

boys who had obtained prizes. Their conduct was excellent, particularly when it was recollected that they were away from home influences. Captain Goodwin, amid applause, was requested by Mr. Cockburn to present the prizes for gymnastics. At the conclusion the Principal rose and offered a few remarks with reference to the general condition of the college. From a return, which had been prepared, he found that there had been an average attendance of 210. The next point he would refer to was the number of scholarships, and he found that in three years the college boys had taken off 7 out of 9 in the matriculation examination, which he considered no ordinary achievement. (Applause.) He then referred to the physical training which the pupils had undergone. For a long time the college had an eleven at cricket which was a credit to the institution, and while they had taken off prizes in scholarships they had also achieved an enviable notoriety in the cricket field. From the boarding-house return he found that there were 42 boys upon an average had taken advantage of the house. The senior boys were allowed a larger accommodation than the junior, but there was a kindly feeling existing between all and the Superintendent which was very pleasing, and which he (Mr. C.) trusted might long continue. (Applause.) Before dismissing them he would congratulate those boys to whom prizes had been awarded, upon their success, and he hoped that hereafter, instead of resting on their oars, it would stimulate them to continue their labors. He had to announce that through the kindness of Mr. A. M. Smith, one of the city members, and Mr. Moss, two new prizes would be offered next year. Mr. Smith had given a prize for the best English scholar. (Applause.) The day's proceedings being terminated, the audience dispersed.—*Leader*.

— WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE, HAMILTON.—The usual "terminal examination" of the pupils of the above institution took place on the 6th inst., in one of the large and commodious rooms of the building on the second floor. The faculty of instruction consists of Miss M. E. Adams, principal; Rev. W. P. Wright, M.A., teacher of natural sciences and classics; Miss A. M. Adams, Miss Sarah M. Holland, Miss M. E. Rich and five other lady teachers. The Rev. S. D. Rice, governor and chaplain, occupied the chair. The pupils, classified in five forms and eight divisions, numbering one hundred, fifty of whom are boarders from different parts of the province, were put through their exercises in the various branches by their respective teachers, and acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, both as regards the degree of mental culture attained under the system of instruction pursued, and the naturalness and facility with which the questions given were answered. With the view of testing the soundness of the instruction imparted in history, geography, &c., I followed the examiners with text book in hand, and must say that the answering of the young ladies to the questions propounded were not committed to memory and reproduced, but given *impromptu* with fluency and with much discernment. It is acknowledged to be a characteristic of American young ladies that their conversational powers are inimitable by those of any other nation. The causes which operate to produce this may be traced to the admirable system pursued in the college in teaching history, geography, philosophy and chemistry; for be it known to you, the teachers are American and the pupils faithful copyists of "the gift of nature." Bearing upon my well-intentioned allusions to nationality, I would here observe that the introduction of American works into one of our finest class seminaries in Canada is, to say the least of it, injudicious. We have lately thrown out of all our schools "Morse's Geography," a text book not at all adapted to the Canadian mind. Goodrich's History is not quite so bad. It is to be hoped that measures will be taken, when it suits the convenience of the pupils of this college, to send "Morse" adrift over the lake. The collection of crystals, fossil shells (four classes), metals, minerals, corals, trees of coal period, chalk and oolite specimens (English), Indian antiquities, &c., &c., make twenty-two departments, with between twenty-five and eighty specimens in each, so that there must be as many as one thousand geological, &c., specimens collected. These are arranged in three large rooms for the benefit of the pupils who receive lessons in geology every alternate day. A large number of the friends of the college and parents of the pupils attended in the evening to hear essays read, with vocal and instrumental music performed by the young ladies, several of whom are gifted with a good voice. The entertainment passed off pleasant and well.—*Leader Correspondence*.

— CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE.—On the 1st inst. the examination of the students of this college commenced. The exercises continued over Saturday and Monday, and were concluded on Tuesday afternoon, when the standing of each student was read out by the several teachers, and the

report of the examiners received. As the students came from all parts of the country, the publication of their names would be of no immediate interest. Rev. Mr. Carey being then called upon, spoke in his usual eloquent and happy manner. He said that he had derived both profit and pleasure from his visit; and, further, expressed his gratification at the remarkable proficiency attained by many of the students. His time had been mostly occupied with the theological and classical departments, the members of which had acquitted themselves admirably. Having spoken thus for some time, "the most charming speaker in the Baptist denomination in Canada" closed with a kind and general address to all the students. Mr. Stuart followed in a humorous speech, and concluded with an excellent address to the theological gentlemen—all of whom leave this term. The principal, Dr. Fyfe, gave the concluding address, and formally closed the school. The next term will commence on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when the opening address to the students will be delivered by Prof. C. B. Hankinson, M. S.—*Com. to Woodstock Times*.

X. Departmental Notices.

USE OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHIES ILLEGAL.

According to previous notice, the Council of Public Instruction has withdrawn its sanction to the use of Morse's Geography in any of the public schools of Upper Canada. Hereafter it will not be lawful (after the copies now in actual use in any school are worn out) to use either Morse's or any other American geography in either the Grammar or Common Schools of Upper Canada. A violation of this order in any case will subject the school concerned to the loss of its share in the Grammar School Fund or Legislative School grant, as the case may be.

BOOKS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR USE IN THE SCHOOLS OF UPPER CANADA.

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Lovell's General Geography; by J. George Hodgins, LL.B.
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School History of Canada and the other British North American Provinces; by ditto.

Sangster's National Arithmetic, in Theory and Practice, adapted to the Decimal Currency.

Sangster's Elementary Arithmetic, in Decimal Currency.
Sangster's Elementary Treatise on Algebra.

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Lovell's General Geography, Reduced to 70 cents;
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