

a friend, and I believe it is perfectly accurate. The principle upon which the institution was established has been fully maintained, and the results of the examination have been unquestionable testimony to the usefulness of the Grammar Schools, and the attraction to them which is offered under the system by which these honours and distinctions are awarded. If we examine the list I have given, I think we shall find that Port Hope is first on the list. And now, let me advert briefly to other topics; I mean, first, the Bills brought before the Legislature on the subject. What shall be done with the Grammar Schools of the Province? When we consider what has been done, and the widespread feeling with respect to education in this country, we cannot but feel the greatest anxiety about them, and trust the Legislature will show the utmost care in dealing with the question. The learned speaker then proceeded to treat upon the Bill introduced last Session, and considered that the emoluments offered should be such as to induce men who are best qualified by education and personal gifts for the high and responsible positions offered. He referred also to the Medical Bill, and said the effect would be to diminish the number of undergraduates and graduates at the University; but that, nevertheless, he was sure they would cheerfully agree in anything which would obtain for the country the most highly educated and efficient men. During the past year there had been some modifications in the course of study, but these were not extensive, and were chiefly in the alteration of mere text books and matters of detail. He would like to remove some misapprehensions which he understood existed on this subject; no great cardinal changes had been made; the original system had been maintained; and it was still considered, as it always had been, that all should have some knowledge of each department, and devote themselves with especial care to one or two, or as had been properly said, an educated man should know not only everything of something, but something of everything, and foreign languages particularly, it was considered, should be closely cultivated. Another point was that all honours and distinctions were open to all without religious, national or political distinction. There remained but one matter to refer to, and to that he should briefly allude, namely, the visit of His Excellency the Governor General and Prince Arthur. He might mention that this was the third Prince of the blood Royal who had visited this Institution; first, the Prince of Wales, second, Prince Alfred, third, Prince Arthur. In welcoming these they did so not only as sons of her Majesty, but as the representatives of that constitutional liberty they enjoyed, the constitutional liberty of England, the liberty they hoped to transmit to their children, to their remotest posterity. In the visit of the Prince of Wales they welcomed the representative of the principality from which he took his title; in Alfred, the Duke of Edinburgh, who took his title from the bonnie heaths of Scotland; in Arthur Patrick, the Emerald Isle. (Loud cheering.) He then wound up by an eloquent appeal to the patriotism of the University, and associated with it the history of Prince Arthur's visit in happy terms; and looked upon the choice of Sir John Young as Governor-General of the Dominion as an example of honours conferred upon a man who knew how to faithfully discharge his duty to his Sovereign and country. He would not hold out such an example as one of the honours all of them could attain to, for to do so would be to hold out fallacious hopes. There could not be such successes for all; but for those he saw around everything was open; to the man of ability and honesty there was no earthly distinction he might not aspire to; very few that might not be secured by properly directed energies, and that too without regard to nation, religion or politics. In this country all fields were open to the student. He would conclude by reminding them of the high position of their Institution as the Provincial College, and by inviting all the colleges to send candidates to compete at their examinations for the distinctions they offered. Let him repeat the line in Latin:—

Cuncti adsint, meritaque expectent premia palme.

The learned speaker then dismissed the assembly with a hope that the next occasion of their meeting would prove an equally satisfactory one. The assembly then dispersed.—*Globe.*

— KNOX COLLEGE.—On the first day of the session, the Rev. Principal Willis delivered the opening lecture of the College to a very large audience. At the beginning of the interesting address, the Dr. touched in beautiful language on the mournful loss the College had lately sustained by the death of Dr. Burns, who had laboured so long and zealously for it. The rest of it was taken up with hints to students looking forward to the ministry, concerning the onerous duties which devolved upon them—style of composition and style of delivery, with earnest and eloquent appeals to go on in their work with earnestness.—*Globe.*

— BELLEVILLE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The sixth annual¹ Convention of the Sabbath School Teachers of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, consisting of one delegate from each school, and of Ministers and their friends, was opened October 12th, in Belleville. Although the town is not more than half the size of St. Catharines, there was no difficulty in entertaining all who came. The printed list contained the names of some three hundred and fifty visitors, for whom accommodation had been found, in addition to those who were received by private friends or defrayed their own charges at hotels. To all delegates who sent in their names beforehand, a card was sent, introducing them to the family who were to be their hosts, so that every one could proceed on arrival to their temporary homes. A corps of boys from the several schools, with an appropriate badge were also in waiting, to guide strangers to their destinations. The place of meeting was the Wesleyan Methodist Church, a really noble structure, which would do honour to our own Queen City. It is solidly built of stone, and will seat 1500 persons. Altogether it had a most inviting and commodious aspect. At the opening session, the retiring President, D. W. Beadle, Esq., of St. Catharines, presiding. After devotional exercises, the Chairman nominated a Committee on Organization. The appointments thus made were as follows:—President, Hon. Billa Flint; Vice-Presidents, Mr. D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines; Mr. J. G. Hodgins, Toronto; Dr. Mair, Kingston; Dr. Holden, Belleville; Rev. G. Bell, Clifton; Mr. R. J. Walker, Toronto; Rev. J. Dempsey, Port Hope; Rev. Principal Carman, Belleville; Rev. E. Ebbs, Ottawa; Mr. H. A. Nelson, Montreal; Rev. S. Jones, Belleville; Rev. F. H. Marling, Toronto; Rev. A. Sutherland, Yorkville. Business Committee—Mr. Daniel McLean, Convenor; Messrs. W. Johnston, G. A. Young, J. G. Hodgins, W. J. McCalla, F. E. Grafton; Revs. Joel Briggs and W. Millard, and the delegates from the United States. Treasurer, Hon. John McMurrich. General Secretary, Rev. W. Millard. Minute Secretaries, Rev. W. Rowe, Rev. W. Hall, and Mr. J. H. Roper. The Convention had a pleasant and profitable season for three days. The result of its labours were at the close summed up in the following resolutions presented by the Rev. G. Bell, Chairman of the Committee on resolutions. They were at once adopted by the Convention; those in relation to the friends at Belleville and to the visitors from the United States being adopted by a rising vote, with every demonstration of cordiality, renewed with increasing energy when it was announced that Mr. Phillips had subscribed to the fund the fee tendered him for his services.

1. That this Convention has welcomed with peculiar pleasure the visitors who have come at an invitation to the United States:—Dr. Burns, still a Canadian, though residing abroad, witty, wise, and warm-hearted as ever; Philip Phillips, Esq., who has led our service of song with skill unequalled, developing the devotional feeling of the delegates, and tending to the improvement of this important part of Sabbath School exercises; and William Reynolds, Esq., as a representative of the Christian laymen and volunteer Sabbath School Missionaries of the noble State of Illinois. We wish them, and all similar workers throughout the United States, God speed in their work at home; and trust that some like-minded helpers will always be present at the annual Convocations.
2. That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the following individuals and companies:—(1). To the Christian people of Belleville of various denominations, for their large and generous hospitality towards the delegates, who will even look back with gratitude and pleasure to their visit to this place. (2). To the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church in this place for the use of their place of worship; also to the