

McMaster Hall, Toronto, is about being affiliated with the University of Toronto.

More than eighty pupils have applied for permission to write at the approaching entrance examinations at the Woodstock High School.

Former pupils of the Collingwood Collegiate Institute obtained at the late examinations of Toronto University, nine first-class and five second-class honors.

Among the teachers who passed the final examination at the Toronto Normal School, the other day, were Misses Natrass, Emily Howard, Kate Rogers and Maggie Smith. The young lady who won the Prince of Wales' gold medal was Miss Maggie Thomson, teacher of section 7, Township of London, and who is to be congratulated on her success in reaching the summit of the educational ladder. Miss Thomson stood highest on the report of the Normal School masters, on that of the Model School masters, and also at the final examination before the Central Committee. — *London Free Press*.

Mr. Charles Trow, son of Mr. James Trow, M.P., of Stratford, passed his final examination at Trinity College Medical School, Toronto, the other day, taking a large share of the honors, and received the degree of M.D. — *London Free Press*.

Mr. John R. Gair, one of our rising local poets, is in receipt of a kindly-worded letter from Miss Gordon, sister of the late Gen. Gordon, conveying her thanks for the epitaph sent by him in memory of her gallant brother. — *London Free Press*.

QUEBEC.

From Our Own Correspondent.

THE MCGILL NORMAL SCHOOL.—The closing exercises of this institution took place on the 28th of May, the Hon. Gideon Ouimet, Superintendent of Public Instruction, presiding. Dr. Robins, Principal of the Normal School, read the annual report, showing that 111 candidates were admitted to the school during the session, six for the academy class, thirty-eight to the Model School Class, and sixty-seven to the Elementary Class; of these six obtained Academy Diplomas, thirty-two Model School Diplomas, and thirty-seven Elementary Diplomas. The Normal School Session has been changed from ten to nine months, in order to enable the professors to hold Normal institutes at different local centres during the summer months. Miss Maude Clark, of Montreal, took the lead in the Academy Class, and secured the Lansdowne Silver Medal. Miss Flora Taylor, Montreal, gained the first place in the Model School Class, and obtained the Prince of Wales Medal and Prize, and Miss Jennie Ferguson, Cayville, gained the first place in the Elementary Class, and received the J. C. Wilson Prize.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.—Local meetings of teachers' have again been held through the Eastern Townships, under the direction of the School Inspectors. At these local meetings the Inspectors gather twenty-five or fifty teachers for the purpose of discussing the best methods of conducting the work of the Elementary Schools. The day is taken up by the Inspector, who is assisted by the Secretary of the Department, and by local teachers. These meetings have proved very useful in improving the character of the teaching in the district schools. They bring the teachers face to face with the difficulties and weak points connected with their work, and with the best methods of overcoming these.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.—The annual report of Bishop's College shows that the financial condition of that institution is improving. Through the exertions of Rev. Dr. Roe, Professor of Divinity, very large additions have been made to the Harold Fund and to the Principal's Salary Endowment Fund, which will enable the College to claim the promised donations of Robert Hamilton, Esq., and thus raise the funds to \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively. At the end of this month Dr. Lobley's connection with the Institution ceases, as it is his intention to return to England. In Dr. Lobley the Province loses one of its ablest and most successful educationists.

CHANGES.—A large number of the Superior Schools of the Province are, for one cause and another, changing their head teachers. St. Francis College, Stanstead College, Durham Ladies' College, Waterloo, Knowlton, Clareville and Inverness Academies, are all to be under new masters for the coming year.

Miss Nannie E. Green, a former pupil of the Normal School, who has received special training at South Kensington, is to take charge of the Drawing at the McGill Normal School.

The Rev. F. J. B. Alnatt, special Examiner of Academies and Model Schools, for the Province, has resigned his position on account of his appointment to St. Mathew's Church, Quebec.

The Teachers' Institutes, which are to be held during the month of July next, promise to be very successful. They are to be held at Lennoxville, Waterloo, and Ormstown, during the first, second and third weeks of July. Each meeting continues in session four days, and is conducted by the professors of the Normal School.

ASSOCIATES IN ARTS.—The school examinations which are conducted under the joint management of the Universities of McGill and Bishop's College, took place during the first week in June. The declaration of results took place at the William Molson Hall, McGill College, on the 20th June, when thirty candidates received their certificates. Among these were representatives of the High Schools of Montreal, Lennoxville and Hawkesbury, Misses Summers and Smith's Private School, Halty Academy, and also several prepared by private tuition. Miss A. E. Livingstone, of St. John, New Brunswick, passed her Senior Associate in Arts Examination, which is equivalent to the Intermediate Examination in the Arts Course at the University. This is the third successful candidate for this certificate since the school examinations were established. On the whole, however, the number and standing of the candidates were not as high as in previous years.

Question Drawer.

QUESTIONS.

1. Trees are planted 12 feet apart around the sides of a rectangular field 40 rods long containing two acres. Find the number of trees.
2. A cubical box exactly holds 64 shot each 3 inches in diam. ter. Find how many cubic inches are empty in the box when it is full of shot.
3. John had \$80 less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of his money at one time, and at another \$40 more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the remainder and now has \$40 left. How much had he at first?
4. A level reach in a canal 14 miles 6 furlongs long, and 48 feet broad is kept up by a lock 80 feet long 12 feet broad and having a fall of 8 feet 6 inches, how many barges might pass through the lock before the water in the upper canal was lowered 1 inch?
5. A merchant in Montreal has to pay a bill of 1387 francs 18 cents in Paris. Find the amount he will have to remit for payment of the bill if being known that the sovereign is worth 25 franc 20 cents and exchange on England in Montreal at premium of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
6. If 3 men and 2 boys do a piece of work in 8 days and 3 men and 7 boys can do it in 6 days, in what time will 1 man or 1 boy do it?
7. Also three women and two boys can do a work in $6\frac{2}{3}$ days and two women and three boys can do it in $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, in what time can 1 woman and 1 boy it.

INQUIRER.

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Miscellaneous.

OLD AND BLIND.

I am old and blind !
Men point at me as smitten by God's frown ;
Afflicted and deserted of my kind ;
Yet I am not cast down.

I am weak, yet strong ;
I murmur not that I no longer see ;
Poor, old, and helpless I the more belong,
Father, supreme to thee.

O merciful One,
When men are furthest, then thou art most near ;
When friends pass by me and my weakness shun,
Thy chariot I hear.