

At the St. Hyacinthe College the most noticeable feature in the examination was an able essay on Education. Many distinguished guests were present, among whom we may instance Hon. Judge Morin, Mr. Raymond, member for St. Hyacinthe, and Rev. Mr. Granet, Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice. The Bishop of St. Hyacinthe closed the proceedings with an address.

St. Mary's College opened its examination under the most favorable auspices. Among those present on the occasion, were the Hon. Superintendent of Education, C. S. Cherrier Esq., Member of the Council of Public Instruction, His worship the Mayor of Montreal, Hon. Judge Monck, Hon. Messrs. Laframboise and Renaud, Rev. Mr. Langevin, Principal of the Laval Normal School, and many clergymen. Essays, literary and historical, were read, and altogether the exercises were very creditably gone through. Fox, Burke, Lally Tollendal, and Bishop Plessis were the chosen subjects, and Messrs. Lindsay, Johnson, Quincy, Languedoc, Lewis, Drummond, Labbe, Power, Brunet, and Larocque, the commentators and essayists of the day. The musical exercises consisted of selections from the works of Rossini, Auber, Verdi and other eminent composers.

Annual examinations were also successfully held as usual at the Colleges of Terrebonne, St. Laurent, Joliette and many other institutions of the same class; but, having a word to say about the ladies' schools, we will not take up our limited space with further details.

At the Ursuline's Seminary, the greatest part of the sitting was taken up with a dialogue on the principal events in the history of the convent—a history so closely interwoven with that of Quebec that one cannot well be separated from the other. The skill of the pupils in oil painting, pastel and crayon coloring, embroidery and needle-work was very remarkable, while their musical performances excited general admiration. Miss Marie Lemoine pronounced the valedictory.

The two ladies' schools under the direction of the Order of the Congregation de Notre-Dame, also held public examinations at which many persons attended.

The examination at the academy known as *Mont St. Marie*, one of these institutions, was presided over by Rev. Mr. Billaudelle; among those present were the Superintendent of Education, His worship the Mayor, Hon. Messrs. McGee and de Beaujeu, C. S. Cherrier Esq., Member of the Council of Public Instruction, and the former Superintendent of Education for Lower Canada. The exercises were varied and pleasing, a dialogue in verse on Education being among the most admired.

The examination at the *St. Denis Academy* was presided over by Rev. Mr. Granet, Superior of the Seminary, and attended by the Hon. Messrs. L. J. Papineau, Chauveau and Dorion, many clergymen and other persons. A charming operetta by J. T. de St. Germain, entitled *Le Miracle des Roses*, was performed with entire success; while the rendering of an historical dialogue in character, at once displayed the tact and proficiency of the pupils. Miss Elisa Chauveau pronounced a valedictory address in verse.

The examination at the Seminary of the *Ladies of the Sacred Heart*, at Sault-au-Recollet, was conducted under the auspices of Mgr. Bourget, Bishop of Montreal, while His Lordship, Bishop Morrison, occupied the chair on a similar occasion at the Convent of the Sisters of St. Anne, Lachine, and Rev. Mr. Cazeau, G. V. at the Boarding School of the Sisters of the Order of Jesus and Mary, Point Levis.

In these institutions and many others besides, meetings of the kind we have attempted to describe, have been held, and a lively interest has been excited in consequence which cannot but prove favorable to the development and progress of public education throughout the country. Schools of less pretensions, though not necessarily less useful on that

account, have also closed the labors of the year with public examinations.

St. Francis College Richmond.

The midsummer Exhibition of the students of the St. Francis College took place on Tuesday evening. The lecture Hall was comfortably filled, and W. H. Webb, Esq., M. P. P., a Trustee of the College, was in the Chair, the President of the Corporation, Lord Aylmer, being absent.

After Prayer by the Rev. Jno. McKay, and a few preliminary remarks by Principal Graham, the usual exercises, declamations and essays were given by the students.

Principal Graham and Professor Green severally gave their Reports, from which it was gathered that the progress of the College is steadily proceeding. Mr. Graham stated the order of exercises much as follows:—

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The examination of the several classes began last Wednesday. The Rev. T. G. Smith delivered an admirable address at the first annual meeting of the College Young Men's Christian Association, last Friday evening, on "The Young Men of the Bible."

The college military company, consisting of fifty-three members under the instruction of Sergeant-Major Ruifs, went through a satisfactory Drill review last Saturday afternoon.

This evening's public exercises close the collegiate Year of 1863-64. The vacation continues till the first of September.

The following young gentlemen have been accepted as matriculants: W. L. Mills, Wm. Hutchison, W. H. Fowler, W. H. Wadleigh, A. Campbell and J. White. They are from nineteen to twenty-five years of age. Several of them are preparing themselves for the Christian Ministry.

The real value of the Institution is not to be estimated by numbers alone, yet it is highly satisfactory to be able to report an increasing patronage. The number of students in attendance during the past year has been one hundred and twenty, of whom thirty-five have boarded in the College.

The Catalogue just published—surpassed in neatness by few, if any, ever published in the Province—gives a very full summary of College affairs for the past three years. It is believed it will afford great satisfaction to the governors and all the patrons of the institution. It will also show what is necessary to be done in order to relieve the College of a debt with which it has been burdened since its origin. It is to be hoped that the appeal soon to be made to the liberality of our own vicinity and throughout the Townships, will be heartily responded to.

Besides the liquidation of the present debt of \$2,400.00, the growing importance of the College urgently demands an early endowment of at least \$10,000.00, for the support of an additional Professor.—*Exchange*.

Twenty-second Conference of the Teachers' Association in connection with the Laval Normal School.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and adopted, the Secretary submitted a statement of the financial affairs of the association, as laid before the Council in January last; also, a resolution adopted by the latter a few minutes before the opening of the convention, as follows:

Moved by Mr. Jos. LeTourneau, seconded by Mr. B. Pelletier and Resolved.—That henceforth each convention of this association be divided into two sittings, the first to be held on Friday evening and the second on Saturday morning, so as to afford teachers greater facilities for attending.

An essay on *Book-keeping* was then read by Mr. D. McSweeney, followed by a lecture on geology by Mr. Lafrance.

After a debate on a series of questions submitted at a previous meeting, the following additional answers were adopted:

Question 16th.—What is meant by the terms *set-hand* and *running-hand* as applied to writing?

Answer.—A *set-hand* is that in which all the characters are slowly and distinctly formed, the penman aiming at a regular formation of the letters; whereas a *running-hand* is written with great freedom, the words being generally formed without lifting the pen from the paper.

Question 17th.—In what manner should these different kinds of hand-writing be practised.