

REV. CANON NORMAN'S REPORT.

I examined the pupils of the Mackay Institution for Deaf-mutes on the morning of Monday, June 18th. A large number of friends were present, and a good deal of interest was manifested. I had to conduct the examination mainly myself, in consequence of the absence of other examiners, but I was assisted by Mr. P. S. Ross, Mr. Widd and Miss Terrill.

The Junior Class are but beginners, and some have only recently come to the Institution. Etta Wiggett, one of four afflicted ones, shews considerable intelligence.

The 2nd Class are more numerous, and of course more advanced. The writing was very good in this class, and the arithmetic accurate.

The 3rd Class also deserve praise for their writing, and they answered well some simple questions in Scripture, Arithmetic and Geography. One of the children, Norman Wilson, was unable to write from an injury to his arm. Notwithstanding his natural nervousness, he acquitted himself very well by means of the one-handed alphabet. This class contains one boy of remarkable intelligence, named Albert Morrison.

The 4th Class is a very interesting one. It contains Frank Wiggett, the best articulator in the School, and who is generally bright and clever. The Bible answering and the writing in this class were decidedly good, and the Arithmetic very creditable.

The 5th is the highest class in the Institution, and did some very good work. They drew on the Black Board in my presence some accurate Maps of the Dominion of Canada, the one done by Meech being extremely neat. The same pupils are taught English Grammar by Miss McGann, and astonished me by the excellence of their replies. This instruction seems to me to supply a great want. The minds of these poor creatures are thus opened out, and they are taught to think and reason for themselves. This in my opinion was the most noticeable improve-