

of Dr. E. Birkett. This well-known specialist has examined the ears of every child in the school and most successfully treated several cases. Dr. F. Buller, Oculist, and Dr. Nichol, Dentist, have also placed us under compliments by their kind attentions when needed.

On December 1st. 1894, an exhibition was given of the attainments of our pupils, in the Hall of the High School building on Peel Street. It was patronized by Their Excellencies, The Governor General of Canada, and the Countess of Aberdeen. At the close of the meeting, which was largely attended, His Excellency expressed his surprise and delight at the ready command of language, both spoken and written, displayed by the children.

The class-room work of the past year has been eminently satisfactory and I fully appreciate the faithful and efficient services of our corps of teachers. For particulars of our methods of instruction, I will refer you to our Examiners' report on page 13.

In the class for children who speak, but who are hard of hearing, most gratifying results in lip-reading have been attained, also those pupils who can hear well but who have defects in speech, such as indistinctness, stammering, inability to articulate certain sounds, etc., have all been improved, and three cases so far cured, as to be enabled to attend the Public Schools. Impediments in speech can be removed and defects cured if the child enter school in his early years. This division is rapidly growing in numbers and bids fair to become an important feature of our school. By a knowledge of speech-reading, a child is put in touch with the world of hearing people. One of our ex-pupils, born deaf, who is engaged in the government printing bureau in Ottawa, uses the speech he acquired while at school and never resorts to pen, signs, or finger language to make himself understood. This is the *summum bonum* of our ambition for our pupils.

The Blind-Class is still limited to four pupils who are taught the ordinary English branches.

The Drawing-Class is composed of a number of boys and girls who show talent for drawing and sketching,

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