

PRIZE DAY.

This year prize day was held on the 30th of June, instead of as usual, in the fall. Perhaps it is a good thing, because all the boys are in town, but still we lose our prize day half-holiday, which is no small disadvantage.

It turned out to be a very fine day and although it was rather hot, "prayer-hall" was well filled with venerable ex-pupils, ladies, and pretty girls, who come every year to the College to see their friends and relatives receive the prizes for which they have worked hard during the year. Among those present were Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and Mrs. Macdonnell, Goldwin Smith, J. Herbert Mason, Rev. John Burton, Rev. Dr. Scadding, Rev. G. H. Sandwell, New Britain, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ross, Winnipeg; Mrs. Thomas Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Boulton and Mr. W. H. Scatty.

Before the prizes were given Mr. Dickson made a short speech, in which he said:

"I am glad to be able to speak of another year of earnest and successful work. The attendance, though not up to that of last year, was above the average. The enrolment was 314 and the average attendance 250 or about 80% of the enrolment.

"This large body of boys has worked steadily, and on the whole, in a way that gives me a great deal of satisfaction.

"A congratulatory letter reached me the other day, in which these words occurred, 'the blue and white can't be beat.' They sounded like a school-boy's vigorous English, and I venture to say that this is fast becoming the spirit of the school in work and in play. I hope it may be so. The daily papers during the year have announced an almost uninterrupted succession of triumphs of the College in the world of athletics.

"The year has closed with a season of contests that will live in the annals of the College for many years to come. Last Saturday saw the first eleven, captained by Counsell, overcome good bowling and good fielding, and we heartily congratulate him upon his victory. That the boys have acquitted themselves very creditably in their sports, the printed pamphlet, giving an account of the various matches, fully attests.

"School boys of the motherland play energetically, as well as work hard, and in this brighter

Britain the same traditions rule, and a good thing it is. A school without a well-used playground is not doing its whole work. School athletics, however, must be brought under a system, if any good results are to be obtained; no good, but more evil, comes from aimless and desultory play. If a boy is to become strong, active and brave strong in checking his temper and gaining the advantage of a cool judgment, brave in a courage which chooses a career and adheres to it; active

that makes a boy a hero on the playground, and a student in the class-room, he will be seen in autumn in the football scrimmage doing battle for his school, and in winter on the ice, bending all his energies to score a victory, and in the warmer days of summer, he will keep himself in training for the best of all school games, cricket.

"As a result of the addition of a swimming tank to our equipment for physical training, and the attention given to the art of swimming, there are only three boys in the school who cannot swim, and we expect to see a well contested swimming competition next season.

"The quarter mile track, from which we expect so much in the future, is one that College ought to be proud of. It has not cost the College anything so far.

"It was my pleasure last year to refer to the success of a few old boys of the school and to ascribe it in no small degree to the spirit that pervaded the old school and the training, mental and physical, that it imparted."

The prizes were then given, the following gentlemen assisting: Rev. Dr. Scadding, Goldwin Smith, Rev. Prof. Wallace, Rev. G. H. Sandwell, Rev. John Gillespie, J. Herbert Mason, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. John Burton and R. G. Kingsford. Each of the gentlemen spoke briefly when presenting the prizes and it encourages a boy greatly to have a few well chosen words spoken to him when receiving his prize.

Then in the next hour after the prizes had been distributed, a great change came over the College; all was to be silent for the next two months, where so many boys had lived and learnt during the last session.

The following is a complete list of those who received prizes and of those who were promoted: