

It appears from the *Publisher's Weekly* that in 1883 three thousand four hundred and eighty-one books were issued; in 1884 four thousand and eighty-eight. One-fourth of the latter is fiction.

THE attendance in the public schools of England is shown by a recent report to have risen within a few years from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000, and as a result the number of juvenile criminals has diminished considerably.

OUT of a population of 25,000,000, England sends 5,000 students to her universities; Scotland, with a population of 4,000,000, has 6,500 students; and Germany, with 48,000,000, has 22,500 students in its various universities.

A UNIVERSITY is to be opened in Iceland next year, also an American College at Shanghai, China. Chicago University will likely be closed, owing to financial difficulties. Alabama University is so full that she is compelled to refuse application until more accommodation is furnished.

IN 1866, out of 104 head masterships of High Schools, sixteen were from Toronto, three from Victoria, five from Queen's, four from Trinity, and seventy-six classed as miscellaneous. In 1885, out of 103, fifty-eight are from Toronto, twenty from Victoria (and Albert), twelve from Queen's, nine from Trinity, four classed as miscellaneous. Should Victoria enter confederation the new University will certainly have an overwhelming influence in the schools, though Queen's does not seem to suffer much from her small number of representatives in the schools.

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Let us, by all wise and constitutional means, promote intelligence among the people as the best means of preserving our liberties.—*Monroe*.

KNOWLEDGE carries with it influence over the minds of others, and this influence is power.—*General John A. Dix*.