

relinquish his immediate appeal, and to retire with a glad heart to inaugurate the new college in Canada. The name of the person who has behaved with such liberality is not given, but when we state that his donation was £5,000 sterling, it will be easily seen that he is a good friend of the church to which the Archdeacon belongs. The donation is made subject to the conditions:—

1. That the Institution shall be avowedly for the purpose of training students in the Protestant and Evangelical principles of the Articles of the Church in their natural and grammatical sense, as well as in harmony with due Church order and discipline.

2. That the sum shall be committed in the name of a limited number of trustees in England, to be hereafter named by me, for the sole purpose of constituting an endowment for the Principal of the College and the Divinity Professor, both offices being combined, the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Huron investing it for that object in their names.

3. That the first appointment shall be with the present Bishop of Huron, and every later appointment with the trustees in England, in whose names the endowment will stand, who shall have power to supply vacancies in their own number.—*Montreal Transcript*.

—**QUEEN'S COLLEGE MUSEUM.**—It is pleasing to find that the students and graduates of Queen's College do not forget their Alma Mater. A very gratifying instance of this has taken place during the last few days, in the shape of a large and valuable collection of minerals and plants, presented to the museum of the University by Messrs. Augustus Thibodo, Oliver Thibodo, and Robert Thibodo, who are now at Walla Walla Washington Territory. The specimens are sixty in number, and have been gathered at different places throughout British Columbia, Oregon, Washington Territory, and Mexico. The collection was received in good order through Mr. John Worswick, who has just returned to this city from the Pacific coast. The thanks of the Senate have been conveyed to the donors for this valuable gift. There are no less than seven graduates in medicine of Queen's College, Kingston, now surgeons in the Federal army.

—**MCGILL COLLEGE.**—This educational institution, says the *Montreal Herald*, is progressing steadily; and the liberal principles on which the institution is based insures its success—the greatest possible facilities being afforded for the attainment of mental culture and professional training.—The number of students in attendance in the several faculties this season are as follows:—Faculty of Art 73; do. of medicine, 165; do. of law, 55; making a total of 293. In the McGill Normal School the number in attendance is 71.

—**CANADIAN INSTITUTE.**—At a meeting of the members of the Canadian Institute for the election of officers for the ensuing year—Hon. G. W. Allan, President, in the chair. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the year 1863, viz:—Rev. John McCaul LL.D., President; T. C. Keefer, C.E., 1st Vice President; Sanford Fleming, C.E., 2nd Vice President; Rev. Professor G. P. Young, M.A., 3rd Vice President; P. Freeland, Recording Secretary; B. R. Morris, Corresponding Secretary; D. Crawford, Treasurer; Professor H. Y. Hind, M.A., Curator; Rev. H. Scadding, D.D., Librarian. The following gentlemen were also elected members of Council for the year: Professor D. Wilson, LL.D.; Professor H. H. Croft, D.C.L.; Rev. Prof. W. Hincks, F.L.S., &c.; Rev. Professor G. C. Irving, M.A.; Mr. Thomas Moss, M.A.; W. Ogden, M.D. The annual report of the Council was then submitted, from which it appeared that the number of members at present is 447, composed of 4 honorary, 34 life, 6 corresponding, 7 junior, and 396 regular members. This statement shows an actual decrease during the year of 13 members. There were 12 members elected during the year. The report also showed that twenty-eight papers on scientific subjects had been read at the regular meetings of the Institute during the year. On Saturday night Professor Hind read a paper on "Vegetable parchment—its uses and manufacture." A special committee was appointed for the purpose of securing another building for the use of the Institute, as it is feared that in case of fire in the present building the valuable library and museum might be destroyed.—*Ibid*.

—**CONVERSAZIONE.**—A *conversazione* of a highly interesting and instructive nature was held lately in the Museum of the Toronto School of Medicine. The microscopic views were exceedingly beautiful and very numerous; as were also the charts, diagrams, specimens, &c., with which the museum is amply provided. The learned professors took great pains in describing to the visitors the nature of the various diseases represented by the diagrams, microscopic views, &c. This courtesy added materially to the pleasing entertainment of the evening. Altogether the *conversazione*

was a good success, and reflected credit upon the reputation and standing of the school.—*Ibid*.

—**TORONTO CITY SCHOOLS.**—The semi-annual examination of the Common Schools of this City took place prior to giving the children the customary Christmas vacation. As the weather was fine, a greater number of persons than usual visited the several schools; and they evidently took a deep interest in the examinations. The attendance of children at the various schools was very good; and, as they were all dressed in their holiday attire, they presented a cheerful and happy appearance. The Rev. Mr. Porter, the local superintendent, visited all the schools during the day.—*Ibid*.

—**ST. JAMES' PAROCHIAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**—On the 24th ultimo the annual examination took place of the Parochial schools connected with St. James' Cathedral. All appeared to acquit themselves very well, the elder classes especially, who answered several questions in mental arithmetic with great readiness and exactness, besides showing themselves well acquainted with the principles of book-keeping. Indeed the whole appearance of the children is such as to reflect great credit on their instructors, Mr. Warwick and Miss Wilson. When the examination was over, the children were regaled with an excellent tea in the lower school room, after which many of them recited pieces of poetry, &c., in the presence of a numerous audience who appeared much gratified by what they heard. Among the visitors at the school was the Lord Bishop of Toronto.—*Ibid*.

—**HAMILTON CITY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.**—On Monday and Tuesday the annual School examinations of the City Schools took place. Monday was devoted entirely to the Primary Schools in the different wards, and we understand that the display the little ones made was alike creditable to themselves and their teachers. In the Central School the classes in Grammar, Geography, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, acquitted themselves well, and earned the good opinion of all who heard them. The proficiency the pupils displayed shows an amount of study on their part, and labor on the part of the teacher, which speaks in the greatest praise for all. With the class in Chemistry we were delighted, as we doubt not were all those who had the pleasure of hearing them. All questions, even on the deepest mysteries of that beautiful science, were promptly, carefully, and explicitly answered, not only with the lips, but with the mind too. Some beautiful experiments, illustrative of various matters, were performed by the energetic and talented Principal, all of which was explained by the class. After the examinations were completed, Dr. Ormiston addressed a few remarks to the children expressing himself as being well pleased with the manner in which they had acquitted themselves, and giving a word of fatherly advice, which it will be well for them all to remember. Dr. Billings also made a few remarks, in the course of which he stated that his Worship the Mayor, had kindly given a sum of money to be devoted to the purchase of prizes for the children. The mental part of the exercises being finished, the pupils and spectators adjourned to the large playground, when the larger boys were put through a course of military movements, which they performed remarkably well. The sergeant who has the duty of instructing them must certainly have worked well to make them understand so much in the short time he has been over them. They are formed and organized in regular military style, and will without doubt, reap much benefit from the instruction they are receiving. Throughout the day a large number of visitors attended and appeared well pleased with the whole affair. A vacation of two weeks was given, a privilege which the juveniles will, we hope, enjoy amazingly, and spend their festive season in a merry way.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

—**HAMILTON SELECT SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**—The annual Examination of the Rev. J. G. D. McKenzie's School, closed on Saturday last, having extended over three days. The work of the year was reviewed in all its branches. Recitations were interspersed, selected amongst Classical authors, from Euripides and Virgil; in French, from Molière chiefly; and in English, from Milman Campbell, Mary Howitt, and others. Towards the close of the proceedings, three of the boys, Baker, C. Ball, and M. Geddes, came forward, on behalf of the whole school, and presented an address to the Rev. J. G. D. McKenzie, M. A.—*Ibid*.

—**KINGSTON COMMON SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**—The examination of the pupils of the common school in Johnson street, on Wednesday, closed the semi-annual examination of the Common Schools in this city. The classes were examined in the usual branches, and acquitted themselves in a manner alike creditable to their teachers and themselves. Their reading was excellent, and they proved themselves adepts in analysis and parsing. In phys-