

debted to the intelligence, the singleness of purpose, and the untiring industry with which the Chief Superintendent of Schools is devoting himself to his very important avocation; in connection with the generous and enlightened liberality of the government and the community.

In the number and extent of school libraries, we are greatly exceeded by our friends in the States; but they are beginning to be introduced among us, and will, we hope, ere long, become universal.

Our facilities are increasing in the higher departments of education, as well as the more common. To the number of our grammar schools, considerable additions are, as we have already seen, being made; and we have occasion to know that their general improvement, with the placing of their advantages within more easy reach of the community, is engaging the anxious attention of those, (not a few of them at all events,) entrusted with their management.

Our Provincial University, with its staff of well qualified professors, to which important additions are being made, is now too holding out a first-class education to the youth of the country, at a charge little more than nominal—a boon of which, I trust, they will show their appreciation by the extent to which they shall avail themselves of it.

Though a denominational institution, Trinity College claims also to be mentioned here as augmenting the facilities for education in the higher departments, professional and general. Queen's and Victoria Colleges, already noticed, may again be named in this connection as increasing these facilities.

In Canada East, the Directory for 1851 (p. 554), reports, besides the high-schools of Montreal and Quebec (institutions of a high order) and certain academies in the eastern townships: nine colleges, with an attendance of 1500 pupils—exclusive of the seminaries of Quebec and Montreal, the former of which numbers twenty-two professors, with 385 students; the latter eighteen professors, and 250 students. Quebec has also a Historical and Montreal a Natural History Society, both excellent institutions; to which is to be added McGill College, which possesses, we believe, university powers. A list, confessedly incomplete, is furnished in the Directory (p. 555) of Libraries in the different parts of the Province containing an aggregate of 43,296 volumes. The largest number reported in any one library is 10,000—that of the Montreal Seminary, and the next 8000—being that of the Montreal College.