

our free Parliament; that He had preserved to us the dispensation throughout the Province of those principles of religion and piety, the truest safeguard of the nation, and that not merely by fixed administrations in towns and cities, but by the self-sacrificing efforts of missionaries in the back-woods; that He had preserved to us a national system education from the humblest common school to the University, open without bar, hindrance or impediment to any one that chose to come forward; that He had preserved to us the blessings of an unbroken peace, under whose fostering influence the resources of our Province were being rapidly developed, and prosperity had attended our pursuits of manufactures, of commerce and of arts. (Loud applause.) Three loud and hearty cheers were then given for the Queen, three for the President and Professors, and three for the ladies, when the assemblage separated.—*Leader.*

—**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS AT CANADIAN SCHOOLS.**—The *British American Journal* says:—"We are not much surprised to find that American Medical students are seeking the completion of their studies in our Canadian Schools. Those who are not sufficiently advanced to follow the army in some medical capacity must do so, to avoid the conscription act, the effects of which, while it would entail a remission of their studies, would at the same time compel a servitude in the ranks on the part of a large number. This is probably another reason superadded to that adduced by our daily contemporary, the *Commercial Advertiser*. What influence the deplorable troubles of our neighbours will exert upon the opening classes at McGill University remains to be seen. We quote the following from the daily periodical alluded to: On Saturday, 8 young men arrived in this city from Kentucky for the purpose of attending college. It is probable that many others in the States will avail themselves of the peaceful condition of this country to pursue their studies in our colleges.—*Toronto Leader.* One gentleman from Kentucky, and a few other Americans, are attending the Medical School of Queen's College in Kingston. They seek freedom from the turmoil of war which distracts their own country.—*Commercial Advertiser.* [A student from Missouri is also attending Victoria College this year.—Ed.]

—**QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.**—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the 9th instant, the Rev. John C. Murray, of Paisley, in Scotland, was unanimously appointed to fill the chair of Logic and Mental and Moral Philosophy in the University of Queen's College. The new Professor was a favorite of the late Sir William Hamilton of Edinburg, and his testimonials are of the very highest order. Throughout his College course he distinguished himself in all the departments of study, but especially in that which he will now teach. Since leaving College, he has made mental Philosophy his favorite study, having spent a year in Germany with that view, and having also filled the office of President of the metaphysical Society of Edinburg. The Rev. Mr Murray is a son of the Provost of the Burg of Paisley, where he is not less esteemed for his amiable disposition than for his varied accomplishments as a scholar. He is expected to reach Kingston early in November to assume the duties of his chair.

—**SUCCESS OF A YOUNG CANADIAN.**—The St. Catherines *Constitutional* notices the return to that town of Dr. Jukes, who, in July last, went with a young son to England, the lad having been nominated to a cadetship in the Royal Navy by His Excellency the Governor General. This is the first instance in which a candidate for these honors has gone home for examination at Portsmouth, it being usual for Canadian rominees to pass on the flag-ship at Halifax or Bermuda. The examination was held at the Royal Naval College at Portsmouth in the early part of last month. Upwards of eighty boys presented themselves from the leading schools in Great Britain, and young Jukes' name appeared fourteenth on the list of successful candidates. This result is no less gratifying to the doctor than flattering to the lad's preceptor, the Rev. T. D. Phillips, of St. Catherines, under whose care his education began and ended, and to whose system of instruction it must be attributed.

—**COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.**—The following Address was presented to Edward Scarlett, Esq., Superintendent of Common Schools for the County of Northumberland, at Brighton, on the 7th of August:—

"RESPECTED SIR,—We, the Teachers and Friends of Education, in our Annual Convention assembled, cannot allow this favourable opportunity to pass without publicly and officially expressing to you our deep sense of your many excellencies and kindness as a man, and of your faithful and untiring exertions as a Superintendent, in raising the schools of this county to a position superior to that of those in most counties of Upper Canada and inferior to none. When, seven or eight years ago, you were happily appointed to the office which you now hold, the schools of this

county were in a deplorable condition indeed. Guided by "Township Superintendents," seldom fitted for the duties of their office, *Primary Education* languished, the faithful teacher, not being appreciated, left the ranks in disgust, and the profession was filled with persons altogether unqualified to discharge the important duty of developing harmoniously the intellectual and moral powers of the pupils over whom they were placed. But under your guidance the scene has changed: unqualified teachers have been dismissed or sent to school in order to prepare them to teach efficiently; faithful and well-qualified teachers have been aided in procuring positions of greater usefulness to the public and profit to themselves; trustees have been urged to obtain the services of good teachers; parents have been encouraged to persevere in sending their children steadily to school; and above all, the rights of children have been sacredly guarded. In doing all this we are aware that you have encountered much petty opposition and many annoyances, but amidst all you have never flinched from the discharge of your duty. Besides your ordinary duties, to which you have faithfully and honourably attended, to the entire satisfaction of the great majority of the people, you have laboured diligently and successfully in organizing and sustaining Teachers' Conventions in different localities—a proceeding of the utmost importance to the teacher, and of incalculable advantage to the pupil. Fully appreciating your services, we, on behalf of the parents, trustees, pupils, and teachers of this County, present you with this purse, containing the sum of \$100, not as a reward for your extra work, but as a slight token of our deep and heart-felt regard for you as an active, untiring, and faithful Superintendent, in whose hands we are glad to see placed so much power to do good, and by whose exertions, solid and lasting advantages have been conferred on the cause of education, not only in this county but also in others throughout the Province. Finally, we pray that a kind Providence may so guide and shape your career that you may be an ornament to your honourable profession and a blessing to the rising generation; and, that you may have the happiness of seeing all your efforts crowned with still more abundant success, is the earnest desire of the friends of education in this County."

Reply.—"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I believe you have generally given me credit for not being at a loss for words, when it has been required that I should, in the discharge of the duties of my office, advise, censure, or reprove either children, parents, or teachers; and doubtless some of you may have thought me a little *too ready* and fluent on such occasions; but be that as it may, I assure you that on the present occasion I feel utterly at a loss for language to give expression to the feelings of very great gratification you have caused me by the gift of this substantial token of your affection and esteem. I do value it very highly, not alone for its intrinsic worth, but for the assurance it gives me, that while in discharge of my duty, it has been at times my lot to reprove or advise, it has been so done as not to give offence to those whom I fain would benefit; and whose esteem and good wishes, if lost to me, would have given me much pain, for it is impossible that individuals should meet so frequently and converse so intimately as we are required to do, without forming intimacies and attachments, the rupture of which would be very painful. Ladies and Gentlemen, I pray you will accept my most grateful thanks, and I trust this handsome expression of appreciation of my labours, emanating as it does from both parents and teachers, will not only operate to stir me up to greater diligence, but will at the same time serve to fully convince you that though for a time your best exertions may not be recognized and valued as you or I may think they should be,—though for a season your only reward may be consciousness of having done the best you could—yet in time those for whom you labor will surely cheer and gladden you with their approval. Allow me to say in conclusion, that it affords me great pleasure, on the present interesting occasion, to return my sincere thanks to the parents, teachers and trustees whose uniform kindness I have experienced while visiting the different school sections throughout this extensive County." NOTE.—The above Address and Reply were read before the Teachers' Convention for the County of Northumberland, held in Brighton, during the first week of August, 1862. The attendance was very large, and a deep interest was manifested in the proceedings during the whole session. The next meeting of Association will be held in the same place, during the week beginning on the first Monday in August, 1862. Teachers and friends of education from all parts of the Province will receive a hearty welcome. W. J. BLACK, *Secretary of the Convention.*

—**THE TORONTO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND EVENING CLASSES.**—The Board of Directors of this Institution have determined to establish during the ensuing season classes for instruction in English, French, German,