

3. CHILDREN'S HYMNS.

We are not quite sure that it is wise to exclude the hymnology of adult experience from the children's shelf. There are many who can go back to their earliest childhood as the time when they learned "Come, my soul, thy suit prepare;" "Begone unbelief, my Saviour is near;" "Oh, for a closer walk with God;" "Rock of Ages, cleft for me;" "Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone," etc.; and they will acknowledge that there is a savour about these hymns which they do not find in similar hymns committed to memory at a maturer age. Besides, there is to a child's mind a positive attraction in the hymns which his grown up friends know and value.—*S. T. Treas.*

4. THE QUEEN AND CHRISTMAS.

Queen Victoria had the children of the workmen on the Osborn estate, assembled on Christmas, where a Christmas tree loaded with presents, was arranged. Assisted by members of the Royal family, the Queen spent the afternoon in distributing the presents to the children consisting of wearing apparel, books, toys, &c. Afterwards she gave great coats, blankets, &c., to the laboring men and women. A few days before, the Queen dispensed liberally to the blind and paralytic in and around London. The English people are accustomed to the bestowment of charity during the Christmas holidays, and their amiable Queen is giving strength and beauty to the fashion by her bright example. Her sad heart finds comfort in the relief of sorrow and poverty.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*

4. TOBACCO PROHIBITED AT WINDSOR.

The use of tobacco for smoking purposes within the precincts of Windsor Castle has been prohibited by the express command of Her Majesty the Queen. Cards, neatly framed and glazed, requesting that gentlemen will not smoke in the castle, have been hung in the private rooms of the lords in waiting and the equerries of the royal suite, and even in the rooms of the York tower, which are being fitted up for his royal highness the Prince of Wales. The servants and workmen of the castle are prohibited from smoking within the castle, by command of Her Majesty.

VII. Educational Intelligence.

CANADA.

— UNIVERSITY OF TRINITY COLLEGE.—At the recent convocation of this University, the following degrees were conferred:

B. A.—Givens, Charles Scott; Fraser, William James Baker; Bogert, David Ford; Richardson, William; Mockridge, Rev. James; and Wells, John. *M. A.*—Irgles, Rev. Charles Leicester; Nesbitt, Rev. George; Smythe, Rev. James; Cayley, Rev. John D'Arcy, and Anderson, Rev. Gustavus Alexander.

D. C. L.—Magrath, Charles, and Kingsmill, John Ineherean.

The following prizes were then distributed by the Chancellor:

Chancellor's Prize for Classical Honors, 1861.—L. H. Evans. *First Kent Prize for Divinity Essay, 1862.*—Rev. S. Houston; *Second ditto, Harrison.* *The Bishop's Theological prize for 1863.*—Harrison. *Classical prize in Third year.*—Richardson. *Mathematical prize in Third year.*—Givins. *Classical prize in Second Year.*—Henderson. *Mathematical prize in Second Year.*—Kennedy. *Geological prize in Third Year.*—Ouston. *Ditto Second Year, Jones.* *Chemistry and Natural Philosophy prize in First Year.*—Bond. *Dr. Fuller's Reading Prizes, First prize.*—Trew; *Second ditto.*—Harrison. *First Kent Prize for 1863.*—Rev. J. Langtry; *Second ditto.*—Trew. *The Hamilton Memorial prize for 1863.*—Harrison.

Ten students were then matriculated, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Lord Bishop and the Convocation closed. The students having given three hearty cheers for the Queen, three for the Chancellor, three for the Bishop, and three for the Professors, the assemblage separated.

— UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CLASSICAL TUTORSHIP.—Mr. George Cooper, B.A., of the County of Elgin, and lately teacher of a select school in Aylmer, has been appointed classical tutor in University College, Toronto.

— TORONTO UNIVERSITY SENATE.—The Rev. John Davidson, of Toronto, has been appointed an additional member of the Senate of the University of Toronto.

— SCHOOL HOUSE, TORONTO TOWNSHIP.—On the 4th inst. a large and commodious school house, which was erected during the past year, in School Section No. 16, Toronto Township, was inaugurated. The ladies of the section provided an abundant supply of viands for the crowded

assembly. After tea, Robert Barber, Esq., was called to the chair, and the Rev. J. L. Sanders engaged in prayer; after which Mr. Gardner spoke of the improvements which had been made in the neighbourhood during the past thirty years, comparing the brick school houses with the old logs. Mr. McGuire, the local superintendent, spoke of the deep interest taken in the youth both in Europe and America, and especially in this Province. He addressed the children, eliciting answers proving that without an education they could know but little of the past, and be totally unqualified for the discharge of their duty in the future. Rev. Mr. Sanders argued that while it was the duty of parents to obtain for their children a good common school education, yet all those who had the means ought to provide a higher education for their offspring. There were also dialogues and recitations by the children. Miss Anderson discoursed sweet music, assisted by the children and others in singing, which added to the interest of the meeting. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting dispersed. The whole proceedings were interesting and entirely new in common schools in this township.—F. T.

— COUNTY OF OXFORD TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the County of Oxford Teacher's Association was held in the Union School, Ingersoll, on Saturday the 9th ult., Rev. W. C. Beardsall in the chair. A discussion arose upon the following question, in which Messrs. Silvester, Wells, Ross and Kellogg took part:—"Why should not rural school sections have the privilege of four weeks holidays for a midsummer vacation as in cities and towns," giving rise to the following resolution:—Moved by Miss Robertson, seconded by Mr. Wells, "That this Association, whilst recognizing the soundness of the policy by which a distinction was made in the duration of the summer vacation in town and rural districts, in order to overcome the prejudice which exists in the latter regarding holidays, is of opinion that the time has arrived when it would be advantageous to the cause of education to assimilate the summer vacation to all common schools, and that such vacation shall not be less than one month; that a committee of Messrs. Silvester and Cullen be appointed to communicate with the Provincial Association of Teachers on the subject. Carried. Moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Ross, "That Mr. Cullen be appointed delegate to represent at the first meeting of the County Council the claims of the Teacher's Association, urging the appointment of a County Superintendent. Carried. A debate took place on the following: "Should lessons be prepared at home?"—if so, in what proportion, and is it necessary or advisable to visit parents with regard to the subject or for the general good of the School." Moved by Miss Adams, seconded by Mrs. Adkins, "That to keep the parents interest in the education of their children, it is very desirable that lessons, however short, should, in a slight proportion, be prepared at home, and that the length of such tasks be left wholly to the teacher, as classes are varied to so great a degree in different schools.—Carried. The following officers were then elected by ballot for the present year:—President, Mr. J. Wells; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Adkins; 2nd Vice do. Miss Robertson; Secretary & Treasurer, J. F. Cullen. Councillors, Miss Adams, Miss Dees, Messrs. Kellogg, Ross, Williams, McCausland, Thyue, Yule, Rev. W. C. Beardsall. On motion it was resolved that the meeting adjourn to meet again in Woodstock on the fourth Friday and Saturday in March.

— SUCCESS OF A MONTREAL M. D.—Mr. Stephenson, (son of the late Dr. Stephenson of this city) formerly a high-school boy here, and afterwards educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took high honors, has recently received the appointment of Professor of Astronomy in the University of Calcutta, with a salary of £840 sterling, per annum.—*Montreal Gazette.*

PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATES GRANTED BY THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

The Chief Superintendent of Education, on the recommendation of the masters of the Normal School, and under the authority of the following section of the Upper Canada Consolidated Common School Act. 22 Victoria, chap. 64, has granted to the undermentioned Students of the Normal School, Provincial Certificates of Qualification as Common School Teachers in any part of Upper Canada:

"107. The Chief Superintendent of Education, on the recommendation of the Teachers in the Normal School, may give to any Teacher of Common Schools a Certificate of Qualification, which shall be valid in any part of Upper Canada until revoked; but no such Certificate shall be given to any person who has not been a Student in the Normal School."