MONTEGO BAY ACADEMY—HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION.

The following very gratifying account of the half-yearly examination of the Academy, is given in a letter of the Rev. John Campbell, dated 22nd December last:—

"It is my duty, I believe, as chairman of the Board for the management of the Academy for the present year, to write you in reference to the last half-yearly examination of our Institution, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. I am happy to say, that the examination was, in almost every respect, an exceedingly satisfactory and gratifying one ; and I feel quite persuaded, that the Academy was never in a better or more promising condition than it is at present. I can truly say, that I felt my own heart greatly encouraged by what I saw and heard on this occasion ; and I know that the other brethren who were present, were no less grateful, and rejoiced, by reason of the evidences which were afforded of the efficiency of the Institution, and the hopes which we are warranted to cherish of great future blessing to Jamaica from this Academy.

" *The Mathematical, Latin and Greek Classes.*—In reference to this examination, I may mention particularly, that it was very carefully conducted. On Wednesday the Mathematical, and Latin and Greek classes were examined. The mathematical class consists of three divisions, and this department is one to which Mr. Millar evidently and very properly pays special attention, as being peculiarly useful in training the mind to clear and correct habits of thinking. And verily his labour has not been in vain. The exceedingly accurate manner in which the pupils gave the *definitions* was extremely pleasing ; and the *demonstrations*, which were taken from the 1st, 2nd, and 6th Books of Euclid, were given with the utmost readiness, and I think, almost in every instance, without a single slip. The Latin and Greek classes consist of four divisions. These were severally examined, according to their respective stages of advancement. In the first division, we had the Latin grammar ; in the second, the Delectus, with the particular parsing of every word ; in the third, Cæsar's Commentaries (2d Book), with rules of syntax ; and in the fourth division, Horace, Sandford's Greek Extracts, and in the Greek New Testament, the Epistle to the Hebrews. All of these divisions acquitted themselves, to say the least of it, in a very creditable manner and the ease and accuracy with which some of the more advanced scholars read and translated the Greek and Latin, and turned the Greek into Latin, was specially pleasing.

" *The Classes for English Reading, Geography, etc.*—On Thursday the several classes were examined on English reading, geography, natural philosophy, history, composition and arithmetic. This examination was equally gratifying with that of the previous day. Indeed in some respects it was even more gratifying. The minute and accurate acquaintance of the pupils with the Gospel according to Mark, with the properties of heat, light, and electricity, and with the portion of history (1st century, B.C., and 1st century, A.D.,) on which they were particularly examined, was especially delightful, and was remarked by all the examinators.

" *Efficient State of the Academy.*—On the whole, then, we have much cause to be deeply grateful for the prosperous and highly efficient state in which our academical institution now is. During the half year which is now closed, there have been fifteen missionary students in attendance, and no fewer than fifty public scholars. With the students, the respected tutors have been, generally speaking, exceedingly well pleased ; and the number of public scholars is as great, I understand, as ever it has been, since the Academy was begun. Some of the students are specially promising, and if spared and blessed, will, I doubt not, do much good in their day, as instructors of others. To the tutors, both of whom as is well known, are eminently qualified, we are under a deep load of obligation for the energy and devotedness with which they have prosecuted their work. The