

of the scene. The concert was opened with "The Volunteers of Canada," which was sung very sweetly, and in admirable time, an accompaniment being played by members of the Union Brass Band, and other assistants. At the words,

"Hurrah for England's hearts of oak, and our brave volunteers!"

the dense phalanx of children rising simultaneously, waving their flags, and elevating their voices *con spirito*, produced a thrill of emotion. In the song of "The Red, White and Blue," the flags of corresponding color were raised *seriatim* as the line,

"Hurrah for the Red, White and Blue!"

was sung; while in another song, the couplet,

"Beneath the Union Jack
We will drive the Fenians back,"

was given with appropriate gesture; all hands being stretched towards the Union Jack on the right of the scaffolding at the rendition of the first line, and energetically flung to the left at the second. "The Volunteers" having been repeated by request, the National Anthem, splendidly rendered, formed the *finale*. As the sweet melody of the children's voices melted away, and they reverently bowed their heads at the close, then the dense crowd of spectators, instead of responding with the usual round of cheers, rested for a brief space in rapt silence, giving to the performance of the children and the ability of their teacher, a higher mead of praise than would have been given by the most rapturous encore.

Three right hearty cheers were now given for the Queen, long-continued and rapturous cheers for the Volunteers, and rounds of cheers for Mr. Youmans and the School Teachers. Cakes and oranges were supplied to the children, as they left the enclosure, by the appropriate Sub-Committee—Messrs. Baker, Knowles, and Ainlay—assisted by Mr. Ferguson and the other Teachers, doing good service in the distribution. Unfortunately, however, the supply of refreshments did not come up to the demand, and consequently a number of the children were, to their sad disappointment, left unserved, and they were but in a measure consoled by assurance that their Teachers would afterwards supply the lack of good things.

3. THE QUEEN, GOD BLESS HER.

A soldier named Darragh, was lately tried in Ireland for Fenianism, was found guilty, and sentenced to be shot. The death warrant was brought to the Queen for signature; her consent was urgently solicited, on the ground of the necessity of making an example. Her Majesty, whose attachment to the soldiers of her army has always been proverbial, for a long time refused, but at length was induced to sign the warrant—though she burst into tears in the act of doing so. Within an hour afterwards she sent for the warrant again and tore it to pieces. Without going into the question of whether Her Majesty's clemency was wisely extended to a soldier who had been false to his colors and his oath, this additional proof of the Queen's humanity and kindness of heart will be appreciated by all her subjects, and few will hesitate to say "God bless her" for it.—*Spectator*.

IX. Educational Intelligence.

—ONTARIO COLLEGE.—From a communication of the Chairman of the Ontario College Committee in the columns of a town cotemporary, we learn that His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario has made a very liberal offer to the Committee, of all the subscriptions taken outside of this county, amounting to some \$6,000, to enable them to complete the purchase of the Ryland property, and go on with the work as first intended. It now remains for the Prince Edward subscribers to pay over the first instalment of their notes, and then we hope to see this institution opened up at an early date, probably this summer. The apathy or delay ascribed in the payment of subscriptions is easily accounted for, as no apparent energy or attention has been given to the matter here by those who originally were active in securing this locality and the subscriptions. We trust that no further delay will characterize the movements of the committee, but that before winter again sets in we will have the pleasure of knowing that Ontario College is open for the reception of students, and within its walls will be found an efficient staff of Professors and Teachers, ready to impart sound instruction to all who may favor it with their presence and patronage.—*Picton Paper*.

—VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.—The Annual College Meeting was held at Montreal on the 13th instant. From the report it appears that the institution is now in a highly prosperous condition,—there being two hundred

undergraduates in the three departments of arts, law, and medicine, besides sixty matriculants. The balance sheet for 1865-6 was submitted by W. Kerr, Esq., M. A., of Cobourg, the Bursar. The receipts for strictly college purposes have been \$13,985 78, being about twenty-five dollars more than the disbursements. The greater part of the debt has been paid, and subscriptions promised for the liquidation of the balance. This cheering fact is due to the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. I. B. Aylsworth, M. D., of Cobourg, who has devoted his whole time and energies to the good work for the past four years. He now retires from the agency, and is about to remove to Bradford. We have great pleasure in copying the following well deserved tribute to the efficiency of the respected head of the institution:—"That this meeting, with great cordiality and heartiness, desires to record its high appreciation of the merits of the President of the University, the Rev. Dr. Nelles, and to acknowledge the zeal, fidelity, and success with which he has so long discharged his onerous duties, and to express not only the undiminished, but with increasing years increasing confidence in his ability, in all respects; to guide and govern the important educational institution of which he is the appointed head." Passed unanimously.

—WESLEYAN EDUCATION.—From a report of Conference proceedings we copy the following:—The report of the Sabbath School Committee was brought up and read by the Rev. Alexander Sutherland. It appears from the report that there are 750 Sabbath Schools; 6607 officers and teachers, 3350 in Bible classes; total number of scholars, 47,063. In the whole of the schools there is 110,000 volumes in the libraries. Many important suggestions and recommendations were embodied in the report and received the careful consideration of the Conference. The Conference adjourned at 11 o'clock to allow the annual meeting of Victoria College to be held. The College has been most prosperous during the past year. Of students in arts there were 85, undergraduates 52, and specialists 33, matriculants 61, students in medicine 127, students in law 9—total 282. The University has been recently supplied by the Professor of Natural History, with New cabinets, which will meet a want hitherto seriously felt. In their character and arrangement they are strictly educational, their object being to illustrate the Natural Sciences. They embrace nearly 4000 specimens, systematically arranged under three departments—minerals, rock productions and fossils. The receipts for college purposes from various sources amounted to \$13,985 78, and the disbursements the same amount, except \$24 80. The income includes the sum of \$1,959 40 paid by the Ministers of the Wesleyan Church, who have this year and for some years previously shown commendable zeal in the support of the College. Of the debt on the college which has for many years embarrassed the authorities, it is most agreeable to learn that the greater part has been paid, and provision made for the liquidation of the balance. Great credit is due to the connexion for the successful effort thus made to put Victoria College in a satisfactory condition.

—SACKVILLE ACADEMY, NEW BRUNSWICK.—We exceedingly regret to state that the Wesleyan Male Academy, established by the late Charles F. Allison, Esq., at Mount Allison, New Brunswick, was totally destroyed by fire on the 16th ult.

—NEW WESLEYAN COLLEGE IN BELFAST.—Last month the foundation-stone of the New Wesleyan College was laid, at a commanding site on the Botanic-road, nearly opposite the Queen's College. The College will be a very handsome and commodious edifice, and no better site could have been selected than the one which has been secured in the beautiful and healthy neighbourhood of University-road. The design comprises a longitudinal range of building, with two traverse wings, projecting both to front and rear; also, a central rear building, which does not appear in the view. The left side of the building is devoted to the collegiate department, the right to the school, the departments common to both occupying the centre. The principal entrance and the president's house occupy the centre of the front; the theological tutors and head master's houses are placed on either side, each with a separate entrance. Separate entrances are also provided for the students and boys in the centre of each return wing, under the side towers. At one side of the principal entrance are the waiting-room and board-room, and at the other the president's hall and staircase, leading to his study and dining-room. The rest of the president's, tutor's, and head-master's apartments are on the first floor and basement of the front building. Each house is perfectly distinct and self-contained. Behind the entrance-hall a corridor, or cloister, leads right and left to the school-room and lecture hall, which occupy the front projecting wings, and are each 56 by 27ft. in the clear. The lecture-hall has a partially-open roof, with semi-