

three days were occupied with the examination of pupils in the primary and intermediate departments. Yesterday, classes were examined in geometry, algebra, book-keeping, rhetoric, Horace and Virgil, arithmetic, logic, physiology and classical reading. In all of which the high degree of proficiency evinced by the pupils, indicated careful training and many hours of laborious study. Where all did so well it would seem invidious to mention the names of any, if not all. The institution is certainly in a most flourishing condition and reflects credibility alike upon the industry of the pupils and the care, enterprise and efficiency of its governor and staff of instructors. We were particularly gratified yesterday with the examination of the classes in rhetoric, logic and physiology; the classical reading and several excellent essays read by members of the graduating class and others. During the day the exercises were interluded with several charming instrumental performances on the piano by pupils. The examination of classes will be resumed this morning, the classes appointed for to-day being, analysis of Paradise Lost, French, Trigonometry, Moral Science, Kames' Elements of Criticism, Botany and Virgil. The following composed the graduating class: Miss Mary White, Hamilton; Mary A. Winn, Newmarket; Minnie White, Bronte; H. M. Lincoln, Waltham, Mass.; Mary J. Nisbet, Hamilton; Nellie Sawyer, Hamilton; Jennie Allison, Picton; Mary Moore, Hamilton; and Miss Emma F. Vail, Hamilton. Rev. Mr. Punshon afterwards rose and delivered a brief address, highly complimentary to the management of the College, and the proficiency manifested by the "sweet girl graduates with their golden hair." He hoped that among all the studies pursued in the College, the highest of all studies would not be neglected; that Astronomy would be considered useless if it did not reveal the Star of Bethlehem; that in their botanical rambles, the Rose of Sharon would be most highly prized of all their acquisitions; that in all their researches in Natural History, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world may not be forgotten. He referred in highly complimentary terms to the essay "Hushed Voices;" and closed by wishing the pupils, one and all, joy in their hearts, joy in their homes, and joy in the Lord. The audience separated with the doxology and benediction.—*Spectator*.

—ALEXANDRA COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE.—The Institution aims to secure to young ladies of all denominations the advantages of a thorough and systematic training in the useful and ornamental branches. The facilities for acquiring a knowledge of music, drawing, painting, embroidery, etc., are as ample as those afforded by the best convent schools in the Dominion. The young ladies are permitted to attend the lectures delivered to the undergraduates in Albert College; they also enjoy the privilege of the classes in Elocution and English Composition, as well as the classes for composition and conversation in the Modern Languages. To secure uniformity in examination, the Board of Managers has selected and empowered a Senate to prescribe the subjects of examination, and to fix the requirements for Diplomas and Certificates of Honour. The ladies in attendance are under the immediate charge of a Preceptress as Moral Governness, whose duties also extend to enforcing the restrictions as to regularity of attendance at chapel, meals, lectures and Divine worship. All other matters are referred to the President as Prefect of studies. Fines, impositions, demerit marks, and other penalties for neglect or misconduct are imposed by the Council. Any lady whose progress or conduct is unsatisfactory will not be allowed to remain in the institution. A Diploma as Mistress in the Liberal Arts is awarded to any lady who passes the Novitiate or Entrance Examination, and the three examinations hereinafter prescribed for the first, second and third years respectively. This Diploma may be awarded after one Special Examination, such Special Examination to include the subjects prescribed for the Final Examination, together with the Modern Languages, History and Metaphysics of the first year, and the Natural Sciences of the second year. Candidates applying for a Special Examination for any Diploma must be of the age of eighteen years. A Diploma as Mistress in Modern Literature will be awarded to any lady who elects to omit the classics, but shall have passed satis-

factory examinations in all other subjects prescribed for M. L. A. A Diploma as M. M. L. may be awarded after one Special Examination, embracing, in addition to the subjects prescribed for the final Examination, the extra subjects required at the Special Examination for M. L. A. A Diploma in Music will be awarded to such ladies as shall have completed the course hereinafter prescribed for a Diploma, and whose attainments shall appear satisfactory to the examiners. Certificates of Honour are given to ladies who, at the Final Examination, have been placed in the First Class in Honours in any department. The Examinations in the subjects prescribed for the Novitiate, First and Second Years, may be held at the close of Term, during which lectures in such subjects may have been delivered. The Final Examination is held at the close of Easter Term of the College year. The Examinations in Ancient or Modern Languages are both written and *viva voce*, in all other subjects written examinations only are required. The following fees will be required:—At the Novitiate or Entrance Examination, \$2.00; for Diploma in Music, \$3.00; for Diploma as M. M. L., or M. L. A., \$4.00; Special Examination and Diploma, \$5.00.—*Canada Christian Advocate*.

—OXFORD COMMEMORATION, 1869.—The annual "Oxford Commemoration" took place on the 9th of this month. This is an occasion on which the under graduates of Oxford may be said to take command of the place. Custom has given them unrestrained liberty on this day, and each successive commemoration day finds them as noisy and unmanageable as before. During the earlier portion of the morning, and while ladies are walking about the gardens and quadrangles of the Colleges, they are more or less quiet; but when the Sheldonian Theatre is reached, all restraints whatever are flung to the winds. The Oxford correspondent of the London *Times* in describing the scene within the Sheldonian Theatre at the commemoration on the 9th says:—"The storm opened with a few preliminary growls at 'hats' retained on the heads by strangers who had recently entered the area; but these murmurs were soon superseded by a furious onslaught on an unfortunate bachelor who had happened unthinkingly to adorn his neck with a somewhat conspicuous kerchief. Shouts of 'green tie' arose, and were repeated *usque ad nauseam* for the space of fully three-quarters of an hour. The person was asked to retire, those in his neighborhood were invited to 'turn him out,' he was entreated to change his tie, or take it off; one enthusiastic commoner went so far as to tear off one of his 'leading-strings' and offer it as a substitute for the obnoxious article. All seemed for nearly an hour to be in vain; but opportunity at length prevailed; the offender, amid volleys of applause, quitted the house, and the academic youth were able to turn their attention to other matters." Occasional outbursts of gallantry on the entrance of ladies to the semicircle had chequered the previous time of dreary "row" with gleams of a better spirit. The "Ladies in yellow," "in green," "in blue," &c., had from time to time been given and cheered. Now, however, this necessary portion of the proceedings was taken thoroughly in hand, and treated with the habitual exhaustiveness. When varieties of colour failed, other categories were resorted to, and tribute due was paid to "Pretty faces," to the "Girls of the period," to the "Ladies engaged," the "Ladies unattached," the "Chaperones," the "Ladies in hats," the "Ladies in spectacles," the "Ladies that wear their own hair" (prolonged cheering), and "All the ladies." Political cries followed. Lord Derby was cheered heartily and repeatedly, as were Mr. Gathorne Hardy, Sir Roundel Palmer, and the Bishop of Oxford. A storm of applause followed the cry of "The House of Lords." The name of Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Disraeli provoked a contest of applause and hisses. Some good cheers were given for "Bob Lowe," and some hearty groans for "John Bright." Dr. Pusey was repeatedly cheered. "Keble College Eight," the "Variety Four," the "American four," were among cries which struck us as new. Otherwise no particular gift of invention was discernible, the staple cries producing generally the accustomed amount of approbation or disapprobation. The recitation of the prizes (there being no honorary degrees) then commenced; but very little could be heard of any except