

— A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.—The *Press Scientific des Deux Mondes* contains an extract from a pamphlet by M. Figuler in regard to an universal language. He states that the project of the celebrated Raymond Lulle, and other philosophers of the last century, is receiving considerable attention in Spain. "The most important men of Letters in Spain, in Science, and in Politics, have taken a deep interest in this humanitarian enterprise, the initiative of which belongs to Mr. Sotos Ochando. The Society of the Universal Language is constituted at Madrid, and has already held several sessions. A commission has been established to direct the labors. By means of an assessment on all the members, national and foreign, the grammar and dictionary of the future universal language will be printed and published. Many persons of distinguished ability have much faith in the success of the project. Do not discourage them. The utopias of one century are often the common-place familiarities of the following century."

— NEW SCENTED DIAMOND.—The *London Court Journal* states that a great sensation has been caused amongst the principal jewelers by the introduction of a "scented diamond." The stone has been recently discovered in Ava, and has the same value as others, the same transparency and the same weight, but it possesses the most extraordinary quality of emitting a very agreeable odor under the influence of a high temperature—such, for instance, as is more frequently than agreeably felt in a ball-room.

X. Departmental Notices.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, SCHOOL MAPS, APPARATUS, AND PRIZE BOOKS.

The Chief Superintendent will add *one hundred per cent.* to any sum or sums, *not less than five dollars*, transmitted to the Department by Municipal and School Corporations, on behalf of Grammar and Common Schools; and forward Public Library Books, Prize Books, Maps, Apparatus, Charts, and Diagrams, to the value of the amount thus augmented, upon receiving a list of the articles required. In all cases it will be necessary for any person acting on behalf of the Municipal or Trustee Corporation, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Corporation. A selection of articles to be sent can always be made by the Department, when so desired.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Corporation above-named, hereto affixes its corporate seal to this application, by the hand of*, this day of, 186-.

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To the Chief Superintendent of Education, Toronto.

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* * * If Library and Prize Books be ordered, in addition to Maps and Apparatus, it will be NECESSARY TO SEND NOT LESS THAN *five dollars additional* for each class of books, &c., with the proper forms of application for each class.

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