

ously enjoyed; and not the less gratefully in that it was quite unexpected it consisted of a very reasonable and welcome entertainment, provided by the kind and liberal hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Shephard. They did more than their share of the days work, and well too—they merited the first prize. Every one who is practically acquainted with the important work of Examinations and distribution of prizes, knows well how difficult a thing it is to make them really useful, which cannot be done without securing general satisfaction. What formidable, and stubborn, and destructive obstacles, are sometimes thrown in the way, by those who would be chiefly benefitted by their removal or absence: as, for instance, when little children, who know no better, are influenced and encouraged by blind and selfish fathers, and mothers, and others, who would very reasonably be expected to have some sense and prudence, and to show the same, bitterly and loudly complain, that they did not get justice—when perhaps they get too much—and thus scatter serious charges against Examiners and Judges. Such conduct, presents, not only some hinderance to the advancement of important work—and when there is much need of its benefits, but also a strange and inconsistent sight. Individuals frowning and angry, at ignorance and partiality, representing them as objects of hatred, shame, and disgrace, and discovering them with their pure and eagle-sighted eye, when they do not exist, and there is no place for them, and wonderful to relate! with all their hatred towards such, they cherish them in their hearts, feed them from their lips and diligently sustain them by their hands, and many other means; and with all their apparent keenness of sense and sight, they are perfectly blind, when their hideous forms, deadly movements, and withering breathing, might be painfully discerned by a little true perception. They surpass the most powerful telescope, as they can bring to view what does not exist; and they are like it, in that they cannot discern themselves. These detestable objects are so near that they cannot get at them; and they are so sensible of their existence, somewhere, that they must ascribe them to others. I think it may be safely stated that our last Examination was but slightly hindered, and darkened, and tainted, and poisoned by such; and we trust the day is not far distant when the children of this Township—we should say the parents: for they do the mischief and can prevent it—will feel confident, and with reason, that their Examiners and Judges are competent and honorable; and that all, whether their expectations be reasonable or unreasonable, disappointed or realized, will return cheerfully to their homes, and to their school rooms, with increased efforts, and renewed vigor and success. Before leaving it was publicly expressed that it was the unanimous impression, that the days work was both satisfactory and profitable—that the continuation of Township Examinations and prizes are very desirable, and that they are the means of securing benefits which cannot be otherwise attained. Parents and Trustees who are truly interested in their Schools, and are capable of observing and do it, cannot fail to notice, and not unfrequently with deep regret, that if the important work of our C. S. Teachers were in one respect like that of the husbandman's servant, labouring in the field—visible—and who cannot have the "face" to affirm boastfully that he ploughed or sowed or harrowed ten ridges, when only two; that he did it well when only half finished; or that he was hindered by stumps and roots and stones and rocks, when there is not even one of either in sight; then School Examination prizes would not be as profitable and necessary as they are now. There is no doubt but some teachers do their work as faithfully as if its quantity and quality could be accurately ascertained at any time by any one, but unfortunately these are exceptions—some who, if there is no probability of detection, will do comparatively nothing but secure firmly the promised pay; while the promised work is neglected. Some of such cannot surely be so hopeless, that the certainty of their *fraud* being brought to light—which School Examinations are well fitted to do—will fail to urge them to some faithfulness—besides the worthy teacher will be encouraged. There is thus a two-fold advantage. If parents should see well to it, that their work in the field is done properly, how much more should they see to it, that their work be done properly within the school room, especially as it is so apt to be neglected and improperly done. Let Township Examinations be carried on prudently with such improvements, as time, experience, and circumstances will suggest, and the noble cause of education will be advanced. The parting moment arrives. Children, parents, friends and all, notwithstanding the late hour, a crowded house, and a busy day, leave cheerfully and well they may. In addition to the past benefits of this Examination, they have encouragements and stimulants on their minds, and rich treasures in their hands. These, on the part of some, were presented with

the hope that the treasures might be sought and found, and save many from ignorance, weakness, poverty and misery, and impart knowledge power, wealth and happiness. Rosemount, 4th March, 1868.—*Com.*

— COLONIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of this society held in Montreal, on Thursday evening, the Rev. Canon Bancroft took the chair. The report among other things stated the gratification of the Committee in observing the increased interest in education, especially education in the back woods; and they have been anxious to aid such localities, as far as possible, without crippling other parts of their work. Mr. W. P. Johnston's donation had enabled the committee to open two schools in the Upper Ottawa, requiring external assistance—whilst the efficient working of the model schools has been in no degree impaired. The committee are watching the action of the local government on education, without misgivings, as they have found that such men as the Honorables Messrs. Chauveau and Cartier were desirous of dealing fairly with the Protestant minority and they know that the minority have a firm and able friend in the Hon. C. Dunkin.

IX. Departmental Notices.

ERRATA.

1. *Provincial Certificates.*—The certificates, Nos. 1645 to 1657, granted at the close of the 29th Session of the Normal School, were of the Second Class, *Grade B.*, not *Grade A.*, as printed in our January number.

2. *Gilchrist Scholarship.*—The Examination for the Gilchrist Scholarship will take place on the *last Monday in June* instead of the *first Monday*, as stated in the Circular published in the *Journal of Education* for last month.

CIRCULAR TO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

TORONTO, March 4th 1868.

[We cordially commend the following circular to the attention of the various Teachers' Associations throughout Ontario.—ED. JOURNAL.]

SIR,

The "Teachers' Association of Ontario," at its last meeting, passed the following resolution:

"That in view of the great services rendered to the cause of education by the late lamented Head Master of the Normal School, T. J. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.A., it is the opinion of this Convention, that some public recognition of his valuable labors should be made, and that for carrying out such a purpose the following gentlemen be the committee appointed:—Rev. Dr. McCaul, *Chairman*: Dr. Sangster, Head Master Normal School, *Treasurer*; Dr. Carlyle and Mr. McAllister, *Secretaries*; with Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Rev. Dr. Jennings, Rev. Dr. Wickson, Very Rev. H. J. Grasett, and J. George Hodgins, Esq."

At a meeting of this Committee it was unanimously agreed that the most suitable recognition of the late Mr. Robertson's services, would be a Portrait, to be placed in the Normal School, the scene of his late labours, and a Memorial, in stone or marble, to be erected at his grave.

Permit us to request that you will bring the subject before the Association of which you are President, and urge that the necessary steps be taken for collecting subscriptions and transmitting the same to the Treasurer, Dr. Sangster, Head Master, Normal School.

As it is believed that a very large number will be desirous of participating in this tribute of respect and regret for the late Mr. Robertson, the subscription has been limited to One Dollar.

The Committee trusts that your Association will give their aid in carrying out the adopted plan, and by a prompt response to the call, enable it to complete the work before the next Annual Meeting of the "Teachers' Association of Ontario."

We beg to enclose herewith a Subscription List, which you