

amount given to the Inspectors and to increase the salaries of the teachers, a most righteous and just measure. It is often a matter of wonder to English-speaking Canadians that some patriotic French-Canadian does not take up in earnest the matter of popular education—a most arduous and extensive field of labor.

It is said that the new Government has reduced the salary of the Hon. Mr. Ouimet, Superintendent of Education, to \$3,000 per annum, making it the same as the ministers themselves.

The examination of candidates for admission to the Study of Medicine took place in Montreal on the 2nd and 3rd of May, before the Board of Examiners appointed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. The examiners were Rev. Mr. Laflamme, of Quebec Seminary; Mr. Miller, of Quebec High School; Rev. Mr. Verreault, of Jacques Cartier Normal School; and Dr. Howe, of Montreal High School. Out of 24 candidates 5 were rejected. The successful candidates are said to have acquitted themselves better than those of former years—owing probably to the fact that specified portions of the Greek and Latin authors appointed for examination had been indicated beforehand. The translation of the Greek and Latin (First Book of the Anabasis and First Book of the Æneid) was into English or French, at the option of the candidate.

On May the 15th, the remains of Laval, first Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec, were removed with imposing ceremony to the Seminary Chapel. This is certainly a very appropriate resting place for the relics of the founder of the Quebec Seminary. Of all the labors of this ardent champion of the rights of the Church, the Seminary of Quebec is one of the most important and enduring. Arriving in Canada in 1659, he founded the Seminary of Quebec in 1663, and the "Petit Seminaire" or College de Quebec in 1668. This last was an elementary School from which students passed to the Jesuit College for a classical education, and from this to the Seminary again for theology. Laval also founded a school for boys at Chateau Richer, in the County, which bears his name—Montmorenci. To the Seminary he bequeathed his property. In 1852, the Seminary founded the Laval University. The value of the buildings occupied by these three institutions is estimated at \$400,000.

On the same day the Catholic Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Quebec arrived in the ancient capital, and attended a meeting of the Council of Public Instruction.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The chief event of the past month has been the closing Convocation of Dalhousie College. Rev. Principal Ross, D.D., who has in great part recovered his health, presided. Professor Macdonald, Secretary of the Faculty, prefaced his reading of the list of undergraduates who had passed the session at examinations and obtained University distinctions, with a few remarks on the harmony and good feeling that had characterized the relations of the professors and students. Eight gentlemen, Messrs. John A. Cairns, John H. Cameron, John L. George, James A. McKenzie, Geo. W. Munro, Edmund L. Newcombe, Anderson Rogers, and Alfred Whiteman, were admitted to the degree of B.A., and five, Messrs. W. G. Archibald, J. C. Herdman, L. H. Jordan, A. McLeod, and A. J. Trueman, to the degree of M.A. Mr. Trueman, who has for some time past ably filled the position of Inspector of Schools in Portland, N.B., delivered a brief address, in the course of which he adverted to the value and thoroughness of the training given at Dalhousie College. Hon. G. C. Hill, D.C.L., Premier of Nova Scotia, also spoke, and alluded to the entrance into the Government of the Province of Hon. D. C. Fraser, a Dalhousie graduate. Sir William Young, Chief Justice, President of the Board of Governors, stated that the prospects of the College were brighter than they had ever been, and suggested the propriety of giving degrees in Science. The chief University prizes were carried off this year as follows:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIZE, awarded to the best student in the Mathematics of the second year, Albert E. Thomson.

ELECTION PRIZES, given by Sir William Young, Kt.; 1st (\$20), James A. Sedgewick, Musquodoboit; 2nd (\$10), Duncan Cameron, St. Mary's.

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY'S BURSARY (\$60 annually for two years), for the best average in the second year, Albert E. Thomson.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRIZES.—3rd year,—1st, Roderick McKay; 2nd, Isaac M. McLean;—1st year,—James S. Trueman; 2nd, Graham Creelman.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDALS.—Gold Medal, John L. George; Silver Medal, John H. Cameron.

The Senate of Dalhousie College have presented Sir Wm. Young, their President, with an oil painting of himself by William Barratt, a young Halifax artist. The portrait will be placed in the College Library.

J. J. Mackenzie, Esq., Ph. D., who occupied the post of Lecturer on Physics at Dalhousie during the past winter, has gone to Germany to continue his original researches under Helmholtz and Kirchhoff.

Rev. D. Patterson, author of "Memoirs of Johnson and Mattheson," has presented copies of his book to all the Dalhousie students.

The criticism of Wordsworth, in the April number of Belford's Monthly, was from the pen of Professor Lyall, of Halifax.

Mr. Norman E. McKay, of Baddeck, C.B., has passed the first M.B. Examination of the University of Halifax, taking honours in every subject.

The High School building in Halifax is progressing very satisfactorily.

Mr. J. A. McCabe, M.A., has published a fifth edition of his English Grammar; it is a great improvement on former editions.

This month, June, three of the Colleges in this Province close for the year; Mount Allison first, the Acadia, and King's last.

Two mistresses of the Board School at Moreton Hampstead, Eng., have resigned, rather than agree to a resolution abolishing corporal punishment in the schools.

The Goldsmiths' Company of London, Eng., with a view to encouragement of technical education in the design and execution of works of art in the precious metals, propose to give annual prizes of £50 for the best design and £50 for the best model of some article in gold and silver, and £25 for the best execution and workmanship of some such article, besides other prizes. A scholarship of £100 per annum is to be given to a student who shows exceptional talent, and who has secured a prize for design for three successive years, to enable him to study art in precious metals on the continent.

Compulsory religious instruction in the public schools of Genoa, Italy, has been abolished by the city authorities.

Oxford has put a new premium on scholarship. The Very Rev. the Vice-Chancellor has decreed that, according to the statutes, no one in the University below the degree of Master of Arts is allowed to keep a dog.

### Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

#### NORTH YORK.

The Regular Meeting of the above Association will be held in the 1st Division Room, Newmarket Model School, on Friday, June 21st, and Saturday, June 22nd. J. M. Buchan, Esq., M.A., High School Inspector has kindly consented to be present. He will make some remarks on the teaching of English Literature or Grammar, or perhaps both. A public meeting will be held in the evening (likely) in the Temperance Hall, when Mr. Buchan will deliver a lecture on "Poetry and Politics." The other subjects in the Programme will be as follows:—Arithmetic—1st Class Examination, July 1877, Mr. Terry; 2nd Class Examination, December, 1877, Mr. F. Haight. Analysis—Goldsmith's "Deserted Village," Book V., page 386, from "Near Yonder Copse," &c., 40 lines, Mr. More; History, Mr. Seymour; Composition, Mr. Fotheringham; Algebra—Teaching to beginners, Mr. Jones; English Literature, Grammar, Mr. Buchan. W. Rennie, Secretary; D. Fotheringham, President.

#### NORTH HASTINGS.

The North Hastings Teachers' Association will hold its next meeting in Madoc Town Hall, on June 8th, at 10 a.m. Subjects for discussion:—1. Method of Teaching Writing, Mr. Morton; 2. Method of Teaching Fractions, Mr. Mackintosh; 3. Method of Teaching Elementary Grammar, Miss Riddell; 4. Method of Teaching Elementary Reading, Mr. Mackintosh; 5. Analysis and Parsing, Mr. Curtis; 6. Public School Examinations, Mr. Fuller. Readings are expected from several members. W. Mackintosh, President.

#### MUSKOKA.

The next regular meeting of this association will be held in Bracebridge, on Thursday and Friday, 20th and 21st June. The Hon. Adam Crooks, LL.D., Minister of Education for Ontario, will be present. J. A. McLellan, LL.D., Inspector of High Schools, and J. H. Sangster, M.A., M.D., have been invited. Programme: Thursday—9 a.m. English Grammar, H. Reazin, I.P.S., and Rev. J. Clarke; 10 a.m. The Potential Mood, A. McGill; 11. Geography, T. White; 1. Organization Meeting; 2. English History, J. Drummond; 3. English Literature, Rev. A. Findlay; 4. Euclid, Rev. J. S. Cole, P.A. Friday—9. Reading, T. Clapham; 10. Journalism in Relation to Education, W. E. Hamilton, B.A., T.C.D.; 11. Hygiene, S. Bridgland, M.D.; 2. Mental Arithmetic, H. Reazin, I.P.S.; 3. Question Box, Committee. A public lecture will be delivered on Thursday evening, by H. Reazin, I.P.S., or one of the gentlemen above named. J. C. Morgan, Esq., I.P.S. for Simcoe, has also promised to be present, if possible. Both days will be allowed all teachers of Muskoka who attend, as extra