

—EUROPEAN EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.—The Professors of University College, London, have undertaken to commence Lectures, for women, on the same plan as those which have been so successful in Edinburgh. Two courses are to commence next month—likely English Literature and Physics. At the beginning of next session, more classes are to be added.—Heidelberg is to have a professorship of American history and literature, and a distinguished American scholar will be invited to fill the chair.—Hungary is to adopt a compulsory educational system.—A strong movement is on foot in Russia to give a higher and more complete education to women.

—QUEEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.—At a recent meeting in Toronto to promote the Endowment of Queen's College, the very Rev. Principal Snodgrass states that the effort was first made at Kingston, and had been more successful than ever anticipated. The people were not at present in a position to do as much as they would wish; still they had come forward and placed a sum at their disposal which, in a short time, would reach \$25,000. One gentleman, a member of the Episcopal Church, had secured them \$400 annually, which capitalized made \$6,400; and another gentleman belonging to the other branch of the Presbyterian Church had guaranteed them \$100 annually, besides \$1000 towards the endowment. At Ottawa, they met with the most manifest generosity, and they had been assured that more might be expected if required. He believed they were now in a position to say they could realize \$35,000, although only those places were visited. He went on by detailing the subscriptions, of which \$26,500 were given in the two first places visited. This did not include the smaller sums subscribed. The young were among the donors, while as the rich gave liberally, the poor gave what they could. Since he came to the city he had received a telegram that an additional subscription of \$1,000 had been obtained in Ottawa; and it was by such means as this that the sum required would be raised and the College supported. They besides proposed to found scholarships. Subscriptions of \$500 would entitle the giver to a nomination in perpetuity; and at Ottawa, several contributions of five hundred dollars each, were obtained; and six or eight thousand dollars are yet expected to be contributed by friends of the College in the capital of the Dominion. About \$50,000 have been realized in all.

—PRESENTATION TO HON. DR. ROLPH.—Recently a most gratifying meeting of the Students of Victoria College was held at Yorkville, to present to the Hon. and venerable Dr. Rolph, an address accompanied by a most beautiful Oil Painting of the Dean. The reply was very touching, especially that part of it in which he thus refers to himself and his past career. He says: "Forget not that I am only one among the talented and highly gifted Professors who have by their teaching promoted the prosperity of the department, and shed an acknowledged lustre over it. Most happy shall I be to continue with them, your teacher, till the flame of life flickers deeper and deeper in its socket, and to go along with you in your honorable career, and share your unremitting labors in pushing onward and upward to the consummation of your high reward. It is a difficult task to answer your reference to political events which naturally glow in the hearts of 'Young Canada,' triumphing as they well may, in the great struggles and sad events which resulted in the establishment of the many constitutional principles upon which the new Dominion is now in process of erection. On an occasion like the present, I may be excused for saying little, although I feel more. The journals of Parliament alone contain imperishable memorials of the fame of those good and worthy men to whose efforts you are indebted for so great a boon."

## X. Departmental Notices.

### TRUSTEES' SCHOOL MANUAL.

In reply to numerous applications for the Trustees' School Manual, we desire to intimate that as the edition of the Manual of 1864 is exhausted, no new edition will be issued until February or March. Parties desiring copies will please therefore defer sending for them until that time.

## INTERCOMMUNICATIONS IN THE "JOURNAL."

As already intimated, a department is always reserved in the *Journal of Education* for letters and inter-communications between Local Superintendents, School Trustees and Teachers, on any subject of general interest relating to education in the Province. As no personal or party discussions have, ever since the establishment of the *Journal*, appeared in its columns, no letter or communication partaking of either character can be admitted to its pages; but, within this salutary restriction, the utmost freedom is allowed. Long letters are not desirable; but terse and pointed communications of moderate length on school management, discipline, progress, teaching, or other subject of general interest are always acceptable, and may be made highly useful in promoting the great object for which this *Journal* was established.

## TABLET READING LESSONS.

The new Tablet Reading Lessons, consisting of thirty-three large sheets, can be obtained at the Depository at 75 cts. per set; at \$1.00, free of postage; or \$4.50, mounted on cardboard.

## FOUR KINDS OF LIBRARIES WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS.

"The Public School Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the Institutions of the Province."—LORD ELGIN.

"Had I the power I would scatter Libraries over the whole land, as the sower sows his seed."—HORACE MANN.

Under the regulations of the Department, each County Council can establish *four classes* of libraries in their Municipality, as follows. City, Town, Village, and Township Councils can establish the first three classes, and School Trustees either of the first and third classes.

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2. A *General Public Lending Library*, available to all the rate payers of the Municipality.

3. A *Professional Library* of books on teaching, school organization, language and kindred subjects, available to teachers alone.

4. A Library in any *Public Institution*, under the control of the Municipality, for the use of the inmates, or in the *County Jail*, for the use of the prisoners.

We cannot too strongly urge upon School Trustees, the importance and even the necessity of providing, (especially during the autumn and winter months,) suitable reading books for the pupils in their school, either as prizes or in libraries. Having given the pupils a taste for reading and general knowledge, they should provide some agreeable and practical means of gratifying it.

## 3. PROFESSIONAL BOOKS SUPPLIED TO LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEACHERS.

In the catalogue are given the net prices at which the books and school requisites enumerated therein may be obtained by the Public Educational Institutions of Upper Canada, from the Depository in connection with the Department. In each case, cash must accompany the order sent.

Text-books must be paid for at the full catalogue price. Colleges and Private schools will be supplied with any of the articles mentioned in the catalogue at the prices stated. Local Superintendents and Teachers will also be supplied, on the same terms, with such educational works as relate to the duties of their profession.

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