

to revert to the system of scholarships in the Central School, which had been somewhat prematurely established in the Schools of Design. These scholarships will be open to competition to the advanced students of all the local schools, and the holders of them will have the opportunity of making practical use of the collections of the Art Museum.

In 1862, 8896 children of poor schools in London were taught through the agency of the Central School, and the total number of all classes who received instruction was 11,222, being a small decrease on the previous year; which may be ascribed partly to the action of the New Code of the Educational Department, and partly to the distractions of the International Exhibition.

The total number of Schools of Art throughout the United Kingdom is 90.

In the central schools 15,908 persons received instruction during the past year, compared with 15,483 in 1861.

In the public schools 71,423 were taught, compared with 76,303 in 1863.

The results of the examination in drawing of the Diocesan and other Training Colleges are as follow:—

	1860.	1861.	1862.
Number examined,	2721	2813	2863
Number passed,	1600	1523	1660
Number of certificates,	79	122	147

Payments on results have for the last ten years formed part of the system by which masters have been remunerated, and the working of the system has been such as to justify its complete adoption. We have accordingly prepared minutes extending the application of this principle to all the instruction given in or through the means of the Art schools. These minutes will also tend to restrict the aid of the State to those classes that are unable to provide such education for themselves.

Aid by Examples was given on 121 requisitions from Art schools and classes, to the amount of £190, 0s. 3½d. In 1861 the amount was £305 15s. 4d. on 203 requisitions, and in 1860, £417, 14s. 9d. The gradual but healthy reduction referred to in our last Report has therefore been maintained.

The grand total of persons taught drawing through the agency of the Department, and the fees paid, etc., during the last three years have been as follow:—

Numbers taught, ..	89,481	91,886	87,389
Fees paid, ..	£17,221 6 8½	£17,903 1 3	£18,017 10 6

The Art Library was attended by 7592 readers, including 638 subscribers.

The visitors to the Museum were more than double the number of those of any previous year. This is attributable partly to the influx of visitors to the International Exhibition, and partly to the popularity of the exhibition of Art Loans at the South Kensington Museum. The number of visitors during each year since the opening have been as follow:—

1858,	456,288	1861,	604,550
1859,	475,365	1862,	1,241,369
1860,	610,696		

8. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—In England and Scotland 2430 square miles were surveyed during the year. In 1861 the area surveyed amounted to 1430.

The survey of Ireland also exhibits an increased area over that of the previous year; about 1028 square miles of new ground were surveyed, and 1513 linear miles of boundary lines traced; besides readjustments of 387 square miles, and 650 miles of boundary.

Maps on both the one-inch and the six-inch scale, sections, and memoirs, have been prepared and issued. The sale of these publications exhibits a large increase, and shows that a public want is thus supplied.

4. EXPENDITURE.—

Science and Art Department, South Kensington, including general management,	£97,392 4 4
Schools of Science and Geological Museum, Jermyn Street,	£6,660 8 8
Geological Surveys of the United Kingdom,	9,922 13 8
Industrial Museum, Scotland,	2,112 18 2
Royal Hibernian Academy	300 0 0
Museum of Irish Industry,	4,769 19 8
Royal Dublin Society,	7,017 0 0
	30,772 18 11
	£128,165 8 3

VII. Departmental Notices.

NO PENSIONS TO COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools, or Teachers of the English branches in Grammar Schools, who are legally qualified Common School Teachers in Upper Canada, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent, if they have not already done so, their subscriptions, at the rate of \$5 per annum for each preceding year, commencing with 1854, and at the rate of \$4 per annum for the current year's subscription. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "That no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of one pound per annum." No pension will be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund, in accordance to the preceding regulations of the Council of Public Instruction.

SCHOOL REGISTERS SUPPLIED THROUGH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Common and Separate 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 have also been sent to the County Clerk, and will be supplied direct to the head Masters, upon application to the Clerk.

POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, or a Local Superintendent, and which are made upon the printed blank forms furnished by the Educational Department, must be pre-paid, at the rate of one cent, and be open to inspection, so as to entitle them to pass through the post as printed papers. No letters should be enclosed with such returns. A neglect to observe this regulation has repeatedly subjected this Department to an unnecessary charge of 14 cts. and 21 cts. on each package, including the Post-office fine of nearly fifty per cent. for non-payment.

INDISTINCT POST MARKS.

We receive, in the course of the year, a number of letters on which the post marks are very indistinct, or altogether omitted. These marks are often so important, that Postmasters would do well to see that the requirements of the Post-office Department, in relation to stamping the post-mark on letters is carefully attended to.

PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the new Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post, must be pre-paid by the sender, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will therefore please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the Customs duty on copyright books, as may be necessary.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, SCHOOL MAPS, &c. &c.

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 Public Library Books, Prize Books, 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