

## PHYSICAL EXERCISES.

Under this head are included Military Drill and Calisthenics, both of which departments are successfully practised in our Schools.

The drill taught at the present time includes all the parts of squad drill as defined by the British Army Field Exercise book, and prescribed by the Education Department for Ontario. During the year Captain Thompson, drill instructor and absentee officer has regularly drilled the boys in our schools, in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Book classes. The great success which has attended his teaching was clearly shown by the remarkable precision and accuracy displayed by the pupils at the drill competition in July, for the Banner presented by Mr. James Beatty, Esq., L. L. D. ; M. P. for West Toronto ; and also at the Industrial Exhibition, where the pupils of Dufferin, Wellesley and Ryerson Schools, competed at drill for a Silver Bugle.

The judges in the first competition were, Lt. Col. R. B. Denison, D. A. G. ; Lt. Col. Grasset, 10th Royal Grenadiers ; and Major Gray, R. A., and the Beatty Banner was awarded to the Wellesley School. Adjutant Manley, 10th Royal Grenadiers, officiated as judge in the second competition and the Exhibition Bugle was won by the Dufferin School.

I would recommend that there should be annually not only a drill competition among the higher classes in our schools, but a general review of all the pupils in the various schools who are drilled by Capt. Thompson.

Important as is military drill in contributing to the health of the pupils, in giving them an erect and graceful carriage, in developing prompt obedience to command, and in giving tone and spirit to the boys, it is of secondary importance when compared with an efficient system of school-room calisthenics. The education of