

— **PTOLEMY'S GEOGRAPHY.**—Mr. Sebastinoff, a Russian savant, has discovered an old manuscript of Ptolemy's Geography in the Monastery of Mount Athos, and has made photographic copies of the maps for the classic world.

— **A MUNIFICENT DONATION.**—The British Museum has just received a magnificent addition to its numismatic treasures, by the gift from the Count de Salis of his well-known collection of coins. These are in fourteen cabinets, containing altogether as many as 7,000 coins, brought together with the greatest taste during the Count's life, and at an expense of about £5,000.

— **GERMAN PERSEVERANCE.**—A curious instance of the patience and perseverance of the Germans is afforded by a new Encyclopedia, which, commenced at Berlin in 1773, is just completed in two hundred and forty-two volumes. Six editors have been employed upon it, and notwithstanding the commotions which have shaken the country to its centre, the work has gone steadily forward, scarcely delayed by the events which furnished so much material for its pages.

— **UNION OF FRANCE AND ENGLAND.**—In addition to the prize of 50 guineas for the best English essay, the donor has offered one of £1,000 and one of £250 for the best French essays on "The immense importance of a close union of France and England, as well for their own interest and welfare as for the interest and happiness of the world." MM. Thiers, Mignet, and Merimee, members of the Institute, have consented to be the French adjudicators.

— **BEAUTY AND LEARNING.**—Beauty is a great thing, but learning is better, (and Punch says) that in the estimation of the ancients even, the Muses counted for three times as much as the Graces.

XVI. Departmental Notices.

NOTICE TO SENIOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

In the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, which came into force on the 5th of December, it is enacted that the old statutory regulation, in regard to the average number of pupils attending Senior County Grammar Schools, shall be enforced for the future. These Schools will not, therefore, be entitled, in 1860, to the additional \$400 apportioned to them, unless the average number of *daily bona-fide* Grammar School pupils in Greek and Latin equals ten; or more than \$200 additional when this average attendance is below ten.

SCHOOL REGISTERS SUPPLIED THROUGH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Common and Separate School Trustees in Cities, Towns, Villages, and Townships by the County Clerk—through the local Superintendents. Application should therefore be made direct to the local Superintendents for them, and not to the Department. Those for Grammar Schools will be sent direct to the head Masters, upon application to the Department.

SCHOOLS MAPS AND APPARATUS.

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 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 Municipality or Trustees, 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.

PRIZES IN SCHOOLS.

The Chief Superintendent will grant one hundred per cent. upon all sums not less than five dollars transmitted to him by Municipalities or Boards of School Trustees for the purchase of books or reward cards for prizes in Grammar and Common Schools. Catalogues and Forms forwarded upon application.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

"Township and County Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the Institutions of the Province."—*Lord Elgin at the Upper Canada Provincial Exhibition, September, 1854.*

The Chief Superintendent of Education is prepared to apportion *one hundred per cent.* upon all sums which shall be raised from local sources by Municipal Councils and School Corporations, for the establishment or increase of Public Libraries in Upper Canada, under the regulations provided according to law. Prison Libraries, and Teachers' County Association Libraries, may, under these regulations, be established by County Councils, as branch libraries.

PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the new Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will, therefore, please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the new Customs duty, as may be necessary.

POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, or a Local Superintendent, and which are made upon the printed blank forms furnished by the Educational Department, *must be pre-paid*, at the rate of one cent, *and be open to inspection*, so as to entitle them to pass through the post as printed papers. No letters should be enclosed with such returns.

NO PENSIONS TO COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS, UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools in Upper Canada who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent without delay, if they have not already done so, their annual subscription of \$4, commencing with 1854. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "*that no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of one pound per annum.*" No pension will be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund.

THOMAS HODGINS, (Late of the Educational Department for Upper Canada,) BARRISTER, &c., King St., East, Toronto.
Toronto, January, 1860. np

EXAMINATION OF COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS, COUNTY OF YORK.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Examination of Common School Teachers and others will take place on Tuesday, the 7th of February, 1860, at the Court House in the City of Toronto, at Richmond Hill, and at Newmarket, at 9 A.M. Candidates will be required to produce certificates of moral character from their respective Ministers, and if Teachers before also from their respective School Trustees.

JOHN JENNINGS, D.D.,
Chairman County Board.

City of Toronto, 31st Dec., 1859. np

GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED,

AS HEAD MASTER of the UNITED GRAMMAR, AND COMMON SCHOOLS, at Prescott, C. W. Applications with Testimonials, to be sent to H. D. JESSUP, Esq., Chairman of the Board, before the 10th of February next. Salary, £175 cy., per year.
Prescott, 11th January, 1860. np

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