

Prince had reported what he had said, repeated that such was his opinion.

"On another occasion the Queen records that Lord Melbourne, speaking of the Prince, said, looking at him with tears in his eyes, 'There is an amazing feeling for him—everyone likes him;' and then adds: 'Then speaking of the Tories, against whom the Queen was very irate, Lord Melbourne said, "You should now hold out the olive branch a little."'"

4. AMUSEMENTS.

Not many days ago, we heard a gentleman speaking on the vexed question of amusements, discussing what are innocent and what are not. In his younger days he had been very fond of gaiety, and of what are usually considered frivolous amusements. A staid friend was once remonstrating with him upon his course, when he made the usual excuse—"Young people *must* have some relaxation and amusement. What would you have me do?" The old gentleman replied, "Play with children. Unbent and frolic with them as much as you please. It is not only a perfectly harmless amusement, but it will do you good in other ways besides the rest it will afford, and will be a source of pleasure to the little ones." The young man thought lightly of the advice at the time, but since he has come into possession of a home of his own, and three little prattlers gather about him there, he has come fully over to the opinion of his old friend.

We think that any one who is so fortunate as to be in a household where one or two of those little compounds of the angelic and the depraved natures are found will testify that nothing will so soon drive away the clouds that have settled upon the brow and in the heart as a genuine romping frolic with those same little beings. No matter whether the gloom comes from the perplexities of business or from the annoyances incident to the school-room, the remedy is a sovereign one. We advise all persons on the lookout for a boarding-place, especially all teachers, to take up their abode, if possible, where there is one of those sunbeams, those 'well springs of joy', a little child, in the house.—*Illinois Teacher*.

VIII. Educational Intelligence.

ONTARIO.

—ALBERT UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION.—The Senate of this University held its first convocation in the College Chapel on Wednesday the 3rd May. At three p.m. the Senate in appropriate regalia entered the well-filled hall; the Rev. Dr. Smith, President of the Senate, occupying the chair, having the Rev. Dr. Richardson, his colleague, on his right, and the Rev. President Carman on his left. The seats surrounding them on the dais were filled with Senators. On looking over the assembly one at once saw that it was largely made up of leading ministers of the M. E. Church, and friends of the College from abroad, though there was a fair representation of the official gentlemen from our own county. The Bachelors elect and the under-graduates wore rosettes of Prince Albert's colors.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Richardson, the President of the College, appointed by the Bishop Chancellor for the day, called upon I. B. Aylesworth for the first of the four Baccalaureate Theses. His subject was "the Bachelor in Arts," and was dealt with as though the speaker comprehended the dignity and responsibility of his position. Freeman Lane was then called, and delivered with spirit and effect his patriotic thesis on "the prospects of the Young Canadian." Thomas McIntyre next spoke on "Know thyself and thy Home," showing firmly the part played by Asia, Europe, and America in the improvement of the family of man. The closing thesis was an able exposition of the origin, methods, and utility of "Science," by Robert B. Carman. The orators of the day showed that heavy drafts had been made on their time by examinations, &c., as the effect of excellent productions was sometimes a little marred by defect in memorizing.

After the delivery of the thesis the candidates were admitted to degrees. The following gentlemen upon the call of the Registrar, Rev. Dr. Hapgood, were presented in convocation by Prof. Wright, the Chancellor conferring the degrees B.A.—Aylesworth, I. B. Napanee; Carman, R. B., Iroquois; Lane, F. Augusta; McIntyre, Thomas Duart.

A prize in Zoology, donated by Prof. Nichol, was then presented by him to the successful candidate, J. H. Bell, of Cape Town, P. E. I.

After some brief and earnest remarks by the Chancellor, convocation rose at 5 p.m. leaving the audience to be dismissed in due form by the

"National Anthem and Benediction." We believe our youthful University has every reason to be satisfied with its first convocation.—*Bellefleur Intelligencer*.

—ALBERT UNIVERSITY.—Michaelmas Term begins the second Thursday—12th—of September. At this time candidates for Matriculation or for admission into the University in any year may present themselves for examination as prescribed by Statute.

For the work of instruction in the College the whole domain of Mathematics, Physics, Metaphysics, Ethics, Civil Polity, Language, Literature History, &c., is divided into Eight Departments, which are named and presided over as follows: Department I.—Mathematics: Rev. A. Carman, M.A., President. Department II.—Ancient Languages, History and Literature:—Rev. Geo. G. Hapgood, D.D. Department III.—Metaphysics, Ethics, and Civil Polity: Rev. President Carman. Department IV.—Modern Languages, History and Literature:—Geo. S. Wright, Esq., M.A. Department V.—Chemistry, Mineralogy, Zoology, &c.: R. B. Carman, Esq., B.A. Department VI.—Physiology, Ethnology, &c.: Thos. Nichol, Esq., M.D. Department VII.—Botany, Geology, &c.: John Macoun, Esq. Department VIII.—Oriental Languages and Literature: Rev. J. Wild, M.A.

Besides these Professors in their several chairs, there are connected with the Board of Instruction the Preceptress and Teachers of the Ladies' College and the Rector of the Presbytery School.—During the past Term these were,—Mrs. A. Carman, Preceptress and Teacher of Primary Classes; St. Geo. Crozier, Esq., Professor of Music; —, Teacher of Painting, Drawing, &c.; Thos. O. Page, Esq., Rector of Preparatory School and Assistant in Mathematics and Natural Science. Whatever places may be vacated, the Executive Committee of the Board will properly fill.

The Ladies' College and Preparatory School will also open Sept. 12th, and be conducted as usual.—*Canada Christian Advocate*.

—VICTORIA COLLEGE.—It appears by the announcement of the medical faculty of Victoria College that the Lectures will commence on the 1st day of October next, and will continue for six months.

—BROOKVILLE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—On Friday, the 28th ult., the Midsummer Examination of the Grammar School was conducted by the Principal and Assistant, in presence of a large and intelligent audience. The school room was very tastefully decorated. Mottoes in evergreens were put up in various parts of the room, creditable alike to the patriotism and right feeling of the pupils. Among them were "God Save the Queen," "Success to the New Dominion," and "All Honour to our Teachers." The cricket bats and wickets, and the foils and masks, also formed appropriate and tasteful decorations. With regard to the school itself, its marked improvement in every department fully realized the hopes expressed concerning it a year ago.

As much, doubtless, depends in all public schools on the vigilance and efficiency of the general discipline, on the care that is taken to prevent evils, to discover and correct them if they arise; this school, now properly constituted and vigorously controlled, has deservedly secured the confidence of the public, and may be regarded as a power amongst us. By the kindness of the Trustees, valuable prizes were furnished, which were awarded, as per accompanying list, at the public distribution which took place on Friday evening last. At the close of the examination, two pupils, on behalf of the school, presented Mr. Green, the Principal, and Mr. Hudson, his Assistant, each with a very handsome gold pen and pencil case, accompanied by an address, expressing the kind feelings and good will of the pupils, to which suitable replies were made reciprocally of the same kind and affectionate feelings. On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the Victoria Common School Examinations began, and extended over two days. Throughout, the attendance of parents and others interested was good. The general efficiency of the school has been sustained throughout the year. Some valuable special prizes (see list) were awarded in the Principal's room to pupils whose diligence and talent promise well for lives of usefulness and mark. At the close of the examination, Miss Fitzsimmons, through Mr. Biggs, and on behalf of the whole school, presented D. Wylie, Esq., with a very handsome dressing case in token of their appreciation of the deep and active interest shown by him in the cause of education during the last seventeen years as a School Trustee.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

At 7.30 p.m., Friday, at the Town Hall, we encountered a perfect jam