

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

It was my privilege to take part in the annual examination of the pupils of the Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf-Mutes and the Blind. At the request of Mr Alexander, I herewith present a brief report of the exercises.

The examination was held on May 22nd. 1894. The examiners were the Rev. A. B. Mackay, D.D. Rev. Edward Bushell, Rev. J. McGillivray, Mr. Chas. Alexander and myself.

The subjects in which it was our pleasure to examine the pupils, were Language, Geography, History, (English and Canadian) Grammar, Arithmetic and Natural Philosophy. I speak for all the Examiners when I say the scholars surprised us by their quick and wise answers to the many questions asked them, on the various subjects of study. Some of the points to which I would refer, are as follows;—

Their writing was particularly good. Their answers written out on the Blackboard, showed superior Penmanship from such young pupils. The readiness with which they expressed themselves, and the uniformly good language with which they clothed their thought revealed well trained, as well as well stored minds, their replies throughout, showed the utter absence of mechanical teaching. It is evident that they are trained to think, and are not merely filled up by a process of cramming. As an old teacher I carried away with me the conviction, that in this school at least are teachers who *teach*.