

Orange and Blue.

Annual Commencement Exercises of the Collegiate Institute.

Brilliant Gathering of Young and Old at the Grand.

Presentation of Medals and The Lucky Pupils—Honor Matriculants—Mr. Faskin Honored—Entrance Certificates Presented.

The High School commencement exercises, held in the Opera House last night, developed into the prettiest event of the kind this season. Once inside there was no retreat, so great was the crush, and there were hundreds who could not get in at all. The first floor was reserved for the pupils, although the general public were admitted to that part of the house after the scholars had been supplied with seats. The corridors were jammed, boxes and galleries crowded with audacious, and mingling with the pretty dresses and smiling faces could everywhere be seen the yellow and blue of the Collegiate colors. The small boy and the boy of a larger size had all laid in a supply of tin horns, and this was the only unpleasant feature of an evening otherwise harmonious and enjoyable. The small boy let loose his "holloes" as the first salutation hurled at Chairman Dewar at the beginning of the evening. The price of peace was compliance, and the children will have two weeks' holidays. The Grand Opera House has never presented at any time a prettier scene. London's girls are noted for their good looks, and the youth and beauty of the city were there. London boys are every sturdy, and the strong and healthy rising generation of boys were present. So were proud parents and happy teachers.

The Seventh Band offered their services for the occasion and rendered an excellent programme, varied at times by a tin horn solo from the gallery. The boys had a wire strung from the balcony to the stage, and down this wire floated at different times bouquets streaming with the school colors, and, also, on one occasion a carrot, and an apple. The boys made a mistake in making a mistake in reading his name, and "Put his name on the board" would ring out with painful distinctness. But the boys were on the whole as well behaved as might be expected from a crowd of their number and spirit.

JOHN S. DEWAR.
Chairman Dewar welcomed the crowd and stated the pleasure that the large and representative gathering afforded the members of the board, who were all present on the platform. It was a source of satisfaction to know that the citizens were so closely in touch with them in the grand work with which they were identified. The education of nearly 6,000 pupils—from the five-year-old kindergarten to the university matriculant—was the self-imposed task assumed by the board, and that momentous undertaking demanded the hearty co-operation of every citizen. The educational system of London had undergone many important changes during the last decade, the majority of them along the lines of intellectual advancement. Scientific teaching as well as management was absolutely necessary, being in harmony with nature and life. Mr. Dewar spoke of the aim of education, and hoped that Inspector Carson's recent visit to the leading educational centers of the United States would be productive of good results. He complimented Mr. Merchant on his management of the institute and said:

"Before resuming my seat I desire publicly to thank my colleagues for their cordial assistance and co-operation during the two years I have presided over their deliberations. In every measure calculated to advance London's educational interests I have been warmly supported, and I have all my grateful acknowledgments tendered. To-night the citizens will have the opportunity of witnessing the presentation of medals and certificates to meritorious pupils, all of whom will, I am sure, receive, as they richly deserve, the warmest plaudits of this large and sympathetic audience." (Applause.)

A gleo was then sung by the Collegiate Institute Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Charles Wheeler. Master Ernie Colwell presided at the piano. They were vigorously applauded at the finish. Mayor Essery, in the absence of Dr. Campbell, was called upon to award one of the Campbell medals to Miss Mabel Williams. "The city of London," said Mayor Essery, "should be proud of the honor of having the first Collegiate Institute in the Province of Ontario." (Applause.) It reflects honor, not only upon your own board, upon your worthy principal and upon his staff, but upon every student who attends the Collegiate Institute, and upon every citizen of the city of London. (Applause.)

The medal won by Miss Williams was a gold one, offered by Dr. Campbell to the student standing first at the primary examinations.

The second medal was of silver, and was also presented by Dr. Campbell. It was won by Miss Violetta Bodley, who stood second at the primary examination. Ex-Chairman John Stephenson made the presentation in a very appropriate manner.

Physical drill by Collegiate Institute students followed. The boys were uniformly dressed and armed with quarter-sticks. Their perfect time in the different evolutions and arm and body exercises won admiration of all the vast audience, and they were vigorously applauded as they marched off the stage. Sgt. Baxter had the training of the boys, and they showed well the effects of his instruction.

Inspector Dearness then presented the Department of Education silver medal for the best collection of natural history specimens to Mr. David Arnott. He complimented the citizens of London on the interest taken by them in school affairs, and on the splendid turnout to witness the exercises.

The next medal was won in competition with 25,000 students all over the Province. It was silver, and given by Warwick & Sons, Toronto, for the best design for book cover. It was won by Mr. L. Watters, a Collegiate pupil. Inspector Carson, in awarding the prize, spoke highly of Master Watters' originality of design and execution.

Mr. T. Alexander, presented the honor matriculation certificates to the winners. After enquiring the London Collegiate Institute Mr. Alexander made special reference to Master W. D. Love, son of Mr. Frank Love, who has lately distinguished himself so highly at the University of Toronto. The recipients of the certificates were:

In English, French, German, history and geography.
Mabel Bapty—First-class honors in French and mathematics, and second-class in English and German.
C. C. Elliott—First-class honors in physics and chemistry, and second-class in botany.
Beatrice Gibson—First-class honors in English and French.
J. M. Gunn—First-class honors in French, and second-class in English, German and mathematics.
Minnie Hills—First-class honors in mathematics, and second-class in English, German, French, history and geography.
Edith McDermid—Second-class honors in English and French.
Mary E. Oliphant—First-class honors in mathematics, and second-class in English, French, German, history and geography.
H. J. O'Higgins—First-class honors in English.
T. D. Orme—Second-class honors in English, French, history and geography.
J. M. Nichol—First-class honors in classics, and second-class in English, French, history and geography.

Mr. Frank Love made a short address and presented the senior leaving diplomas to M. Bapty, J. Campbell, J. M. Gunn, M. A. Harvey, M. Hills, J. K. Johnson, M. Laidlaw, B. E. Mills, C. McNaughton, I. McPherson, M. Oliphant, G. E. Seaborn, H. Corcoran.
Mr. A. B. Powell did similar duty to the junior leaving and pass matriculants. They were: N. B. Alexander, F. Baxter, A. L. Beattie, J. D. Beattie, C. Campbell, P. A. Carson, D. Cowan, A. M. Manning, G. C. Munro, M. McConnell, A. L. McDermid, J. E. McDonald, C. McEvey, L. McEwen, L. L. Phoenix, E. E. Portman, T. S. Reid, A. M. Roberson, H. L. Smith, M. A. Smith, K. Sutherland, W. J. Drummond, F. H. Harris, S. J. Dennis, J. Gurney, E. P. Ince, A. Laidlaw, J. Little, F. Bryant, H. M. Little, W. D. McKee, B. S. McKenzie, A. McKerracher, F. Nichol, M. Nichol, F. M. O'Brien, J. W. Orme, C. E. Mills, G. J. Sutton, T. Tanton, E. Taylor, W. J. Tillman, M. A. Webb, J. J. Davis, A. Fann, W. E. Slaght, F. J. Fitzgerald.

The presentation of primary certificates was made by Messrs. E. Martin and J. M. Logan. The recipients were: E. Anderson, L. B. Angus, W. C. Benson, J. Bernstein, L. Bodley, A. Callard, E. Carlisle, R. J. Colquhoun, L. B. Cowan, M. Crippie, W. E. Green, S. Gray, H. A. Harris, S. Herings, L. Hinton, J. W. Hobbs, M. Jenkins, F. Judd, R. M. Kippin, G. W. Knight, J. Parrott, A. Powell, E. W. Quance, E. E. Rigby, A. Rougier, A. Sale, E. H. Searson, T. Smith, M. Skelton, J. Furze, A. Gaben, C. Garvey, W. E. Gerry, R. Gillespie, J. Gray, K. Green, S. A. Lawrence, A. M. Lea, M. Legate, H. E. Marindale, A. M. Mills, M. McArthur, M. J. McCully, R. E. McMillan, W. J. O'Brien, W. H. Stockwell, F. Tanton, J. S. Taylor, F. G. Waldo, M. J. Weeman, F. Whiting, M. B. Williams, N. Wright, E. Yule, K. Fraser.

An event not down on the programme happened at this juncture, when Miss Cullen and Miss Bertha Hodge stepped forward and presented Mr. G. B. Faskin, who is leaving the teaching staff of the school to become a minister, with a complete set of the Exposition's Bible. Miss Cullen read the address, and Miss Hodge made the presentation.

Mr. Faskin was much affected by this kind act of recognition and esteem. He gave some splendid parting advice to the pupils who had remembered him, a bouquet fluttered down to the stage just then. It was the boys' present to Mr. Faskin.

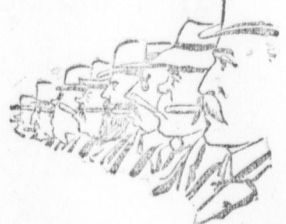
Then came the presentation of entrance certificates to the pupils who passed at last examination. Mr. W. J. Craig made a short address and presented the pupils of the Simcoe street school with theirs. Mr. A. O. Jeffrey did similar service for the Talbot street school; Mr. W. M. Anderson for the Colborne street and Hamilton road schools; Mr. J. Turner for the Princess avenue school; E. J. McRobert for the Waterloo street school; R. J. Blackwell for the Rectory street school; R. J. Blackwell for the Akin street and Maple avenue schools; and Rev. M. J. Tierman for the schools of St. Peter and the Holy Angels.

Of these pupils Miss Mary Adair, of Simcoe street school, won a gold medal, while Miss Lillie Nelles, of the Waterloo street school, won the Robt memorial medal for making the highest marks in the whole Province.

Interpersed with the presentations were several glees and an exhibition of calisthenics, fancy drill and club swinging by young lady students. They were uniformly dressed in white and their number was probably the best received of any on the list. Their precision of movement was remarkable and natural grace added enjoyment to the scene. Sgt. Baxter, their instructor, has his class in a high state of efficiency.

The proceedings ended with a brilliant valedictory address by Master W. D. Love. "What's the matter with Willie?" asked the boys. "He's all right," came the answer and Mr. Love received a bouquet down the wire.

The National anthem brought the meeting to a close about 11 o'clock.



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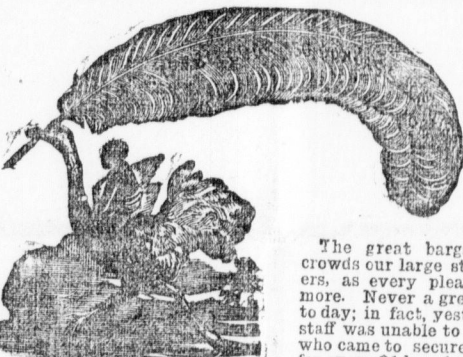
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