

—CONVOCACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MCGILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.—  
This Assembly took place on the 4th May. The Convocation Hall was crowded with a large and fashionable audience, and the friends of the University and of the graduates.

The Hon. C. D. Day, President of the Board of Governors, occupied the chair. W. B. Lambe, Esq., B.C.L., was elected Fellow to represent the Graduates in Law; T. W. Jones, Esq., M.D., Fellow to represent the Graduates in Medicine; and B. Chamberlain, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., to represent the Graduates in Arts.

The following is a list of those who took the degree of B.A., and the prize men and honor men in the Faculty of Arts:—Messrs. James Kirby, James L. Mason, Corydon J. Mattice, William Morris, and Edson Kemp received the degree of B.A.

The following gentlemen received the degree of Graduate in Civil Engineering:—McLennan, Barnston, B.A., (Chapman Medallist of 1857,) and Crawford. Mr. James Kirby won the Chapman Medal, the highest honor to be won by a Graduate in Arts.

The following gentlemen received the degree of B.C.L.:—Zepherin Gauthier, F. J. Damase Ricard, Charles Ambroise Pariseault, Edson Kemp, B.A., Robert A. Leach, B.A., John L. Morris, Telesphore LaRose and John Robert McLaren. The degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred on the following gentlemen:—Andrew W. Hamilton, Irvine Bogart, William Rumsey, Robert W. Carrol, Linus O. Thayer, Edward W. Smith, Philippe Giroux, Stephen Wright, William M. H. King, James McIntosh, George W. Hurlbert, E. G. Provost, E. J. Roberts, James Stephenson, J. J. O'Dea, W. A. Duckett, Samuel Street Macklem, Thomas Keeler, Samuel Arthur Carter, John Rambaut, Walker H. Marr and Patrick O'Leary.—*Gazette.*

## XI. Departmental Notices.

### NOTICE TO GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERS.

The vacations in the Model Grammar School have been lately altered so as to allow an opportunity to Grammar School Masters of visiting the school during their own vacations. The sessions, will in future, extend from the Monday after Easter until the fourth Friday in July, and from the Monday following the end of a seven weeks' vacation from that day until the 22nd of December. On the 7th of January the School again resumes.

### NORMAL SCHOOL.

The present session of the Normal School closed on the 22nd June. The next session of the school will commence on the 8th August. Application for admission should be made in person not later than the first week of the session.

### POSTAGE REDUCED ON TRUSTEES' RETURNS.

The Hon. the Postmaster General has recently issued the following circular notice to Postmasters in Upper Canada: "The Half-Yearly School Returns made by School Trustees to the Local Superintendents of Schools, may, though the printed form be partly filled up with the names of the pupils and the days of attendance, in writing, be transmitted by Post, in Canada, as printed papers, at one half-penny each, to be prepaid by Stamps."

### DELIVERY OF THE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.

#### SUGGESTIONS TO LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Numerous complaints having reached this Department of the non-receipt at various Post Offices of the *Journal of Education*, application has been made to the Post Master General's Department to have the evil remedied. The Post Office authorities express their willingness to co-operate in the matter, and a circular notice has been issued on the subject. As several Post Masters are at a loss how best to facilitate the delivery of the *Journal* to the School Corporations to which they are addressed, we would suggest to the various Local Superintendents that it might be well for them to confer with the several Post Masters in their neighbourhood, and afford them every information in their power as to the proper localities and parties to whom the *Journal* should be delivered. It will still go free of postage.

### SCHOOL MANUALS AND HALF-YEARLY RETURNS.

During last month, a Supply of School Manuals and Half-Yearly Returns were sent to the County Clerks, for gratuitous distribution by the Local Superintendents to the various rural Trustee Corporations. The Manuals for Cities and Towns, and for Grammar Schools are not yet ready for distribution.

### SCHOOL REGISTERS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Grammar and Common 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 2nd day of August, 1859, at the County Court House, City of Toronto; at Richmond Hill, and at the Village of 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 Trustees.

JOHN JENNINGS, D.D.,  
Chairman.

County Council Office,  
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