

unbecomingly, is doing a great amount of good, and accumulating information which probably could not be collected in any other shape. The Society hopes to increase its number of members during the present year, and is content to work on noiselessly as heretofore, bearing in mind the refrain of Charles Mackay's verses:—

"Grub little moles, grub under ground,  
There is sunshine in the sky."

(Daily News, Jan. 13.)

### St. Francis District Teachers' Association.

The annual meeting of the St. Francis District Teacher's Association was held at Barnston on the 23rd and 24th ult., and was one of unusual interest. It was well attended throughout all its sessions, both by the people of vicinity and parties from a distance,—nearly all the higher institutions in the District being represented.

Various topics were discussed, and interesting papers were also read. Dr. Graham, President of the Association, delivered his annual address on the evening of the 23rd. Subject: "Our winter evenings and how to spend them."

At the afternoon session of the second day the President appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and requested that his name should not be used, as he desired to be free from office.

The officers were elected as follows:—

President.—S. Shonyo, M. A., Hatley Academy.

Vice-Presidents—W. M. Jordan, Esq., Danville Academy; J. B. Hyndman, Brookvale Academy; Prof. Worden, Richmond.

Secretary-Treasurer—R. Robinson, Barnston.

After passing votes of thanks to the people of Barnston, to the editors of the several papers, to the President and Secretary-Treasurer, the Association adjourned on the afternoon of the 24th *sine die*.—*Gazette*.

### The Peabody Education Fund.

The report of Dr. Sears, of the operations of the Peabody Education Fund, from the beginning down to last July, is a striking comment upon the sterling patriotism and wise benevolence of the dead philanthropist. The original gift by Mr. Peabody amounted to a million dollars, and about eleven hundred thousand dollars more in Planter's Bank bonds, and the object was the promotion of intellectual, moral and industrial education in the Southern and Southwestern States. In addition to this, Mr. Peabody gave, in June 1869, \$1,384,000 more in securities of various kinds. The trustees to whom these large sums were consigned were given discretion as to the localities and manner of carrying out Mr. Peabody's intentions, which considering the social position and character of the gentlemen selected, was a perfectly safe course.

The first step after organizing which the Trustees took, was to survey the fields of operation, and with that purpose Dr. Sears visited, in 1867, and afterwards, the seven Atlantic and Gulf States, beginning with the eastern portion of Virginia and ending with Louisiana. He was received with cordial welcome by all the chief towns through which he passed, and about sixty, selected with reference to their influence in their respective States, already, in July of 1868, had made arrangements at his instance to organize public free schools. It may be remarked that this method of action was from the first decided upon by the Trustees. They stated their leading object to be the promotion of common or primary school education by such means as then existed or could be created. It is remarkable that only one town of all those visited refused to co-operate in the establishment of the schools.

The cost of public and private education at the South, was illustrated in a curious way by the agencies created by Mr. Peabody's gift. It was found that the whole of the white children of the South could be educated in public schools at no more than the cost of educating half the white children in private schools. In 1863, up to July, there was \$74,000 definitely, and \$78,000 conditionally, appropriated for these schools in eight States, and other grants were subsequently made. But the money thus given was much augmented by the people to whom it was awarded, and the fund, therefore, not only promoted the education of the South directly, but stimulated the people to new exertions of their own.

It is unnecessary to go over the whole field embraced by Dr. Saer's report. The aid to the various States seems to have been given with great discrimination and care. The plan generally was to induce the establishment of primary schools, by undertaking the chief cost of such, and of helping struggling institutions where free primary were impracticable. Students at normal schools receive also some of the

benefits of the fund. There are now a considerable number of persons included in this category. The whole report, in short, indicates earnest and intelligent work. The Trustees do well to publish it, for a good reason. They are not amenable to public interference in any shape, and might, if they chose, have declined to lay themselves open to any criticism whatever. Adopting a contrary course, and inviting all who please to read their statement of accomplished results, the public is not only informed upon a very interesting and important subject, but is able to commend the spirit in which they have interpreted Mr. Peabody's wishes and the care and faithfulness with which those wishes have, so far, been carried into effect.

N. Y. Times.

### Obituary.

THE DEAD OF 1869.—Last year was remarkable for the deaths of men prominent in public life. In the United States we notice the following: On Jan. 8th, John Minor Botts and Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau; Jan. 25th, Ex-Governor Francis W. Pickens, of South Carolina; on Feb. 6th, Ex-Gov. Hubbard of Maine; on March 13th, James Guthrie, of Kentucky, Secretary of the U. S. Treasury under President Pierce; March 27, James Harper, the well known book publisher of New York; on April 26th, Ex-Governor Dalton, of Ct.; on June 18th, Henry J. Raymond, Editor, N. Y. Times; on July 22nd, Ex-Gov. (twice) Grape of Michigan; on same day, John A. Roebling, an eminent Engineer; on July 30th, Hon. Isaac Toucey, Secretary of the Navy under President Buchanan: on Sept. 6th, Gen. John S. Rawlins, Secretary of War; on Sept. 8th, William Pitt Fessenden, U. S. Senate; Sept. 10th, Hon. John Bell; Oct. 8th, Ex-President Franklin Pierce; Oct. 16th, Ex-Governor Joseph Ritner, of Pennsylvania; on Oct. 26th, Ex-Gov. Retner of Pennsylvania; Nov. 4th, Geo. Peabody, the eminent philanthropist; Nov. 7th, Admiral Charles Stewart; on Nov. 9th, Ex-Governor Pratt of Maryland; Nov. 10th, Gen. John Ellis Wool; Nov. 11th, Hon. Robert J. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury under President Polk; Nov. 13th, Hon. Amos Kendall, Postmaster-General under President Jackson; Nov. 21st, Hon. Benjamin Fitzpatrick, and on Dec. 24st, Hon. Edwin Macy Stanton Secretary of War under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. In other countries the list comprises The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, premier Earl of Scotland, aged eighty-six. He sat in the House of Lords as Lord Wigan, and is succeeded by his son Lord Lindsay, author of "Letters on Egypt" and other well-known works. The Earl of Antrim died the other day, after a serious illness, and is succeeded by his son Viscount Dunluce, at present a student at Oxford. The Countess of Fife, daughter of the seventeenth Earl of Erroll, died suddenly, in her fortieth year. Lady Harriet Cowper, wife of the Hon. Spencer Cowper, who first married the celebrated Count D'Orsey when she was only fifteen, died on the same day, aged fifty-seven. Mr. George Savile Foljambe, of Osberton, a member of an old Whig family, an ardent lover of English sports and a famed breeder of agricultural stock, died in his seventieth year. Lady Rachel Adela Scott, sister of the Earl of Eldon, died at Mentone a short time ago, in her twenty-first year. The Earl of Derby; Lord Stanley of Alderly; The Marquis of Westminster; General Lord Gough; Admiral Sir James Gordon, who brought a British Fleet up the Potomac in 1814; Prince Menschikoff; General Dulce; Marshal Neil; General Regnault St. Jean d'Angely; Jomini, Troplong, Fuad Pasha; Art deplores the loss of Grisi, Berlioz and Overbeck; Science mourns Hengstenberg, Reichenback, Jukes and many lesser lights. To the foregoing may be added such names as William Carleton, Professor Conington, Peter Cunningham, Alexander Dyce, Lamartine, and St. Beuve.

DEATH OF JOHN THOMSON, ESQ., OF WESTFIELD, QUEBEC.—Gone! Well nigh all the merchants, whose footsteps, five and twenty years ago, left a daily impression upon St. Peter street, Quebec, have disappeared. Burstall, Lemesurier, Price, Forsyth, Symes, Young, Lowndes, Caldwell, Tilstone, Roberts, Dean, Gillespie, Ryan, Burnet, the Patersons, the Gibbs, the Pembertons, MacKenzie, and now John Thomson, are in the grave. Mr. Thomson, almost the last of an association of well-known, honorable men, died on New Year's Day, at the advanced age of 77. Engaged in business for very many years, Mr. Thomson preserved a character for unbending integrity, and in all the relations of life was a most exemplary man. For nearly half a century he was an Elder of St. Andrew's Church, and between him and the learned and excellent Minister of that Church, Dr. Cook, almost a feeling of personal affection sprang up. There are many who will mourn Mr. Thomson's loss—There are some who will mourn him here—but there are few of this present generation who can supply the want of that fine Scottish *bonhomie* which was a marked trait in the character of Mr. Thomson.—*Ottawa Times*.

THE LATE MR. McDONALD OF THE "TRANSCRIPT."—By the death on Jan. 12th. Aged, 71, of Mr. Donald McDonald, formerly proprietor of the *Transcript*, Montreal has lost one of her oldest and most highly-esteemed citizens. and the printing profession one of its oldest and best