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EXAMINERS' REPORT.

With the kind assistance of the Rev. G. H. Wells of the American Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. W. S. Barnes of the Church of the Messiah, I superintended the Examination of the Mackay Institution for Deaf-mutes on the morning of June 12th. There was a large audience present, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. I am glad to say, that the examination fully came up in results to those held in former years. The writing was, as it always has been, excellent, and the spelling almost uniformly perfectly correct. The pupils of the Institute sometimes, in the excitement of an examination, misplace letters, but scarcely ever introduce wrong or omit right ones. The answering in Geography was also especially satisfactory, and the Scripture History and Arithmetic very creditable. I noticed with pleasure that a decided advance was apparent in one important point. There was more evidence of independent thought and reasoning power than I had ever observed before. The answering was less mechanical, and there was greater diversity of expression. This is surely a proof of mental progress. The drawing was very good, and does full credit to the youthful instructor, Mr. Charles G. Meech. The Articulation classes were, as usual, the most attractive feature of the examination. Miss Jessie Macfarlane, Miss Nellie Jones, and little Miss Etta Wiggett were remarkable in their power of lip-reading and articulation. The last named pupil speaks almost as naturally and easily as most children blest with the powers of hearing and