

the same time, more honorably contested. (Hear, hear.) The spirit of honorable rivalry never was higher, and so strong had been the spirit of competition that many of the boys had been separated in the class lists by a difference scarcely perceptible, and that in more than one of the forms the average place held by the head boy or *dux* is four or five—not one or two or three—as one might suppose; but so very active had been the competition, and so frequent the change of place, that the head boy, strange to say generally stood fifth, while the bottom boy in a class of thirty-five generally stood 24. To those who remembered anything of their public school days these simple facts were pregnant with meaning. (Hear, hear.) The extraordinary emulation manifested this year had no doubt been greatly fostered by the fact that the college had during the past year entered on a peculiar phase of its existence, and had passed happily through an experience seldom indeed accorded to any public school. He need scarcely say that he referred to what was virtually an amalgamation of the late Model Grammar School with the College; an amalgamation attended with the happiest results. For two years previously a vigorous and commendable competition in many games had been carried on with varying success between the two schools, and when that spirit of competition had been transferred to the class-rooms in the college he felt bound to say that he was proud of the amalgamation with the model school. He felt an equal pride in the spirit of old college for downright fair play, when he saw the good honest way in which the boys of the model grammar school were received. (Cheers.) And while they had a competition between these two schools, they had a wider competition, so to speak, between nationalities; as this year had witnessed the arrival in their midst of several sons of those brave men, who, under the burning sun of the South, and under unheard of hardships are still in this, the fourth year of their life struggle, resolved sooner to die than to yield to force what they consider to be their rights and liberties. (Applause.) These boys, in spite of their great disadvantages at starting, had in another and more peaceful struggle shown in their classroom the same qualities as their fathers and brothers were displaying in the gory battle-field. But at the same time an equal hearty welcome would be extended to the sons of Northern Americans who might desire to pursue their studies at the college. (Applause.) The speaker then proceeded to refer to the success of the college since its first establishment, and remarked that the largest number of pupils ever attending the college were there this year. His Lordship, Bishop Strachan, then pronounced the benediction, and the company separated.

—**MODEL SCHOOL.**—In consequence of the unavoidable absence of one of the female teachers, and of the illness of one of the male teachers of the Model School, the usual annual public examination did not take place.—Yesterday, however, all the pupils were assembled in their rooms, when Mr. Robertson, Head Master of the Normal School, addressed them, and presented to the successful pupils the prizes they had won at the private examinations.

—**SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.**—On the 24th ult., the usual midsummer examination of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind pupils under the charge of Dr. Morris, took place at the institution in this city, and attracted many of the well-wishers of the school. The examination was highly creditable not only to the superintendent but also to Mr. Knight, the master, and the pupils themselves, the healthy and satisfied appearance of the little ones being a subject of universal remark. The blind were examined in geography, history, &c., by Miss Sefton, to whose zeal in instructing them they are much indebted. In music and singing also they have made much progress under the tuition of Mr. Sefton. Several appropriate prizes were then distributed, at which the recipients seemed much gratified. Strawberries and cream were liberally provided to all, and duly appreciated, after which the pupils engaged in games to a late hour.

—**THE HAMILTON FEMALE COLLEGE.**—The recent closing examinations of the Female College gave us, and many others, much satisfaction and increased confidence in the management and efficiency of that institution. The Female College has been so recently established that scarcely sufficient time has yet elapsed to afford opportunity to prove the excellency and efficiency of its system of instruction. But the number of graduates at the close of the last session, and the nature of the examinations in all the classes, presented ample evidence of the teachers to put the students in intelligent possession of the several branches of study. The curriculum is sufficiently extensive, and the aim is to make every step of the student's progress intelligible and satisfactory to her own mind. Professor Wright who has been so intimately acquainted with the system of teaching carried out by the Rev. Dr. Vannorman, and who is an enthusiastic student of the

Natural Sciences, and an experienced teacher of them, is eminently qualified to contribute an important share to the general efficiency of the College. The teacher of Music, who is an accomplished master in his own profession, excited the admiration of all, by the proficiency of his classes and the excellence of their performance. The teacher of French, which is now an essential part of a respectable female education, is said to be a most successful teacher, and thoroughly qualified to impart a knowledge of this language. Of the esteemed Principal it is scarcely necessary to speak. Her experience and success in directing and overseeing such institutions; her strictness, watchfulness, firmness, and unvarying kindness and sympathy, secure for her the profound esteem and strong affection of all the students who enjoy the benefit of her teachings and her counsels. All those who listened to the examination of her classes in Mental Philosophy, and of those also in Moral Philosophy, must have been convinced that it was well worth while for any young lady to come to the College, if only to enjoy the advantage of Miss Adams' instruction in those two important studies. No other studies do so much to exercise and develop the thinking powers or to furnish the mind with principles for the direction of the life. With the teachers in the other departments we are not so well acquainted, but we believe them all to be earnest in their work, and well qualified for their several positions. The Rev. S. D. Rice, the Moral Governor, every one who knows him will feel assured, devotes all his time and energies to make the finances, the order and discipline, and the influence and fame of the College all that the stockholders and patrons can wish. To the gentlemen who have assumed the responsibility of purchasing and furnishing this magnificent building for the purposes of a Female College, and who in the capacity of Directors still give earnest attention to its interests, the thanks of the public are abundantly due.—*Christian Guardian*.

—**BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.**—The examinations and exhibition of this institution previous to the summer vacation, took place this week. The exhibition took place on Wednesday afternoon, and was one of the most interesting and successful that has been held in the institution. The chapel was tastefully decorated with evergreens, and with various mottoes and designs. The exhibition consisted of recitations, reading original essays, and music. Some of the recitations exhibited considerable rhetorical ability, and several of the original pieces reflected great credit upon the authors. The music was well rendered, and was received with deserved approbation. The exercises were concluded by conferring the degree of "Mistress of Liberal Arts" upon Miss V. Shepard, who had completed the six years' course of instruction. Miss Shepard is the first graduate of the institution, and Principal Carman, in conferring the degree, spoke in high terms of her attainments. During the exercises the chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity, and all seemed highly pleased with the proceedings.—*Intelligencer*.

—**THE CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE.**—The examination of the pupils attending this institution commenced on the 8th inst. Several clerical gentlemen from a distance, together with those of the vicinity attended as examiners, and at the close expressed themselves gratified with the assiduity and perseverance evinced by the students. On the evening of Tuesday a public meeting of the Adelpian Society and Ladies' Literary Association was held in the spacious lecture room. Rich and varied in their character, the different performances elicited repeated applause. The President's address was deservedly applauded. Seeing that the object of the meeting was laudable, we are glad to learn that the handsome sum of \$55 was realized. On Wednesday morning, the members of the Senior Theological Class made their graduating speeches, at the conclusion of which the Principal, the Rev. Dr. Fyfe, delivered to them his final address. We had almost neglected to notice two pleasing episodes, namely, the presentation of a purse containing a handsome sum in gold and silver to the Matron, Mrs. S. T. Cooke; and a fine collection of books to the Mathematical Tutor, Mr. C. B. Hankinson.—*Woodstock News*.

**NORFOLK COUNTY SCHOOL PIC-NIC.**—Came off on Friday last, 1st July, with great *colat*. Notwithstanding the extreme heat of the weather and the dustiness of the roads, between two and three thousand persons were present, and seemed to enjoy themselves to their heart's content. Rev. E. Ryerson, D.D., Chief Superintendent of Education, delivered an eloquent and forcible address to the school children, which was listened to with marked attention; he was followed by the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of this town, who delivered a brief but impressive address. Great credit is due to the committee of management in their untiring efforts to make the picnic what it was—a complete success.—*Messenger*.