

June, in London. Each scholarship is to be £50 sterling per annum (a sum sufficient to support a student at a London medical school), and to last three years.—It is stated that the Queen has appropriated £2,500 of the profits arising from the sale of the "Leaves from a Journal of our Life in the Highlands," to establishing school and college bursaries for the benefit of well-deserving scholars in the district round Balmoral.—A meeting of resident graduates has been held at Oxford to consider the question of the abolition of university tests. Eighty gentlemen were present. The Dean of Christ Church was in the chair, and the speakers included the Principal of Brasenose, Professor Jovett, Sir Benjamin Brodie, the President of Trinity, and others. The feeling of the meeting seems to have been precisely the same as that shown at Cambridge, that the time for permissive legislation has gone by. The two resolutions adopted expressed thanks to Sir John Coleridge for his exertions in the cause, adding that, in the opinion of the meeting, it was now necessary to make the abolition of tests compulsory; and it was resolved to seek an interview with the Prime Minister, and urge him to lend the support of the Government to a Bill which shall prohibit the imposition of tests, not only upon graduates of the universities, but also upon fellows of the colleges. The opponents of the abolition of tests at Cambridge are getting up a counter memorial to the one adopted at the meeting held last week.—The extent to which the new catalogue of the Bodleian Library at Oxford will run may be estimated from the fact that the letters B, C and G fill sixty, sixty-five and thirty-five volumes respectively. The number of printed volumes at present in the Bodleian Library may be estimated at 350,000, and the manuscript volumes at 25,000.

—SCIENTIFIC ITEMS.—A marble cenotaph to the memory of the distinguished astronomer, the Earl of Rosse, has just been erected in the church at Parsonstown, Ireland. The inscription says: "He was renowned in the loftiest range of science, and he revealed to mankind by the unrivaled creation of his genius a wider vision of the glory of God."—A committee consisting of Sir R. Murchison, Sir John Herschel, Sir Henry James, and other gentlemen, has been formed for the purpose of carrying out a survey of the peninsular of Mount Sinai, with a view to determine the line of march of the Israelites and the true mountain of the Law.—The Norwegian zoologist Esmark, who explored Brazil twenty years ago, is fitting out a new exploring expedition, the funds for which are supplied by the University of Christiania.—Miss Burdett Coutts suggests a systematic education for the humane treatment of animals.—Rev. Messrs. Laverdiere and Casgrain, of the Quebec Seminary, who have been engaged for some time past in historical researches upon the old residence of Sillery, have just discovered the remains of Father Edmond Masse, a Jesuit, who was one of the first missionaries of New France. After having defined the exact position of the old chapel, and clearing away the rubbish from the foundations, which still remain in a perfect state of preservation, they continued their investigations into the choir, where they found the body of this venerable missionary, which has lain there for two centuries and a quarter.

VIII. Departmental Notices.

LIST OF AUTHORIZED TEXT BOOKS.

(Sanctioned by the Council of Public Instruction for use in the Grammar Schools of Ontario.)

NOTE.—In the following list some books are *prescribed* under the authority of the fifteenth section of the Consolidated Grammar School Act, and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, and others are *recommended*. The use of the books *recommended* is discretionary with the Board of Trustees. The Council has decided that the books on English subjects authorized for Grammar Schools may also be used in Common Schools.

I. LATIN.

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED :

- Harkness's New Series, viz. :
1. An Introductory Latin Book. By Albert Harkness, Ph. D.
 2. A Latin Reader, intended as a Companion to the Author's Latin Grammar. By Albert Harkness, Ph. D.
 3. A Latin Grammar for Schools and Colleges. By Albert Harkness, Ph. D.

If preferred, the following may be used instead of the above series :
Arnold's First and Second Latin Book and Practical Grammar, revised and corrected. By J. A. Spencer, D. D.

A Smaller Grammar of the Latin Language. By William Smith, LL.D.

LATIN DICTIONARY RECOMMENDED : (See note above.)

- A Latin-English and English-Latin Dictionary. By Charles Anthon, LL.D., or,
The Young Scholar's Latin-English and English-Latin Dictionary. By Joseph Esmond Riddle, M. A.

II. GREEK.

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED :

A First Greek Book, comprising an outline of Grammar and an Introductory Reader. By Albert Harkness, Ph. D.

A smaller Grammar of the Greek Language, abridged from the larger Grammar of Dr. George Curtius.

GREEK LEXICON RECOMMENDED : (See note above.)

Liddell and Scott's Greek-English Lexicon.

III. ANCIENT HISTORY, CLASSICAL GEOGRAPHY, AND ANTIQUITIES.

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED :

A Manual of Ancient History. By Dr. Leonhard Schmitz
First Steps in Classical Geography. By Prof. James Pillans.

CLASSICAL DICTIONARIES, &C., RECOMMENDED : (See note above.)

A Classical Dictionary of Biography, Mythology and Geography. By William Smith, LL.D.

A Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities. By William Smith, LL.D., or,

A Classical Dictionary. By Charles Anthon, LL. D.

A Manual of Roman Antiquities. By Charles Anthon, LL.D.

A Manual of Greek Antiquities. By Charles Anthon, LL.D.

IV. FRENCH.

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED :

The Grammar of French Grammars. By Dr. V. De Fivas, M. A.

An Introduction to the French Language. By De Fivas.

History of Charles XII, of Sweden. By Voltaire.

Horace : A Tragedy. By Corneille.

A Complete Dictionary of the French and English Languages. By Gabriel Surenne. Spier's New Abridged Edition.

V. ENGLISH.*

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED :

The Canadian National Series of Reading Books. (Authorized edition.)

The Spelling Book, A Companion to the Readers. (Authorized edition.)

Miller's Analytical and Practical English Grammar. (Authorized edition.)

An English Grammar for Junior Classes. By H. W. Davies, B.D. (Authorized edition.)

A History of English Literature, in a Series of Biographical Sketches. By William Francis Collier, LL.D.

VI. ARITHMETIC AND MATHEMATICS.

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED :

National Arithmetic in Theory and Practice. By J. H. Sangster, M.A., M.D. (Authorized edition.)

Elementary Arithmetic for Canadian Schools. By the Rev. Bernard Smith, M.A., and Archibald McMurchy, M.A.

Elements of Algebra. Todhunter's or Sangster's.

Euclid's Elements of Geometry. Pott's or Todhunter's.

VII. MODERN GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

TEXT BOOKS PRESCRIBED :

Lovell's General Geography. (Authorized edition.) By J. George Hodgins, LL.B., F.R.G.S.

Easy Lessons in General Geography. By ditto. (Authorized edition.)

A School History of the British Empire. By William Francis Collier, LL.D.

A History of Canada, and of the other British Provinces of North America. By J. George Hodgins, LL.B., F.R.G.S.

Outlines of General History. By Wm. Francis Collier, LL.D.

TEXT BOOK RECOMMENDED :

The Great Events of History. By Wm. Francis Collier, LL.D.

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