

Mr. Scott then read a portion of his essay, prepared for his Master's degree; Mr. Peters read his prize English poem, entitled "Montcalm"; and Mr. Vroom his prize Latin verses, all of which were warmly received.

Mr. Vroom ended his part of the programme by delivering an excellent valediction, in a very creditable manner.

Short and appropriate speeches were then made by Rev. Chancellor Hill, Hon. W. B. Vail, and his Lordship, Bishop Binny.

The closing exercises of St. Mary's College were held on the 16th of July, in the hall of that Institution. His Grace Archbishop Hannan presided. The proceedings were of an interesting character. Among the audience were Sir Edward and Lady Kenny, and many leading citizens. A new feature was introduced into the examination, viz.: the examination of classes in the Latin Classics. All the exercises were pronounced good. An address from the students to the Archbishop, as patron and visitor of the College, formed an interesting part. The Archbishop in replying thanked the students for their expressions of goodwill. He considered that never since its organization, more than forty years ago, had St. Mary's College been under the direction of a more efficient faculty than now. His Grace urged parents not to abridge unnecessarily the educational privileges of their children. He intimated that certain important improvements were in contemplation. The Rev. Canon Woods, an ex-president of the College, referred in very complimentary terms to the abilities and successful labors of the present staff of Professors.

The public exercises connected with the close of the annual session of the Provincial Normal School were held in the large assembly hall of the new edifice. A large audience was in attendance. Among other visitors were His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, the Superintendent of Education, several of the Provincial School Inspectors, and a large number of High School Principals and other teachers attracted to Truro by the Educational Association to open on the following day. Excellent music was furnished by a select choir of students. The teaching exercises by the pupil teachers were as follows: A class in Navigation by Miss Boner, of Shelburne; a class in Nova Scotian History by Miss Quinlan, of Shelburne; a class in Cubic Measures by Miss Dickie, of Truro; a class in Botany, by Miss Calkin, of Truro; A class in Chemistry, by Mr. Jos. Crone, of Colchester; a class in Agricultural Chemistry, by Mr. White, of Kings; a class in Arithmetic, by Mr. Beckwith, of Kings; a class in Geography, by Mr. Lewis, of Colchester. The style in which this practical work was done merited and received high encomiums. The Governor General's medals were presented by Governor Archibald—the silver to Miss Lewis of Onslow, the bronze to Miss Quinlan, of Shelburne. The subject of the competition essays was "The qualifications of a Teacher not included in the Syllabus." The Superintendent of Education stated that all the essays presented were exceedingly meritorious, and that between the two selected ones the difference was slight indeed. The Lieutenant Governor and Superintendent of Education made short addresses, congratulating the Principal, Professors, and Province on the successful work of the year. During the session closed, the attendance has reached its maximum, altogether 150 pupil-teachers have been enrolled, and the average attendance has been upwards of 100. Five Superior professional certificates have been awarded, to Misses Lewis, Boner, Calkin, Dickie, and Mr. Beckwith; 51 good certificates, and 26 fair, 83 in all.

Next month's notes will contain a full report of the Provincial Educational Association organized at Truro, on the 14th of July. The following is a list of officers, &c.: President—Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education; Secretary—A. McKay, Esq., Principal Dartmouth High School; Assistant-Secretary—B. McKittrick, Esq., B.A., Principal Sydney Academy; Executive Committee—Dr. Allison, *ex officio*; Principal Calkin, *ex officio*; Inspector Gordon, Inspector Roscoe, Prof. Eaton (Normal School); Miss Hamilton (Halifax); Miss Newcomb (Cornwallis); Principal McKay (Picton); Principal McKay (Dartmouth.)

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Our first item this month is the Encoenia of the Provincial University, particulars of which were not given in the July number. The customary oration in praise of the founders was delivered by Prof. Rivet, after which Mr. A. W. Wilkinson, of the Senior Class, read a portion of his prize essay on "The importance of increased attention to Agriculture." A portion of the Latin essay which won the Alumni medal was also read by its author Mr. John S. Harrison. The degree of B. A. was conferred on sixteen young men, the first three of whom were A. W. Wilkinson of Fredericton,

J. M. Palmer of Gagetown, and H. B. Pickard of Fredericton. The latter has since undergone examination for the Gilchrist scholarship. Jas. R. Mace, B.A., 72, Principal of the York street Schools, Fredericton, received the degree of M.A. A new and interesting feature in the proceedings was the delivery of a valedictory address on behalf of the graduates of last year, by J. Douglas Hazen, B.A., '79.

Mr. G. Herbert Leo, M.A., delivered the Alumni Oration. It was announced that the subject for the Douglas Essay next year would be "The Prosperity and Fall of Venice."

The officers of the Alumni Society for the ensuing year are:—

President—Alfred B. Atherton, M.A., M.D.

Vice-Presidents—Loring W. Bailey, Ph. D., Rev. Chas. Paisley, M.A., Henry S. Bridges, M.A.

Secretary and Treasurer—James A. Vanwart, M.A.

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Representatives to the University Senate—Wm. Pugsley, M.A., B.C.L., and Fred. E. Barker, M.A., D.C.L.

In the City of St. John and in Portland, the summer vacation commenced on the 7th July,—elsewhere throughout the Province, on the 12th.

The annual examination and presentation of prizes at the St. John Grammar School was an interesting occasion as usual. Under the popular Principal, H. S. Bridges, M.A., and his coadjutor W. M. McLean, B.A., the school is said to be doing excellent work. The Corporation gold medal for classics was presented to Master Wilmer Duff, the Parker silver medal for mathematics to Master Mark Henderson, the Lorne bronze medal for English, to Master Herman Peiler, and prizes of books to eight other boys, for proficiency in various departments.

In the Leinster street school (D. P. Chisholm, Principal), in the Albert school, Carleton (John Montgomery, Principal), and in other schools in the city, the closing exercises drew numbers of interested visitors.

The High School at Fredericton was examined on the 9th July, in presence of numerous visitors. An interesting feature in the exercises was the reading of several of the pupils' essays. The Douglas silver medal for proficiency in the classics, and the Lorne bronze medal for highest general standing were both awarded to Master James M. Lemont, who was highly complimented, Master Owens received a prize of books for proficiency in mathematics. The staff of teachers in this school consists of G. R. Parkin, M.A., Principal, G. W. Fenwick, B.A., J. T. Horsman, B.A., and Miss L. J. Gregory.

The Carleton County Teachers' Institute met at Woodstock on the 24th and 25th of June, with an attendance of about fifty teachers. Inspector Gaunce was elected President, W. B. Wiggins, B.A., Vice-President, and Chas. McLean Secretary-Treasurer. Several valuable papers were read, and the discussions were lively and profitable. Music introduced at intervals added interest to the sessions. The evening session was largely devoted to singing, recitations and impromptu speeches. Perhaps there was rather too much of the *dulce* in proportion to the *utile* at this institute, but on the whole, the teachers seem to have been well pleased with their two-days re-union.

The Charlotte County Institute met at St. Stephen on the 8th and 9th of July, and after opening speeches by several gentlemen, elected the following officers:—Inspector Oakes, President, Jas. Vroom, Vice-President, Jas. D. Lawson, Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. Bogart, Assistant Secretary. About seventy teachers were enrolled as members. Mr. Lawson read a paper on "The best means of applying the official course of instruction in ungraded schools," which was followed by an animated discussion, bringing out several of the practical difficulties experienced by teachers, and eliciting from the inspector satisfactory replies to a variety of questions. Misconceptions were corrected, and objections explained away, to an extent that perhaps surprised some who are not happy unless discontented. Other papers read were on "The influence of the Teacher on the school," by Mr. W. Camp, on "The place of Natural Science in the School Curriculum," by Mr. Bogart, and on "School Discipline," by Mr. G. J. Clarke. The teaching of the text book in Geometry was the subject of a paper by R. H. Lyle. Vigorous discussions followed the several papers. There were also practical lessons on colour and primary reading. At the evening session, specimens of the manual work of pupils were exhibited and criti-