

THE A. A. EXAMINATIONS, 1881.

The results of the examination for the certificates of Associate in Arts were declared in the Molson Hall, McGill College, on June 23rd. Short addresses were made by the Rev. Canon Norman, Vice-Chancellor of Lennoxville, by Professor Moyses and Principal Dawson.

The following are some of the points that were most noticeable in the examination:—On the whole, it had been better done this year than last, the highest marks obtained this year being higher than the highest in the previous year, and the lowest marks than the lowest last year. The Greek papers were better done than the Latin, and the English literature than the English language. The success of the Montreal High School for Boys was noticed in obtaining the first nine places, and attention was drawn to its marked improvement in Dictation. The success of the McTavish Street School in classics was also remarked. The first place in the examination had been taken by a scholar who did not offer classics for examination. The hand-writing, it was observed, of those who came from the Montreal centre was better than that of other places. The high excellence of the examination passed by Miss Francis for the Senior Associate in Arts called for especial comment.

With regard to the different schools, the following statistics will be interesting:—

In Reading the highest marks were taken by the Waterloo Academy, a result possibly due to the different standards in different places. As regards the other preliminary subjects, the first four places in Dictation and the third place in Reading were taken by the Girls' High School. The Boys' High School took the first places in English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, British and Canadian History, and the Gospels. The Hamilton Collegiate Institute had taken an equal first in Arithmetic.

In the optional subjects the Girls' High School had distinguished itself in French, German, English Literature, and Botany. The Boys' High School had done best in Geometry, Natural Philosophy, English Language, History, and Chemistry, and had taken the first place also in Latin and French. The Hamilton Collegiate Institute distinguished itself specially in Algebra and Trigonometry, and had obtained the first place in Greek, though the scholar was