

it by Messrs. Edward and Peter Murphy, Benjamin Comte, Amable Jodoin and Prudent Beaudry, the last of whom had established a scholarship of \$150 for the Canadian Catholic pupil who showed the best abilities for a profession, but was pecuniarily unable to follow it. He concluded by thanking the commissioners for their kindness and attention to the school, and also the professors and the Secretary, Mr. Desnoyers, and sat down amidst loud cheers.

The programme was then proceeded with. The two-act Chinese comedy of "Sin-a-li" was very well played by a number of the pupils, notably William Forbes in the title-role, he being only 9 years old, yet attaining the highest honors in his school. A flute solo by Albert Murphy; a song by Arthur Francœur; a Piano solo from "Fra Diavolo," brilliantly executed by Emery Lavigne; a comic act by William Haynes, and a chorus and piece by the choir and orchestra then followed, and the entertainment concluded with "God Save the Queen."—*The Sun*.

Commissioners' Schools.

Distribution of Prizes to the Model School Seniors—A Large Gathering of Scholars, Teachers and Friends of Education—The Addresses and Prizes.

The High School was the scene yesterday morning, 29th June, of the closing proceedings of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners' Model Schools, the occasion being the distribution of prizes to the senior divisions of the various schools in the city.

There were on the platform the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Dawson, Mr. William Lunn, Professor Robins, Mr. William Clendinneng, Dr. Kelley and others.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the Rev. Dr. Jenkins took the chair, and the pupils and prize winners having previously been seated, the exercises of the morning were opened by a chorus of the children, under the direction of Mr. Oliver Barwick.

Professor Robins then read the statement of Messrs. Sandham and Bell, to whom had been entrusted the task of selecting the prize winners in the drawing classes. The statement testified to the great proficiency attained by the scholars, especial notice being drawn to the Ann Street School, to which was awarded the first, second, third and fourth prizes in drawing, with the addition of an honorable mention. The designs which were arranged around the room gave ample proof of the aptitude of the scholars, some of the drawings being faultless in their execution.

The Chairman having read the following list of prizes, Mr. Lunn, the donor, presented them, giving each scholar some word of encouragement or congratulation.

DRAWING.

ANN STREET SCHOOL.

First Prize—William Matthews.

Second Prizes—Annie Whinton, Nathaniel Drew.

Third Prizes—James McLeod, Maggie Kirkham, Hugh Moore.

Fourth Prizes—Chas. Mackwood, Jas. Rutherford, Samuel Burnett.

Hon. Men.—Maggie Scott.

ROYAL ARTHUR SCHOOL.

Third Prize—Harriet Symington.

Fourth Prizes—Arthur Waldron, Sarah Boyd, James Ellis, Agnes King, Helen McDiarmid.

Hon. Men.—William King.

SHERBROOKE STREET SCHOOL.

Third Prizes—Nellie Weston, Eloise Weston.

Fourth Prizes—Kate Wilson, Isaac Hargrave.

Hon. Men.—Julia Weston.

PANET STREET SCHOOL.

Third Prize—Sarah Little.

Hon. Men.—Wm. Savigny, Walter Lancy, A. F. Scroggie.

BRITISH AND CANADIAN SCHOOL.

Third Prize—Louisa Cole.

Fourth Prize—C. Ross.

Dr. Jenkins then presented the following prizes:

BRITISH AND CANADIAN SCHOOLS.

Frothingham medal and purse of \$10, Annie Masslin and Albert Low.

ANN STREET SCHOOL.

First Prize, \$20, given by Mr. William Clendinneng—Wm. Schofield.

Second Prizes, \$5, Margaret Campbell and Nathaniel Drew.

Extra prize in Mathematics, given by Mr. McLaren—Wm. Schofield. (Two prizes.)

PANET STREET SCHOOL.

First Prizes—Walter Lancy and Elizabeth Loverin.

Second Prizes—Eliza Reid and William McGuinness.

ROYAL ARTHUR SCHOOL.

First Prize—Cornelia Aiken.

Second Prizes—Harriet Symington and Arthur Waldron.

SHERBROOKE STREET SCHOOL.

First Prizes—Rachel Corner and Frank C. Foster.

Second Prizes—Bertha Graham and George Falconer.

William Schofield and Nathaniel Drew of the Ann Street School, John McGregor of the British and Canadian School, Walter Lancy and Wm. McGuinness, of the Panet Street School, and Frank C. Foster of the Sherbrooke Street School, are admitted to the classical side of the High School on Free Scholarships.

The prizes having been given, singing was again the order of the day, after which.

The Chairman requested Mr. Lunn to say a few words.

Mr. Lunn said he was delighted to have the opportunity of meeting so many of the scholars, and promised all that the Commissioners could do in the way of furthering the interest in future. After a few further words of encouragement to those who were to continue their studies, he concluded by wishing them all a pleasant holiday.

Mr. Clendinneng addressed the children, briefly alluding to the progress which education had made during the last few years, and holding up for commendation the efforts put forth by them for the furtherance of education. The citizens, he thought, were slow to appreciate the efforts of those gentlemen and the professors and teachers under them, and he desired—he spoke as a citizen—to place upon record his sense of gratification at the efforts of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners as far as they had gone. The children in Montreal now had a chance of gaining a first-class common school education, and he felt, as they must all know, that in these enlightened times this was something to be thankful for. In Ontario, of course, the system of education was known to be second to none upon the Continent; but in our Province, where we were a mere handful, he thought much of the advance in Protestant education was due to the moral courage and perseverance of the Commissioners, and he honored them and thanked them for it. He wished also to call attention to another matter, and that was the position of teachers, who, as a class, were, he thought, not rated in proportion to the great importance of their calling. He did not think they were anything like well paid for their labors, and hoped to see this remedied.

Professor Robins, being called upon, spoke of the strides which had been made in education since he first came to the Province upon the invitation of Dr. Dawson, some years ago. He alluded to the great commercial prosperity which had attended Montreal since that time, and said