

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day, &c." And the result was a clear evidence of superior teaching.

Space will not permit the giving in detail the whole course.

Mr. Taylor exhibited their proficiency in geography by taking them on a voyage up the Mediterranean, inquiring the course to be steered, and the particulars of various places touched at.

Mr. Burns gave an object lesson on Snow.

Miss Robertson in natural history on the Reindeer.

Mrs. Hicks on a Loaf of Bread.

Miss Stevens gave a lesson on the Geography of Canada.

Mr. Godfrey in Mental Calculation.

Mrs. Hicks took them through English History in a manner which showed that they were intimately acquainted as well with the intricate genealogies of the Kings and Queens of the past as with the prominent incidents of the present century.

And Mr. Hicks gave the following problems which were solved in a few minutes by ten or twelve of the boys, though they had never seen them before :

#### SUBTRACTION.

$$\begin{array}{r} 7x^2 - 2x + 5 \\ 3x^2 + 5x - 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

#### MULTIPLICATION.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 2x \times 4x + 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

#### EQUATION.

$$17x - 4x + 9 = 3x + 39 \text{ to find } x.$$

On the whole the examination was most satisfactory, setting forth a proficiency in both teachers and taught, which promises a most hopeful result.

There were several things worthy of remark :

1st. The perfect order which prevailed without the least constraint, amongst so many for three hours.

2nd. The self possession of the teachers, and the cheerful and natural kindness which was mutual between teachers and taught.