

tributed to deserving pupils on Friday afternoon, 22nd ult. On this auspicious occasion a goodly number of visitors presented themselves, when Mrs. James Williams was selected to distribute the boys' and Captain John W. Plummer the girls' prizes. Miss Groome, teacher of female school, was then presented with a handsome necklace from some of her pupils. James Williams, Esq., Superintendent of Wellington Mine, on behalf of the boys, presented Mr. Langrell two large and valuable volumes in which was inscribed, "Presented to Mr. E. P. Langrell by some of his scholars as a testimony of their respect and esteem." Mr. Langrell accepted the present amidst many expressions of sympathy from his scholars, and expressed his feelings in a few appropriate remarks. Mr. Langrell, I may say, completed his education at the Toronto Normal School, where he graduated "First Class."

—**DR. MAY'S LECTURE IN BELLEVILLE.**—The second lecture of the course before the Young Men's Christian Association was delivered last night by Dr. S. P. May, Clerk of Libraries in the Education Department, Toronto. The lecture, so called, was perhaps rather an exhibition than a lecture—embracing an elaborate display of chemical experiments, interspersed with incidents growing out of the subject. Dr. May commenced by detailing the diabolism practised by the ancients, the mode of discovery of the elements employed by them, the base uses to which their crude scientific discoveries were employed—following up in order the successive advancements made until the present time, when chemical agents are so largely employed in the industrial and commercial pursuits of life. Then he brought out his Laboratory of chemical and mechanical appliances, and exhibited to the audience the astonishing effects that can be produced by the subtle agents that have been discovered by the illustrious men of science, whose labours and experiments have added so much to human knowledge. The magnetic and electric forces were exhibited in various ways to the astonishment and delight of the uninitiated. The air pump and its uses were well shown, as well as the immense power of attraction. But perhaps nothing so astonished the audience as the burning of metallic magnesium—filling as it did the hall with a light rivalling that of the sun. The combustible character of chemicals was also exhibited—burning water, as well as the active celebrated Greek fire, the component parts of which he thought it not prudent to disclose. The audience was kept in rapt interest until about ten o'clock, when an exhibition *à la* the "Wizard of the North," entitled "The Sphinx," portrayed to the people how the deceptionists, who play tricks for money, deceive the people—closing with this ancient bodiless Egyptian head singing, in fine modern voice, the national anthem.

—**CONVOCATION AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.**—The interesting proceedings attending the conferring of the degrees at the close of the session were held the 2nd of May. The ceremony began by prayer from the Rev. Principal, after which the prizes were distributed to the deserving candidates as published in our issue of yesterday. The utmost harmony prevailed, and the various successful candidates were cheered to the echo by their less fortunate compeers. The ceremony of laurea-tion was then proceeded with, and the degree of B. A. was conferred upon Malcolm McGillivray, Collingwood, and James Cormack, Kingston, and of M. A. on John McIntyre, barrister of this city, and John Agnew, M. D., County Inspector of Schools for Frontenac. The Principal then, in a few well-selected words, addressed the graduates on their very honourable position, and the no less important duties connected therewith. His remarks were concise, and marked with that emphasis which always characterizes the public sayings of the very rev. gentleman. He then made an announcement of an additional scholarship for the students of the fourth year, to be competed for next session, on the subject of Biblical History. The general audience now retired, and the graduates proceeded in their convocation to elect fellows in the various faculties. The gentlemen selected were: In Divinity, Rev. J. Bain, D. D., Perth; in law, Hon. Vice-Chancellor Mowat, LL.D.,

Toronto; in Arts, John McIntyre, M. A., of this city; in Medicine, Dr. Cluness, of California.—*Chronicle and News.*

GLENGARRY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The first regular meeting of the Glengarry Teachers' Association took place at Alexandria on the 1st inst. Most of the teachers in the county were present, and all took a lively interest in the meeting. Considering that this was the first meeting of the kind ever held in the county, it was an undoubted success. All the male teachers in the county enrolled their names as members of the association; and a constitution and by-laws were drawn out and unanimously adopted for its management. The subjects discussed were "School Government," led by A. Kennedy, and followed by A. Jamieson, High School Teacher, Williamstown, and John E. Campbell; "Object Lessons," led by A. W. Ross, Public School Inspector, and followed by others; "The best approved method of teaching the First Book of Lessons," and "Mental Arithmetic." The discussions were lively, and it is hoped beneficial to all the teachers present. About forty dollars were subscribed on the spot for the purpose of starting a Teachers' Library, and the prospects are so good that it is anticipated sixty dollars more will be subscribed within a few days.—*Cornwall Gazette.*

MR. WOODS' RETIREMENT.—Mr. Woods, the efficient Inspector of the Kingston Schools, in his remarks before the Board of Trustees on his retirement, said: Any person having his experience (Mr. Woods') was well aware of the large amount of work it entailed—the labours of an Inspector under the new regulations being increased fully ten-fold; it was one report after another, continuously, to the Education Department, Toronto, and unless they were prepared with care, and devoid of inaccuracies, they would be returned for amendment. Before taking his leave he wished to heartily return thanks for the kindness and respect with which he had been received and treated by the Board in the capacity of Superintendent during the past five years, the resignation of which would sever every tie existing between himself and the trustees, except that of good feeling and warm friendship; but in retiring, it was his ardent desire to see the interests of the Public Schools promoted. He had occupied the chairmanship of the Board of Examiners—that position will also be vacated by him, and the seat assumed by Prof. Dupuis, and he sincerely hoped and trusted that the same cordiality would continue between that gentleman and the teachers and employees of the Board, as when he had the office. Within the past five years, in all his intercourse and dealings with the Public Schools, he had no occasion to utter a complaint against any teacher or subordinate official; and now he thought, instead of murmurings, there were expressions of regret. The Chairman said he was sure that all deeply regretted the severance which had taken place between Mr. Woods and the Board. Had the duties of that gentleman as Principal of the Collegiate Institute not made it obligatory for him to resign the position of Inspector, there were none, he was certain, who could discharge the labours pertaining to that office to better advantage and meet the approbation of the public more than Mr. Woods. He had devoted many years to the profession of teacher of a prominent institution, was possessed of extensive experience, and was therefore better qualified for Inspector than any university graduate or professor of a College.—*Chronicle and News.*

XI. Departmental Notices.

REVISED GENERAL REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES AS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

1. Every candidate, who proposes to present himself at any examination, shall send in to the presiding Inspector, at least three weeks before the day appointed for the commencement of the examination, a notice stating the class of certificate for which he is a candidate, and the description of certificate he already possesses, if any; such notice to be accompanied by the testimonial required by the programme.