

—ARABIAN NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT.—A few evenings since a gathering with the above title was held in St. James' School House in this City, as a demonstration in favor of the "Arabs" of the City. About two hundred of that class were invited, and fully that number responded to the call. There was no mistaking them. They had all the cuteness, all the self-possession, all the readiness of retort so peculiar to their class. Yet they behaved wonderfully well, for children who are in a great measure their own masters, and unaccustomed to superior authority. The number of people who attended to shew their interest in the proceedings, was large and influential. The Rev. Mr. Topp, having engaged in prayer, the proceedings of the evening were opened by Dr. Wilson, who, with great felicity; interested his peculiar audience by things fictitious and real. During the evening, addresses were given by Archdeacon Fuller, the Rev. Mr. Marling, Messrs. Blake and J. G. Hodgins, all of whom expressed the pleasure they felt in being present, and their readiness to take a part in any scheme fitted to ameliorate the condition and make happier and better the lives of the unfortunate boys. A magic lantern did good service during the evening; buns and apples were distributed in profusion, but the great point of attraction was two immense cakes, about three feet high, decorated with flags and designs of many colours. Near the close of the proceedings, the cakes were cut up by Colonel Anderson, and partaken of by the Arabs with particular gusto.

—CANADIAN EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.—Dean Hellmuth received a pleasing testimonial at London, on Tuesday, in the shape of an address from the College pupils. The Dean sails for Europe by the *Russia*.—The Board of Trustees, Mitchell, have sold the old school property for \$55 more than they paid for the whole four acres, on which stands the new schoolhouse.—St. Catharines is to have a Central School.—North Chatham is to have its common schoolhouse enlarged, it being too small for the number of pupils attending.—Over one hundred dollars has been raised for the purpose of establishing a school library at Ligney School, 1st Line, Esquesing.—Mulmur Township, County of Simcoe, has just got a new brick schoolhouse.—Clinton is to have a \$6,400 schoolhouse.—An addition of 1,000 volumes, just imported, has been made to the Quebec parliamentary library.

—AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.—A bill is before the Senate of Vermont, imposing penalties, varying from \$2 to \$20, upon the parents or guardian of every boy who neglects to attend school, and authorizing judges to send to the Reform School boys convicted of a second offence in staying away.—It is proposed in Chicago to substitute newspapers for "Readers" in the public schools.—There are now 537 undergraduates at Harvard College and the college buildings are not commodious enough to accommodate them.—Yale College has 724 students. This is the greatest number the College has ever had. The academical and scientific departments are larger than ever before, and the Freshman classes respectively about one-third larger than last year.—The Trustees of William and Mary College, Virginia, have received this year from England, \$8,000, the proceeds of a legacy left in 1742 by an English lady.—Rochester Female College is having a large greenhouse built, and is to have a professorship of gardening endowed.

—ONTARIO SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONARY UNION.—At a recent meeting, the following Officers were elected:—President, Rev. F. H. Marling; Vice-Presidents, Rev. T. F. Caldicott, D.D., and Mr. J. George Hodgins, M. A.; Treasurer, Mr. George Hague; Secretary, Rev. Wm. Milliard Committee—Messrs. F. W. Kingstone, John K. McDonald, Charles A. Morse, Hon. John McMurrich, Wm. J. Montgomery, Henry J. Clarke, George Goulding, J. Joseph Woodhouse, Rev. R. Carswell, Robert Wilkes, Rev. W. Rowe, Daniel McLean.—*Globe*

—BISHOP STRACHAN LADIES SCHOOL.—The *Canadian Churchman* says: The Rev. John Langtry, M. A., Chaplain to Bishop Strachan Ladies' School, Toronto, was presented by the young ladies with a beautiful black walnut davenport, containing a very fine silver inkstand, book rack and stationery. The school is in a most prosperous condition, important additions having been recently made to the teaching staff. The number of boarders during the term was 48, and day pupils 33. In consequence of the resignation of Mrs. Horton, the appointment of Lady Principal has been conferred upon Miss Dupont, whose past success, in a similar position, is a guarantee for the future satisfactory management of this important institution.

—NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, KINGSTON.—The *Chronicle and News* says:—The New School House in Cataraqui Ward, is a very handsome edifice, and a fine addition to the city; and the comfort and convenience of its internal arrangements have been carefully attended to, while nothing in the outdoor department has been lost sight of. The whole matter reflects great credit upon the School Board, which, while studying a due amount of saving in the erection of the new building, has sacrificed nothing essential to the prevalent ideas of false economy.

VII. Departmental Notices.

TRUSTEES' SCHOOL MANUAL.

In reply to numerous applications for the Trustees' School Manual, we desire to intimate that as the edition of the Manual of 1864 is exhausted, no new edition will be issued until after the close of the present Session of the Legislature, when we hope the Grammar and Common School Bills now before the House of Assembly will become law. Parties desiring copies will please therefore defer sending for them until a short time after the prorogation of the House of Assembly.

TRUSTEES' BLANK FORMS.

The usual supply of blank forms of Trustees' yearly and half-yearly returns, has been sent out to the County Clerks for distribution to the schools, through the Local Superintendents.

INTERCOMMUNICATIONS IN THE "JOURNAL."

As already intimated, a department is always reserved in the *Journal of Education* for letters and inter-communications between Local Superintendents, School Trustees and Teachers, on any subject of general interest relating to education in the Province. As no personal or party discussions have, ever since the establishment of the *Journal*, appeared in its columns, no letter or communication partaking of either character can be admitted to its pages; but, within this salutary restriction, the utmost freedom is allowed. Long letters are not desirable; but terse and pointed communications of moderate length on school management, discipline, progress, teaching, or other subject of general interest are always acceptable, and may be made highly useful in promoting the great object for which this *Journal* was established.

FOUR KINDS OF LIBRARIES WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS.

"The Public School Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the Institutions of the Province."—LORD ELGIN.
"Had I the power I would scatter Libraries over the whole land, as the sower sows his seed."—HORACE MANN.

Under the regulations of the Department, each County Council can establish *four classes* of libraries in their Municipality, as follows. City, Town, Village, and Township Councils can establish the first three classes, and School Trustees either of the first and third classes.

1. An ordinary *Common School Library* in each school house for the use of the children and rate-payers.
2. A *General Public Lending Library*, available to all the rate payers of the Municipality.
3. A *Professional Library* of books on teaching, school organization, language and kindred subjects, available to teachers alone.
4. A Library in any *Public Institution*, under the control of the Municipality, for the use of the inmates, or in the *County Jail*, for the use of the prisoners.

We cannot too strongly urge upon School Trustees, the importance and even the necessity of providing, (especially during the autumn and winter months,) suitable reading books for the pupils in their school, either as prizes or in libraries. Having given the pupils a taste for reading and general knowledge, they should provide some agreeable and practical means of gratifying it.