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The Annual Examination of the pupils of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, took place on Monday afternoon in the Association Hall. A large attendance of the public greeted the occasion. Hon. Dr. Parker presided, and the examinations were conducted by the Principal, J. Scott Hutton, A. M. It was exceedingly interesting to witness the performances of the pupils,—their intelligence—the intensity of their attention to their Teacher—the trustful affection beaming in their faces—the wonderful rapidity and correctness with which they could express their ideas in writing on the black-board—their answers to questions in history, biography, astronomy and other branches of knowledge. The pupils range in age from about 8 years to 16 or 18. There were 27 boys and 11 girls present. It is to be regretted that the proportion of girls under instruction should be so small. The attendance is 4 in advance of last year, 7 come from New Brunswick, 6 from P. E. Island, and 1 from Newfoundland. Among the other accomplishments of the pupils is the art of Printing. Samples of work were shown that were highly creditable. The following prizes were given :

#### INTELLECTUAL DEPARTMENT.

##### *Junior Class.*

1. James Kelly, Moncton, N. B.
2. Clinton Donkin, Amherst, N. S.

##### *Second Class.*

1. J. J. Dunlap, Lower Village, Truro.
2. Edward Roberts, Parrsboro', Cumberland.

##### *Third Class.*

1. James Gardener, Newfoundland, (highest number of good marks in the school).
2. Minnie Mosher, St. Croix, Hants.
3. Graham P. Logan, Halifax.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

##### *1. Printing.*

Ewen McKay, P. E. Island.

##### *2. Garden and Out-door work.*

Ira Ward, Newport, Hants.

##### *3. Sewing and Housework.*

Rose Kelly, Moncton, N. B.

The exercises closed by the pupils repeating the Lord's Prayer in the sign language.

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One of the most remarkable characteristics of modern, as compared with ancient, civilization is the number and variety of its benevolent institutions. The boasted civilization of the ancients did not provide for thousands of unfortunates who are now cared for. In Athens or Rome there were no infirmaries; there were medical men, but their duties were private; there were no lunatic or blind asylums—no industrial schools, or institutions for the deaf and dumb. In short, life itself