



Salisbury Diocesan Training School

The annual distribution of prizes took place at this institution on Friday, the 13th instant. In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Salisbury, Mr. James Hussey presided. The Chaplain (the Rev. R. Philips) said that the prizes were of three kinds:-

- (1) Books to the value of £10., a benefaction from the Dean of Salisbury, given for religious knowledge.
- (2) Science class, prizes from South Kensington.
- (3) Drawing prizes from the Science and Art Department.

The results of the examination in the first subject, which was held in October last, by Canon Norris, in all Church Training Schools, had been lately published.

Salisbury stood thus:-

	1st class.	2nd class.	Passed.
2nd Year Students	2	14	15
1st Year Students	3	12	15

There were no failures; 16 second year students, and 7 first year were entitled to the rewards.

In the Science Class there were five Queen's prizes from the Science and Art Department to be awarded to those who had gained a first class, and 25 additional prizes had been provided for the second class. Thus it would be seen that 30 out of 31 had passed in that. The drawing prizes from the Science and Art Department had been obtained by seven students, of whom one had received the certificate of competency to teach drawing.

After the distribution, Mr. Hussey said that, in the absence of the Bishop, he had been asked to give away the prizes, and it had been a great pleasure to him, as a member of the committee, to do so. They were all gratified at the progress made during the past year by those who were about to leave. He considered that five first classes, when they were only 21 in all the training schools for school mistresses in England

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and Scotland, were very creditable to them as well as to those who were concerned in their instruction. He regretted that they would miss the Bishop's fatherly council on the eve of their departure. But he would remind them of the words of good Bishop Denison, spoken on a similar occasion, that "Teachers stand on holy ground." The work they were about to engage in was most interesting and important, and they had his best wishes that they might enter on their duties in a right spirit, and succeed in their work.

The Rev. Chancellor Daubeny said he would add a few words to what had been said by Mr. Hussey, only he would express the hope that as they had put to profitable use their opportunities for intellectual improvement, so they had advanced in spiritual things. It was the especial endeavour and constant anxiety of those connected with the institution, to provide for this, that there be a religious tone prevailing amongst them. They should strive to make religion and education go hand in hand. In their hands lay responsibility to a very great degree, of training the population of the country. It was the religious teachers that was the successful one, and they might be sure that religion could not be separated from education. He trusted that they would always try to combine the two, and to be the more earnest about it at the present time, when endeavours were being made to sever religious instruction from school work. He trusted that God's blessing would follow them and prosper their undertaking.

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