consisted of twenty-nine teams conveying the children, and hundreds of carriages, buggies, and vehicles of various kinds. Amongst the notable features in the procession were a twelve and eight-horse team, and some seven or eight six-horse teams; as for four-horse teams, they were too common to be at all remarkable. The children were all very neatly dressed, most wearing distinguishing sashes and rosettes; the horses were gaily caparisoned and decorated with flowers, ribbons, &c., and each team carried a large flag of its own, and, in a word, the whole was a very brilliant and imposing display. Added to this, there were three bands in the procession—the Whitevale, Markham, and Sharon bands—and their musical performances were excellent and enlivening. Lunch was partaken of about one o'clock, and was bountifully served; and at that time it was estimated that there could not have been less than five thousand people in the beautiful grove. During lunch the bands vied with each other in playing alternately their best pieces of music. A public meeting was afterwards held in front of a large platform that had been erected for the speakers, and it was only from that vantage point, looking over the "sea of heads," that an estimate could be formed of the vast concourse present. The chair was ably filled by Mr. T. P. White, who addressed the assemblage in appropriate terms. An address was presented to Professor Goldwin Smith by Mr. McBrien on behalf of the teachers of the county. Mr. Smith, in replying, took occasion to say that he had been led to expect that he should witness a very pleasant spectacle, and he was proud to say that his most sanguine expectations had been greatly exceeded. Of course, he said, he could not say that it was the grandest spectacle he had ever witnessed, because he had seen the martial pomp of some of the largest armies in Europe come under review. He had also seen the Crimean army on its return from the Crimean war marching through the streets of London—the faces of the veterans bronzed with Crimean sun, and their banners torn with the shot and shell of Alma and Inkerman. But this he could say, that a more pleasing and enjoyable spectacle he had never witnessed. Nothing could be more gratifying than to watch the lengthened procession, with team after team conveying such a large number of nicely dressed and happy looking children on such an occasion to the pic-nic, accompanied by hosts of their friends and relatives. Nothing could more truly mark the interest taken in the cause of education than the grand display of that day. Referring to the array of splendid horses and carriages, and to the dress and appearance of the visitors on the grounds, he said it all evidenced the wealth and prosperity of the country. He contrasted the happy lot of the Canadian freeholder with that of the English tenant farmer and farm labourer, showing how much Canadians had to be thankful for. Referring to a recent tour which he had taken through an agricultural district, he observed that he had seen soil as fertile and farms as well cultivated as could be found in any of the vaunted counties of England. Taking into consideration all the circumstances attending the display, and the undeniable evidence of the great interest taken in the cause of education, no one, he said, need despair of the future of Canada, but should be proud to be called a Canadian, which he himself now claimed to be. Far better, he said, was it for the people to take such an interest in the cause of education than in the petty politics which were vexing the whole Dominion. In conclusion, he urged on all not to relax their interest in the noble cause of education. Hon. Mr. Mowat, in the course of the remarks which he was called upon to make, alluded to the many well-known faces present, as well as to some who were gone. He congratulated them upon the splendid display, and said it was only through education that the most that was in a man could be brought out. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. McLellan, Mr. McBrien, Mr. Brown, Rev. Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Robinson, and the other Principals of High Schools present. The proceedings were brought to a close by the band playing the National Anthem.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

**MODEL SCHOOL FOR ONTARIO.**—The annual public examination of the pupils attending the Model School took place 18th of June. The first, second, third and fourth divisions in the boys department were examined in the various branches by Messrs. Scott, McPherson, Davison, and Fletcher, and in the girl's department by Mrs. Cullen, Miss Adams, Miss

Carter and Miss Hagarty, all teachers in the Institution. At 1.30 in the afternoon, the closing exercises were held in the theatre of the school, which was densely crowded with the pupils and their parents and friends. The Principal, Dr. Davies, and his staff of teachers, both male and female, were untiring in their efforts to accommodate the many visitors present, and in this respect they were eminently successful. The proceedings were opened by the pupils singing "Hurrah for Canada," followed by a recitation, "The Execution of Montrose," admirably given by Master G. Gregg. Other vocal selections were also sung by the pupils during the afternoon in a manner which evinced careful training. Recitations were also given by Miss Amanda Pearcey, Master A. Castle, Master C. Addison. Dialogues in which the following young ladies and gentlemen took part, were also a pleasing feature of the afternoon's entertainment.—Miss May Patton, Miss Susie Ellis, Miss Henrietta Hamilton, Miss Fanny Dickson, Miss Amy Alley, Miss Ella Wood, Miss Minnie Douglass, Miss Annie Harston, Miss Annie Fisher, Miss Maggie Sutherland, Miss May Vannevar, and Masters A. Lobb, and C. Hodgetts. A song, with chorus by the pupils, by Masters F. May, W. Jones and A. Guttery, was very creditably rendered, as was also a very pretty aria, "Be Kind to Each Other," by the young ladies of the First Division. Dr. Davies' previous to the distribution of prizes to the successful pupils, apologized for the absence, on the occasion, of the Chief Superintendent and Deputy, and also for the Lieut.-Governor, who had intended to be present, but had been unavoidably called away to the capital on important business. He was, however pleased to see before him so many prominent citizens of Toronto, and also the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of New York, who would address a few words to them after the distribution of the prizes. The examinations, he explained, were conducted by written papers, under the superintendence of the masters of the Normal School; but in awarding the prizes the daily record of the pupil as to good conduct and punctuality was also taken into account. He would also state publicly the gratification both Dr. Carlyle and himself felt at the answers to all the papers, showing steady progress in all branches, which he earnestly hoped would continue in the future. Governor-General's Medals—Lizzie Sams and Charles Hodgetts, silver medal for highest aggregate number of marks on all subjects. Clara Stewart and George A. Gregg, bronze medals. The presentation of the prizes was intrusted to the Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. Dr. Taylor, Professor Goldwin Smith, and Dean Grasset. Rev. Dr. Taylor and Professor Goldwin Smith then delivered short addresses to the pupils, after which Dr. Davies announced that the school would be re-opened on the Second Monday in August. The National Anthem having been sung, three cheers were given for the Queen, the Principal, and the teachers, and the interesting proceedings terminated.—*Globe*.

**MODEL SCHOOL ANNUAL GAMES.**—June 15th a large number assembled at the Normal School grounds to witness the annual games of the Model School pupils. The day was extremely pleasant, and the contests were of the most interesting character. Though the competitors for the prizes were very much in earnest and resolutely determined to win, their conduct was at all times characterized by a gentlemanly demeanor that could not fail to reflect credit not only upon themselves but upon those to whom their training has been to so great an extent entrusted. Dr. Carlyle, and Messrs. Hughes and Scott acted as judges, and Messrs. Davison and Fletcher as starters.—*Liberal*.

**UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.**—The closing exercises and distribution of prizes in the above institution took place on 28th June. A good number of the parents and friends of the scholars were present. G. R. R. Cockburn, M.A., the Principal, then distributed the prizes to the successful boys, who received them amidst the most vociferous cheers of their classmates. Besides the usual prizes, two medals, similar to those donated to the Model School, were awarded by his Excellency, the Governor-General to the two highest boys in the modern department. At the close of the distribution the Principal stated that 329 boys passed through the College during the past year. Four deaths had occurred among the scholars; and in sympathy with all other institutions, there had been a good deal of sickness, but he was happy to say, none of a serious nature. He was highly satisfied with the conduct of the boys, and the college had progressed more during the past year than ever before. The accommodation was not sufficient for the number of pupils seeking admission, but though nothing had been done by the Government in reference to their representations on the subject, he was not without hope the trouble would yet be remedied. He then announced a vacation till the 31st of August. I. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's prize (head boy of College), Davis, A. G.; II. The Classical, Loudon, W. J.; III. The Mathematical, Loudon, W. J.; IV. The Modern Languages, Davis A. G. Modern Department—His Excellency, the Governor-General's prize, I. Silver Medal, Orr, R. M.; II. Bronze Medal, Freeland, E. B. College Exhibitions.—V. Form 1st, Sutherland, A., Upper Canada College; 2nd, Milner, W. S., Upper Canada College; 3rd, Henderson, D., Upper Canada College; 4th, James, W. J., Upper Canada College. VI. 1st. Langstaff, E. F., Upper Canada College; 2nd, Kerr, D. B., Upper Canada College; 3rd, Ponton, A. D., Upper Canada College; Kittson, E. E., Upper Canada College.—*Mail*.

**KINGSTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**—In distributing the prizes at the recent examination of the Kingston Collegiate