

Boys' room 110, in the Girls' 82. Their whole appearance was orderly and decent, considering the circumstances of many of the parents, and that of the Girls was conspicuously neat. The business of the day was opened by a prayer, read in each room by one of the children, and closed with a hymn sung jointly by both Schools. The Examination consisted chiefly of reading, spelling, answering questions from Scripture, prompted at the moment by the lesson read, the exhibition of copy and cyphering-books, and writing on slates by the junior classes, which was performed before the company. The children were all put through the usual evolutions, in order to afford a general view of the system of mutual instruction throughout the classes, and they displayed a precision and regularity which reflect credit on the Master and Mistress. Such of the children as learn the English Catechism, and other books of catechetical instruction, were examined in these branches of their education. Samples of needlework were shewn by the Girls. The concluding performances in both Schools were recitations, which consisted entirely of appropriate hymns, with the exception of a Dialogue upon the merits of National Schools, from the National School Magazine, which was sustained by two brothers with much correctness and natural effect, and was the subject of particular commendation among the audience. His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief and the Countess of Dalhousie were pleased to honour the occasion by their presence, and her Ladyship condescended to distribute the prizes to the Girls with her own hands.

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