

THOSE WHO WON HONORS

Students who Carried off the Medals and Diplomas at the C. B. C.

Their Showing in the Recent Examinations was a Very Creditable One.

The following are the results of the June examinations at the Canada Business College, Chatham, Ont., which we have just received from the principal of the above institution. This is a report of the regular yearly examinations for gold and silver medals, which have just been completed, and the following is the result:

William C. Campbell, of Wingham, is the winner of the gold medal for General Proficiency in the Business Department. He is also winner of the gold medal for Mathematics, given by S. J. Sutherland, of the firm of Sutherland & Innes, Chatham, Ont. Herman Jenner, of Charing Cross, wins the silver medal for second highest standing for General Proficiency in this department. Edward Wells wins the silver medal for the best penmanship, and also wins another silver medal for the best set of books. Should Mr. Wells see fit to follow up the subject of penmanship he will, undoubtedly, some day rank among America's best. The set of books on which he won the medal referred to would certainly please the most exacting business man. They were a model of neatness. All the above are ex-public school teachers who have spent from 3 to 11 years in that work. T. S. Parkinson, of Thedford, wins the silver medal given for rapid calculation. He was also a close competitor for the silver medal given for second highest stand in General Proficiency.

In the Shorthand Department Miss Ella White, of Blenheim, was successful in carrying off the gold medal for general proficiency. Miss Margaret M. Kerr, of Chatham, won the silver medal for second highest standing, also the silver medal given for the highest speed in typewriting from dictation. Miss Kerr's speed was at the rate of nearly 70 words per minute, and when it was taken into account that the test lasted for 5 minutes, and that it was continuous matter with many long words occurring in it, the test was certainly a creditable one. Another feature in connection with Miss Kerr's work worthy of special mention is the fact that on one of her tests, she made a transcription of her notes at the rate of 30 words per minute. The Gold Medal given for touch typewriting by Creelman Bros., Toronto, representing the Underwood typewriter in Canada, was won by Miss Flo. Surby, of Chatham. The question of touch typewriting has been to some extent an experimental one in this College during the past two years. It was first made optional with the students as to whether they should take it or not. The result of last year's work shows that touch typewriting has come to stay, and it is now felt that this method must be made compulsory with all students to secure the best result, in the future, in this part of the work. Miss Surby has only been attending about five and a half months, and her carrying off this medal does her all the more credit when it is taken into account that she was competing with students who had four months the advantage of her in time. In copying work, Miss Surby was able to write at a rate of eleven words per minute faster than those who had not taken up this method, and had practised typewriting for more than double the length of time she had.

The contest for the medals this year was one of the best in the history of the College. In no case was there any certainty as to who would

be the winner until the last examination was taken and the results known. Special mention should be made of the many fine penmen in the senior class, and it is felt that their work would compare with that of the pupils of any other school of the kind on the continent. The principal has always prided himself on the work of this subject, but he feels that this year's class as a whole has done the school more credit than any previous class.

The Mail Course work in Shorthand, Book-keeping and Penmanship, has now become a marked feature in the work of this institution, and is meeting with excellent success. Many students have been carried over the entire theory course without ever being inside of the institution until after that part of the course was completed.

Speed and accuracy in figures is another feature which holds a high place in the work of the institution. R. A. Scott, of Preston, gave some results in rapid addition which are worthy of special notice. He added 27 columns of 20 figures each in 5 minutes, and without an error. T. S. Parkinson, who won the medal on the combined subjects in rapid calculation, added a greater number of columns than Mr. Scott but had only an equal number correct.

About 12 to 15 in all in the two departments are likely to receive diplomas on the result of the work done on the above examination.

This school has always had an excellent reputation for superior work, and it will give the public some idea of the severity of the tests to which the students are put when it is known that in the Business Department there are 20 different examination papers to write on, and in the Shorthand Department 14, and in no case is the student allowed to take less than 75 per cent, while on other subjects as high as 90 per cent, is required. There is also another feature regarding the time set for taking finals, which may not be generally known, and that is, any student who is qualified for examination can take his final work in the first week of any month during the school year.

The principal informs us that many of the pupils who are finishing their work, and a number who have not finished have already secured positions. Three have already made arrangements for taking positions in business schools for the September opening, and no doubt many other positions of this kind will be filled during the next two months. The Canada Business College has won an enviable reputation for supplying teachers for other business schools, and the demand made upon the College yearly for this kind of help far exceeds the supply.

The principal reports that the past year has been in every way one of the most successful and satisfactory in the history of the institution, and the prospects for the September opening are brighter than ever. The school has just completed its 25th scholastic year without change of management during the entire period and is certainly deserving of the best patronage.