

The books are arranged in seven classes as follows:—
A, Science; B, History; C, Poetry; D, Travel; E, Fiction;
F, Miscellaneous; G, French and German.

Besides those classified as above, there are a number of books of reference headed by the *Encyclopædia Britannica*.

Of all the sections Class E. is most liberally patronized, for we must not forget that probably more than 100 of our students are under 15 years of age. But books of travel, as well as historical and scientific works, are called for to a very considerable extent.

In our B class, books are returned at 9 on Monday, in room 10, and given out on the same day at 1 in room 4.

In class C, books are returned at 9 on Tuesday in room 9, and returned at 1 in room 2.

In the C₂ class, books are returned at 9 on Wednesday in room 9, and received at 1 in the same room.

Class D₁, returns books on Thursday at 9 in room 5 and receives them at 1 in room 9.

Class D₂, returns books at 9 on Friday in room 5, and receives them at 1 in room 9.

Students are allowed to keep books for two weeks, but not longer without special permission from the librarians. Our present librarians, Messrs. Blois and Cooke, do their work in a most obliging and business-like manner; and under their control our library will be well looked after.

IN MEMORIAM.

"The flower in ripened bloom unmatched
Must fall the earliest prey;
Tho' by no hand untimely snatched,
The leaves must drop away.
And yet it were a greater grief
To watch it fading, leaf by leaf,
Then see it plucked to-day;
Since earthly eye but ill can bear
To trace the change to foul from fair."

It is our painful task to chronicle, since our last ANNUAL was published, the death of three of our fellow-students, all young girls.

MARY MORRISON, of Class B, died last April. Quiet and unassuming, faithful to every obligation, her teachers and class-mates remember her as one who never neglected a duty or merited a reproach.

EVERYBODY in Halifax remembers the tragic death of MYRTLE BROWN, drowned with her sister during the summer holidays, while bathing in the North-West Arm. She had been with us only one term, but in that time had endeared herself to all. Sensitive and upright, she was always an influence for good; and her bright face and eager interest are greatly missed among us.

SCARCELY less a shock was the totally unexpected news of the death of MARY BALCOM, of D₂, after a painless and seemingly slight illness of scarcely two weeks. The sunny disposition which made her so great a favorite with her companions, kept her bright and merry to the very end of her short life, and it may truly be said of her that her "day without a cloud has passed."

OUR CLOSING.

The giving out of prizes is always, in itself, an event of great interest to students and their friends. But the attractiveness becomes trebled when these rewards of merit are distributed at the hands of Canada's Prime Minister. Such happened on the first Friday of October last.

It was a happy thought on the part of the teachers to have the formal closing of the work of last year while Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in the city, and thus enable all the pupils to see and hear, and a few of us—the fortunate prize-winners—to clasp the hand of the first minister in the land. It was a red-letter day in the history of the Halifax Academy.

The premier entered by the Brunswick street door, and, passing through lines of our stalwart cadets—every one of whom feeling and looking every inch a soldier lad—was met by Mr. Kennedy and the members of the school board, and ushered to the principal's room, where a model lesson in geometry was being taught to the advanced class. Meanwhile large numbers had gathered in the Assembly Hall, and when Sir Wilfrid entered and took his seat on the platform, he was greeted with a storm of huzzas, youthful and otherwise. Never before had the stage held such distinguished people. Persons prominent in church and state and education graced the platform. The list is a long one. There were Hon. Sydney Fisher, the Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Dr. Borden, the Minister of Militia, members of the Privy Council of Canada; Hon. J. W. Longley, the Attorney-General of this province; Mayor Stephen of our own city; Messrs. Redden, Faulkner, Hillis, Mosher, Barnstead, McKerron, Bremner, and Synnors, members of the school board; Consul-General Foster, the representative in this city of the United States government; Hon. L. G. Power, of the Dominion Senate; Mr. H. D. Blackadar, an ex-chairman of the school board and the donor of a gold medal for many years; Mr. George Mitchell, an M. P. P. of Halifax county; Dr. A. H. MacKay, Superintendent of Education, and alas! too well known to many of us; Supervisor McKay and Secretary Wilson, whose acquaintance all the pupils have made; Rev. Prof. Gordon, of the Theological College; Mr. John F. Stairs and Rev. Mr. Hockin, who are to be congratulated on having a son and daughter respectively, record-breakers in the prize-winning line; Rev. Messrs. Clark and Dobson, and, of course, our teachers to complete the list. There were also many leading citizens in the hall, but too modest to take a prominent seat.

Mr. A. W. Redden, chairman of the school board at that time, presided, and, in a brief speech, introduced the leading speaker of the occasion.

Sir Wilfrid, on rising, was greeted with renewed cheers. He was particularly graceful in his remarks. He said he was enjoying the most pleasant incident of his visit to