

re-organizing and enlarging the powers of a committee nominated some years ago for the purpose of collecting a small subscription from "Old Boys" who had been at the school, in order to found an annual prize to be given as the "Old Boys' Prizes," for general proficiency. The meeting was well attended, and resolutions were passed, enlarging the executive power of the Committee, and also authorizing them, in the event of the fund reaching sufficient dimensions, to found a scholarship in addition to the prize for boys leaving the school to enter upon University life, or to apply the surplus to some such purpose, as they should deem most in the interest of the school. The subscription is limited to a single one of \$5 or less from each Old Boy, in order to make it really representative. An appeal is to be issued to all those who have not already subscribed, but in the meantime any subscriptions will be acknowledged by Armine Nicolls, 353 Notre Dame street, Montreal.

Protestant Board of School Commissioners.—The monthly meeting was held on Thursday afternoon, June 15th. The City Treasurer's statement of school tax for 1881 was then read, showing that the school tax on the property of Protestants yielded \$62,683.20, while a little less than 26½ per cent of the neutral school tax added \$3,455.30 to the revenue of the Board. From the total amount of \$66,138.50 the City Treasurer retained \$24,849.48 as interest and sinking fund on bonds, and \$3,459.55 for assessments and water rates, leaving from the school tax a sum of \$37,829.47 available for education. The account further showed that the city has advanced to the Board against the school tax of 1882 the sum of \$8,613.79. The Rev. Dr. Norman and Dr. Dawson were appointed a committee to join the several citizens' committees recently appointed in laying before the Finance Committee of the City Council the urgent needs of the schools. The Secretary was instructed to determine at the earliest opportunity the proportion of Jewish school tax to be paid to the Jewish schools, dividing the amount between them in proportion to the total days of school attendance as by their monthly reports.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

DANTE GABRIEL ROSSETTI—CHARLES DARWIN—EMERSON—MATTHEW ARNOLD ON AMERICA—MR. MYERS ON MARCUS AURELIUS—FREEMAN'S WILLIAM II.

Since writing our last summary three distinguished men have passed away, two of the number being of world-wide fame. On April 9, died Dante Gabriel Rossetti, an Englishman of a gifted Italian family, one who will perhaps be better known by the influence he exerted than by his actual accomplishments either as painter or poet. Rossetti was a leading member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, formed in 1848, and including Millais, Holman Hunt and Wool-