

value of this prize. The classical prize was won by W. T. Mitchell, whose brother, G. Mitchell, gained the English prize; Dr. Connor on presenting the English prize, complimented the recipient on the proficiency he exhibited in the various subjects of examination. We are informed that it is only a few years ago since English Classics have been made a subject of special study in the College. The creditable exhibition made by the students at the examination of this Department gives ample evidence of the untiring zeal and accurate scholarship of Dr. Connor. The other prizes were distributed by the various masters in their respective departments. A Letter was read from Prof. Cherriman, Mathematical Examiner, complimenting the College on the examination passed by the pupils in Mathematics, which must have been highly gratifying alike to the pupils and their teacher, Mr. Brown. Dr. Wickson, Classical examiner, expressed himself highly satisfied with the proficiency attained by the students in Classical literature. This shows the College has lost none of its reputation as a Classical or Mathematical training school. The Rev. Dr. Scadding, in bringing the proceedings to a close, among other remarks said, that the College might now be said to have closed one volume of her history, which was replete with honor; and he had no doubt, could the curtain which shrouds the future be drawn aside, a brilliant career was hers.—*Leader*.

— **UNIVERSITY OF TRINITY COLLEGE.**—At the recent Church of England Synod, held in Toronto, the following Resolution in regard to Trinity College was moved by the Rev. Dr. Beaven: "That the Synod desires to express its deep sympathy with our venerable Bishop in his late trials and difficulties, in consequence of the imputations cast upon the teachings of Trinity College, and with the Rev. Provost, as the exponent of that teaching, and declares its continued confidence in the College and its administration." In amendment, the Rev. Mr. Ardagh moved: "That, inasmuch as the motion of Dr. Beaven, if persevered in, would have the effect of exhibiting to the world a divided Synod, it is inexpedient to entertain the motion." The Rev. H. Mulkins also moved in amendment: "That the Synod desires to express its deep sympathy with our venerable Bishop in his late trials and difficulties, in consequence of the differences in regard to Trinity College, and its sincere hope that those difficulties may be happily removed by the increased usefulness and efficiency of that Institution." Both amendments were at last negatived, and the main motion (Dr. Beaven's) was carried by 54 clerical and 30 lay votes, against 24, of which 14 were clerical, and 10 lay.

— **VISIT OF PRINCE ALFRED TO THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.**—On Tuesday, the 25th of June, His Royal Highness Prince Alfred, accompanied by His Excellency Sir Edmund Head, Major Cowell and other members of his suite, visited the Educational Department. The Prince was received at the principal entrance by the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada, the Deputy Superintendent and other officers of the Department. On his entrance, Mrs. Ryerson handed His Royal Highness a choice and beautiful bouquet of flowers, which was graciously received. He was then conducted to the Council Room Library, where he entered his name in the Visitor's Book as "Alfred." His Excellency and Major Cowell also entered their names as visitors. From the Council Room the royal party was conducted over the entire establishment, including the Museums, the Schools and the Map and Library Depositories. In the various articles of Canadian manufacture, they all expressed much interest. On leaving the building, a pretty little bouquet was presented to the Prince by Master Francis E. Hodgins, which His Royal Highness smilingly accepted. As his carriage drove off, three hearty cheers were given for the Prince, three for the Queen, and three for the Governor General.

VISIT OF THE PRINCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—On the same day, His Royal Highness and suite visited the University. He was received by the Hon. Judge Burns, Chancellor, the Hon. James Patton, Vice Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. McCaul, President of University College and the Professors, and by them conducted over this beautiful building. The royal party were much pleased at the Library, Museum and Convocation Hall, and on leaving expressed themselves highly gratified with their visit.

— **ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.**—By a late arrival from England we learn that J. George Hodgins, LL.B., Deputy Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada, and author of *Lovell's General Geography*, has been, on the motion of the Honorary Secretary, Thomas Hodgkin, Esq., M.D., seconded by Admiral Sir G. Back and H. G. Findlay, Esq., elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London.

— **EXAMINATION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY.**—The midsummer examination of the above society was held in the St. Lawrence Hall. There are at present in the school only twenty-four scholars, over which there are three teachers: Mr. and Miss McGann and Miss Hamilton. At eight o'clock Rev. Mr. Kennedy was called to the Chair, and in a few remarks introduced Mr. McGann, the head teacher of the school. Mr. McGann, after dwelling a short time on the mode of teaching, &c., commenced his examination. He examined a few of each class, of which there are four, showing how much quicker they learn than those who can both hear and speak. At the conclusion of the examination four of the pupils gave a very interesting dialogue, Mr. McGann explaining as they went on. After the dialogue was gone through with, Dr. McCaul made a few appropriate remarks, shewing the necessity of the Government taking this institution into their consideration, and making it a public school. He said there were at present five or six hundred deaf and dumb mutes in Canada, of which there were only twenty-four able to be kept at school. The Dr. finished his remarks by calling on the citizens to make a collection, so that they would be able to instruct some more of those unfortunate creatures.

— **EDUCATION IN STRATFORD.**—The Chairman submitted the following for the consideration of the Board:—(1.) *That a prize* be awarded at the half-yearly examination, as an inducement for regular attendance, to all pupils who shall have attended School during the whole term, without an intermission; also to one pupil in each department who may stand the next highest on the daily register, provide their conduct be generally good. (2.) *That common needlework* may be taught during a portion of one afternoon each week, to such girls in the first and second departments as may desire, and the Teachers thereof so arrange. (3.) *That a number of Maps* asked for by the Teachers, which are indispensably necessary, be at once procured from the Educational Department. *That the Teachers* be required to open and close the School as recommended by the Council of Public Instruction, in accordance with the Statute and the regulations prescribed for the purpose.—The report was adopted at a meeting of the Board on the 7th of May.

GRAND UNION SCHOOL PIC-NIC IN BARTON.—On the 27th ult., a very large pic-nic, composed of the whole of the School Sections in Barton, was held on the brow of the Mountain, just above the city, in the beautiful woods belonging to Mr. King, who very kindly threw open his grounds for that purpose.—Ample accommodations had been fitted up in this lovely spot, which, indeed, presented a most beautiful appearance with its innumerable flags and banners floating from every tree-top. At about 10 o'clock, bands of gaily dressed people in carriages and on foot were seen wending their course in this direction from all quarters, who soon swelled the company to nearly the incredible number of two thousand. All Barton gave itself up to rejoicings, every kind of business was suspended to mingle in the festivities, all seeming to regard it as a general holiday. The arrival of the children, drawn up in their respective bodies as they marched into the ground, their banners waving over them, singing "Happy greeting to all," in most melodious strains, was very grand and imposing. The exercises of the day were then commenced by the election of Mr. Michael Burkholder as chairman, who on taking the chair made a short address setting forth in glowing terms the benefits likely to accrue from so praiseworthy an undertaking as they were at present engaged in, "in the feast of reason and the flow of soul." A substantial repast, on rustic tables, was then served, consisting of all the delicacies of the season; bringing joy to many a heart, and mirth to many a soul. Mr. Grossman's band meanwhile discoursed sweet and elegant music. After the collation had been partaken of, speeches by Dr. Irvine and other learned gentlemen, dialogues and songs ably executed by the children—and music by the band during the intervals became the order of the day. The deepest attention was paid to all the performances; nothing occurred to mar the festivities; the greatest harmony and good-feeling everywhere prevailed, and joy reigned supreme. Great credit is due to the Rev. Mr. Bull and the Managing Committee, for the zeal they evinced and the strenuous exertions they put forth, to cause this pic-nic to eventuate so successfully. These gentlemen spared no pains in their undertaking, and met with an abundant reward for their labors, as the happy countenances of the guests, wreathed in sunny smiles, sufficiently attested. At the conclusion, three hearty cheers were given for the Queen; three cheers for the chairman and all concerned in getting up the pic-nic, after which the National Anthem was sung by the children and played by the band, alternately.—*Correspondent Hamilton Spectator*.