

teachers; referred to the necessity of intelligence in school trustees; and showed what he considered the advantages of the present school system, especially in its providing the certainty of remuneration to the teachers. After the delivery of the Rev. Superintendent's lecture, the students presented their master with an address.—*Leader*.

— **TORONTO CITY SCHOOLS.**—The semi-annual public examination of the several City Schools, eight in number, took place simultaneously. The Rev. Mr. Porter, the Local Superintendent, spent a short time at each of the schools, examining the children. The attendance of parents and others was good for this season of the year, though not quite as large as the summer examinations. The branches in which the children were examined are Reading, Grammar, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and in one school, and in one only, we believe—George Street, in which Mr. Richard Lewis is head teacher—composition. The best "essay" was on Toronto, and was very creditable to the little boy who wrote it. In the senior division of the girls' department there was of course sewing and fancy needle-work, which in many cases were very fine indeed. Drawing also is taught in a few of the schools. The examinations were altogether highly creditable to the scholars, and were certainly not inferior to those of any former similar occasion.—*Ibid*.

— **HAMILTON CENTRAL AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.**—The Examination of the city schools took place on the 20th and 21st ult. The Central school, as usual, made a very fair appearance, children and teachers seemed to be in excellent trim. We were impressed very favourably with the practical character of the instruction imparted. The mode of instruction is emphatically the *drawing out process*, the pupils appearing to have a thorough understanding of what they had been taught. The French classes under Mons. Lafont bore ample testimony to the ability of that gentleman as a teacher of the French language. The Grammar School department was examined by Dr. Blackman and by Mr. Gray. The recent change in that department is already beginning to bear fruit. All seemed highly pleased with the order, harmony and thoroughness of the pupils in their various studies. The first division of the Central school is under the instruction of the Principal, assisted by Mr. Carlyle. The proficiency of the pupils in their various studies excited general admiration. The music under Mr. Packard, was alike creditable to the teacher and his pupils. The other divisions were well up in their studies. The proceedings were closed by recitations by some of the pupils of the first division, in which they very creditably acquitted themselves, after which Dr. Ormiston delivered a short address, in which he spoke in very flattering terms of the day's proceedings. Dr. Billings, the Chairman of the Board, also made a few remarks, dwelling with particular emphasis on the gratifying fact, that during the past year there had been fewer complaints against the internal management of the schools than he had known in any previous year, and paying a high compliment to Mr. Macallum for his successful administration.—*Spectator*.

— **HAMILTON ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOLS.**—The Examination of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Separate Schools took place on the same day as those of the Central school. In these a few prizes were distributed to the most deserving of the pupils, to reward them for the studies of the session. The efficient staff of teachers were highly complimented by the visitors, on the success which had attended their labors, as evinced by the proficiency of their pupils, in the various branches of study, in which they underwent a thorough and searching examination. On the whole, Hamilton has reason to be proud of its public schools.—*Ibid*.

— **VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.**—At a recent meeting of the Senate of the University, the Hon. James Patton, LL.D., M.L.C., President of the University Association, was elected vice-Chancellor of the University, in the room of Mr. John Langton. Mr. Langton was proposed by Professor Wilson, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Lillie. In amendment, Dr. Patton was proposed by Dr. Herrick and seconded by Mr. Crooks. The vote stood as follows,—Patton, 13; Langton, 11; Dr. Patton was therefore declared duly elected.

— **UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE—INAUGURATION OF THE REV. DR. LEITCH AS PRINCIPAL.**—On Thursday morning last the appointed Principal of Queen's College, the Rev. Principal Leitch, D.D., of Glasgow University, was initiated to the vacant chair. The ceremony took place in the College Chapel, situate in the new building. The commodious hall was filled with students, graduates and visitors, including a good number of ladies. The Hon. John Hamilton presided. The Chairman directed the proceedings to commence by calling upon the Rev. Dr. Urquhart to ask

the Divine blessing. The Rev. Dr. Urquhart, in the course of a fervent appeal, prayed specially that God would bless the servant who in His Providence had been brought to preside over this institution. Mr. John Patton read the minutes of the Board of Trustees. The Chairman then said:—I would merely say on behalf of the Trustees of Queen's College that they made this appointment with no hesitation whatever, but with great confidence; indeed, they have never made an appointment with more usefulness there, and we feel satisfied that with the Divine blessing he will be the means of advancing University education and knowledge in this Province. It is now my pleasing duty to introduce to you the Rev. Dr. Leitch. The Rev. Dr. Leitch on being introduced to the assemblage seated himself in the Principal's chair, and delivered an address. Observing that if he were about to address a similar assemblage at the western seat of learning in Scotland, he would seek inspiration by recounting the names of the famous men, of Stewart and Playfair, and no student had ever heard those illustrious names without experiencing a feeling of reverence and respect; but he had no such venerable names to fall back upon; the glory of Queen's College was not in the past, but in the future; although there was no halo of antiquity shed around those walls, and no basis of reverence for the past, yet the institution had not the decrepitude of age, and there was ground for hope that it was possessed of the buoyancy and vigor of youth. The Principal referred to the gradual growth of Universities in Great Britain, instancing the Universities of Glasgow and Oxford, and expressed the hope that Queen's College would partake of the rapid growth of the other institutions of this country. Alluding to the influence of national scenes in forming national character—to Scotland's mountains, and England's mineral wealth—he drew the conclusion that it was reasonable to expect a future for Canada, ideal with the vastness everywhere thrust upon the traveller who traversed this land. He should not regret that he entered Canada by its majestic river, a fit portal for so noble a domain. Dr. Leitch referred to the value of collegiate institutions to a new country, comparing the universities of the middle ages to lights in the darkness that surrounded them. The Principal gave valuable counsels to the studious portion of his audience, addressing particularly the arts classes, urging them when in the pursuit of knowledge to sacrifice range to gain precision, to practice self-denial, to commence at once with their task whatever it might be, and exhorting them to practical piety. The rev. gentleman then directed his remarks more particularly with reference to the theological course, mentioned that one had been appointed to the theological chair more for his devotion to his parent church than his acquirements, and that he felt honor in receiving an appointment which was a true pledge of affection between the churches, and adding that if he should succeed in any measure in imbuing the ministers of this church with the spirit and zeal of those who laboured in glorious Scotland, he should feel that he had not laboured in vain. To the medical profession he could not offer any professional counsel; he could only express his sympathy with them, feeling it consistent that they should be brought together with those who were preparing for the ministry. Medical men were distinguished as a class for their heroic sacrifices, and he trusted that it would be their highest ambition to maintain the dignity and honor of the profession. In concluding, he remarked that it had been his lot to come among them at a time when a tide of loyalty, as it were, had swept through the land, and this had been to him strong assurance of their attachment to their Queen and country. He hoped that the work of the session now begun might redound, under God's blessing, to His Glory. [Applause]. Professor Weir addressed the Principal to the effect that he had been requested by the senatus to introduce to him some of the office-bearers of the Alma Mater Society. The Professor then introduced Mr. Currie to Dr. Leitch. Mr. Currie read an address from the Alma Mater Society congratulating the Principal upon his safe arrival on these shores, and recounting that the Alma Mater Society had been but recently formed with the view of keeping up the *esprit de corps* amongst the students and alumni, of cultivating a literary taste among the students, and providing in general for the interests of its members. The address commends the Society to the Principal's sympathy, renews the assurances of welcome to him, and expresses the hope that his term of office may be long and happy. The Principal in replying to the address begged the members to accept his grateful acknowledgements for their welcome; he could not ask a higher proof of the prosperity of the College than the formation of such a society. Again he would thank them for their very kind and cordial address. Professor Weir announced the hour of attendance at the classes in the faculty