

Attendance and Diligence.

1st prize, Wm. Salter, "Life of Franklin;" 2nd do., Wm. Clelland, "Self Help."

The drawing class presented their Teacher with the "Imperial Gazetteer," in two volumes.

The Hon. Superintendant of Education referred briefly to the importance of evening classes, as meeting the wants of a large class of the community, especially of those who have to spend the day in earning their daily bread; and that the fact of young men attending evening classes was one of the best certificates they could have.

Dr. Taylor confined his remarks to a brief expression of the importance and value of the Mechanics' Institute, and said he would leave that meeting with a deeper sense of its claims for support.

**BOARD OF AGRICULTURE FOR UPPER CANADA
AND DEATH OF ITS PRESIDENT,
COL. E. H. THOMSON.**

The Board met in Toronto on the 11th of May, the Vice-President, the Hon. David Christie, in the chair. Since the previous meeting of the Board the President, Col. E. W. Thomson, had been removed by death. While proceeding on foot from his residence to attend a meeting of a sub-committee of the Council of the Agricultural Association, on

the morning of the 20th of April, when about three miles from the place of meeting, he was seen to fall, and expired in a few minutes.*

The first business of this meeting was to pass a resolution expressive of grief at the loss sustained by the Board, and the public, and of condolence with the family on their sudden and sad bereavement; and secondly, to appoint the Hon. David Christie President of the Board, and W. Ferguson, Esq., of Kingston, Vice President; and also to recommend to the Government the name of J. Cowan Esq., M. P. P., as a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Col. Thomson.†

After transaction of some other business, and subsequent adjournment of the Board, the council of the Agricultural Association met and adopted the revised prize list and rules for the Provincial Exhibition, to be held in London, C. W., in September next. Mr. J. E. Pell, of Montreal, formerly of Toronto, was re-appointed Superintendent of the Arts and Manufactures Department.

Some few changes have been made in the Prize List, and several important changes in the Rules, which will be noticed in our next.

* A carefully written obituary notice of Col. Thomson was published in the *Canada Farmer* of May 1st.

† The *Canada Gazette* of the 13th May contains a notice of the appointment of F. W. Stone, Esq., to the vacancy on the Board.

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Austed, D. T., Applications of Geology to the Arts, fcap. 8vo	£0	4	0	<i>Hardwicke-</i>
Bourne, John, Handbook of the Steam Engine, fcap. 8vo.	0	9	0	<i>Longman.</i>
Carver, The, and Gilder's Design Book, roy. fol.	1	10	0	<i>Houston.</i>
Davy, Edmund W., On Flax and its Cultivation in Ireland, 8vo.	0	0	6	<i>Simpkin.</i>
English Catalogue of Books, The, for 1864, roy. 8vo.	0	3	6	<i>Low.</i>
Fairbairn's, William, Iron, its history, properties, &c., new edit.	0	9	0	<i>Black.</i>
Goodeve, T. M., Elements of Mechanism, 2nd edition, enlarged, post 8vo. ...	0	6	6	<i>Longman.</i>
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Hawking's, J., Tradesman's Guide to Superficial Measurement, new ed. fc. 8vo. ...	0	3	6	<i>Lockwood.</i>
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Jones, Owen, Grammar of Ornament, new ed. fol.	5	5	0	<i>Day & Son.</i>
Medd, Chas. S., Value of Numismatics in Study of Ancient History, 8vo. ...	0	2	6	<i>Macmillan.</i>
Molesworth, G. L., Pocket Book of Useful Formulæ, 8th ed., demy, 32mo.	0	4	6	<i>Spon.</i>
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Timbs, John, Year Book of Facts in Science & Art, 1864, 8vo.	0	5	0	<i>Lockwood.</i>
Watts, Henry, Dictionary of Chemistry, vol. 3, 8vo.	1	11	6	<i>Longman.</i>

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