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THE Grammar School is conducted on the departmental system, so called. Each teacher takes a special group of subjects, which he explains to the boys, and by this means teaching is greatly facilitated.

THE library of the Grammar School has recently been presented with some very nice books through the kindness of a few former scholars. It affords us a great deal of pleasure to be able to acknowledge their receipt, not only as they will be a valuable acquisition, but also because it shows the kindly spirit in which the welfare of the library is regarded by those who partook of its benefits in the past.

WE consider the custom of marking each scholar's daily work, as practiced in the Grammar School, to be very pernicious in its effects; and in view of the general dissatisfaction caused by this method among the boys, it should, in our opinion, be abolished. For instance, a student is asked to read, (it is immaterial whether the subject be Latin, Greek, or English), and if he does not know the passage, although perfectly prepared in the rest of the lesson, zero is the mark which he gets for the

rest of his work. This is certainly very unfair, and for that reason we have drawn attention to the matter.

THE closing examination of the Grammar School, which took place on Friday, the 11th of July, was attended by a large number of the friends of the masters and pupils. Among the visitors were:—His Worship the Mayor, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. Dr. Macrae, Rev. Mr. Cross, Messrs. I. Allen Jack, H. W. Frith, J. V. Ellis, C. H. Fairweather, Charles F. Kinnear, T. H. Hall and Prof. Bridges.

After the examinations in Algebra, Latin, Greek, English Literature, Trigonometry, Chemistry, etc., the following prizes were presented:—W. D. Matthew, Classics, gold medal; W. C. Cross, Mathematics, silver medal; T. M. Dieuaide, English, Lausdowne medal; Leonard M. Jewett, 2nd classical prize; J. Hunter White, 2nd mathematical prize; G. S. Sinclair, 3rd classical prize; Victor Lane, head of 2nd division in Mathematics; A. O. Macrae, head of 2nd division in Latin and Greek; E. King Kelly, 1st in Chemistry; James W. Milligan, 2nd in English; J. Henry, second class prize for Latin and English; John C. Fisher, head of second class in Mathematics; Henry Cross, 1st junior Greek; Robert Murray, 1st junior French; J. Milden, 1st junior English; Wm. Henry, 1st junior Latin; Alex. Patterson, 1st junior Mathematics.

The prizes offered by Messrs. J. V. Ellis and I. Allen Jack, for the best and second best essay on "A day in the country," were presented by Mr. Jack to Frank Hall and W. C. Cross, respectively. Mr. Jack announced that next year two prizes would be given for essays on "The St. John Grammar School."

The proceedings were brought to a close by the Principal presenting the Captain of the Grammar School Cricket Club, Oscar Watson, with a cricket ball and bat donated by Mr. Fairweather and himself, respectively. It was announced that the school would re-open on Monday the 25th of August.