

between wet and dry bulb thermometers on several occasions very considerable, e.g., 17th, 19<sup>o</sup>.; 18th, 20<sup>o</sup>.8; 23rd, 19<sup>o</sup>.2; 24th, 21<sup>o</sup>.2.

**BELLEVEILLE.**—Thunder on 2nd and 20th. Lightning, 27th. Lightning with thunder, 10th and 11th. Lightning and thunder, with rain, 28th and 30th. Wind storms, 26th, 28th. Rain, 5th, 6th, 9th—13th, 26th, 28th, 30th. A tornado occurred on Sunday, 26th, at half-past two o'clock, from NE, some rain fell, and the hurricane blew for a few minutes with great fury; immediately afterwards, millions of minute toads about the size of a three cent piece were seen scattered for several miles along the Kingston road, (the same phenomenon having been observed on some former occasions).

**GODERICH.**—Lightning on 4th, 19th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th. Thunder, 8th, 27th, 28th. Thunder, with rain, 11th and 29th. Lightning and thunder, with rain, 8th, 29th, 30th. Wind storm, 12th. Fogs, 9th, 15th, 16th. Rain, 3rd, 4th, 8th—14th, 29th, 30th. The temperature on 24th, 90<sup>o</sup>.2, was higher than any recorded at this station.

**STRAFORD.**—Lightning, 2nd, 4th, 19th, 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th. Thunder, 2nd, 28th, 29th. Thunder, with rain, 5th, 11th. Lightning and thunder, with rain, 8th, 9th, 30th. Storms of wind, 13th, 30th. Fogs, 11th and 16th. Rain, 5th, 8th—16th, 30th. The mean temperature of June for 9 years is 62<sup>o</sup>.15.

**HAMILTON.**—On 2nd, thunder at 3.45 P.M.; thunder, with rain, at 5.30 P.M. 5th, lightning, with thunder. 6th, strawberries ripe. Lightning and thunder, with rain, 4th, 9th, 30th. On 27th, chestnuts in bloom. Wind storms, 13th, 14th, 15th. Rain, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th—11th, 13th—15th, 23rd, 30th. Robin and swallow seen and heard, 25th.

**SIMCOE.**—On 6th, brilliant meteor in SW seen to explode at 7 P.M. Thunder on 20th. Lightning, with thunder, 3rd, 11th. Lightning and thunder, with rain, 23rd, 28th, 30th. Wind storms, 28th, 30th. Rain, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th—12th, 14th, 28th, 30th.

**WINDSOR.**—On 5th, thunder, with rain. 5th, 19th, 29th, lightning. 20th, thunder. 27th, lightning with thunder. Wind storm, 14th. Fogs, 1st, 11th. Rain, 5th, 7th, 10th—15th, 26th, 28th, 30th. Lunar halo, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th. Rainbow, 5th, 13th, 28th.

**V. Educational Intelligence.**

**MODEL SCHOOLS.**—The annual public examination of the pupils attending the Model School for Ontario took place on the 16th inst., and proved to be one of the most successful and pleasing of the kind ever witnessed at this popular institution. The examinations were commenced at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon, and it was gratifying to observe the readiness with which the pupils answered the questions put to them in the various branches of education taught in the school. The proceedings were on the whole most creditable to the respective teachers in the male and female departments—whose labours most certainly have been very onerous during the year. A large number of parents and friends of the pupils were in attendance and expressed themselves highly pleased with the manner in which the juveniles acquitted themselves.

Specimens of writing and drawing were exhibited in the various school-rooms, and were certainly very creditable, not only to the scholars but to the teachers under whose instructions the pupils performed their work. About half-past one o'clock in the afternoon, the pupils, teachers and friends assembled in the theatre—which was crowded to excess—for the purpose of witnessing the distribution of prizes, and listening to recitations, singing, &c. The assemblage presented a charming appearance—the children being attired in their holiday finery. Most of the girls were dressed in pure white, and each division of both sexes had distinguishing bands, their colours being purple, blue and mauve. The pupils, or at least a great number of them, took part in the proceedings, which consisted of singing, recitations, &c. This part of the entertainment was certainly of no mean order, the pupils of both sexes performing their respective pieces in the most creditable manner, and receiving frequent and well merited applause from the audience. Several of the girls sang remarkably well; and without being considered invidious we might be allowed to say that Miss Annie Hume—a young lady just entering her teens—sang a very pretty solo—“Bird of Beauty”—in very superior style. Miss Katie Sefton also sang as a solo, “I cannot sing the Old Songs” in very nice style; and Miss Annie Wallis sang a pretty solo—“By the sad sea waves” in a very creditable manner. There were several other pieces sang and performed in such a manner as would have done credit to a dramatic club, but as the programme was quite lengthy they cannot be referred to specially. Altogether the proceedings were of a very interesting nature. At the close of this part of the programme and prior to the distribution of prizes, Dr. Sangster briefly addressed the audience. He explained the mode adopted at the examinations, and stated that the utmost impartiality was observed by the examiners. The

pupils were compelled to answer a given per centage of the questions, failing which they lost their prizes, and in the competition for writing, for instance, the whole copy book was examined—not a single specimen only—and so particular were the examiners, that even for one blot in the book the pupil would lose five per cent of the number of marks which would have been awarded had the blot not appeared. In other branches the examiners were as stringent as in the matter of writing. Dr. Sangster then called the pupils to whom prizes had been awarded up to the platform and most of them had their prizes presented to them by Dr. Ryerson. This pleasing part of the proceedings being over, the Rev. Dr. Ryerson delivered a short address. He said it had afforded him great pleasure to present the prizes upon that occasion, as they were the reward of good conduct, punctuality and industry. This was their first success in life, and he trusted that the pupils would profit by it, and endeavour to be successful in whatever station in life it might please God to call them. He then referred to the pains which had been taken by those who had to perform the duty of selecting the books which were that day presented as prizes, after which he referred to the responsible position which the teachers occupied, and spoke highly of the merits of the ladies and gentlemen whose business it was to prepare the pupils for such a successful examination as they had that day witnessed. To attain this the teachers had toiled and laboured during the year, and he had no doubt that all would agree with him that the teachers were deserving profound respect; and he believed the pupils would agree with him that they were entitled to three hearty cheers from the pupils. He then explained the relationship which existed between the Normal and Model schools, the latter being an appendage of the former, and established for the purpose of showing how pupils should be taught. He had another duty to perform, and one which he felt satisfied would be acceptable to the scholars, viz., to announce that the school would be closed from that day till the 8th day, or second Monday in August. The National Anthem was then sung, and the company separated.—*Leader.*

**VI. Departmental Notices.**

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**PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.**

According to the Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post, *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and Teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will therefore please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the Customs duty on copyright books, as may be necessary.

**EXAMINATION OF COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS, COUNTY OF YORK.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that an examination of Common School Teachers and others, will take place on

**Wednesday, the 31st day of August, 1870,**

At the Court House, in the City of Toronto, at Richmond Hill, and at Newmarket, at 9 A.M. Candidates will be required to produce certificates of moral character from their respective Ministers, and if Teachers before, also from their respective Trustees.

**JOHN JENNINGS, D.D.,**

*Chairman.*

City of Toronto, 4th August, 1870.

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