

SWITZERLAND.—The late revolution in Geneva awakened some painful apprehensions in our mind, but our want of definite knowledge of the complexion of political parties in that country, kept us in uncertainty as to the religious bearing of the outbreak. A correspondent of the New Orleans Protestant, in a letter from Geneva in October last, represents the tendency of the revolution as unfavourable to evangelization. He says:—

"But I pity the Evangelical Christians. There is a dark day dawning for them. As soon as the change was made, one of them was knocked down in the street. Two more passing by, were along with him. 'Ah! there go the hypocrites; we will soon get rid of them.' Others have kept their houses all day, not daring to show their faces in the street. The good and wise among us are greatly troubled. It was the very best men in the Republic who were at the head of affairs. It must pass now into the hands of inferior men, and what changes they will make none can tell. Many fear that the Evangelical ministers will be driven from their pulpits, and insulted as they were in De Vaul. God only knows, and to him the affair is committed. He reigns omnipotent and laughs at the rage of men."

"It is also feared that the Theological School will be broken up. It will be, if the party can accomplish it; though, what is most singular, the President of the administration at this moment is the professor of Greek in the preparatory department of the Theological School, M. Belant. He was not a radical, but a conservative. If the preservation of religious liberty depended upon him it would be safe, but it is feared that even if he remains in office, his power will be very small."

TORONTO ACADEMY.

Our readers are no doubt aware that an Academy was opened in Ontario Terrace, Toronto, in September last. We extract from the Prospectus, which was issued by the Directors, the following view of the object and plan of the Institution:—

"It has long been the impression of many citizens of Toronto, that a superior Preparatory School, for the different branches of Useful Knowledge, on a liberal principle, but with a decidedly religious tendency, is greatly needed; and circumstances have lately occurred, peculiarly favourable to the establishment of such a school.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, having fixed their Theological Seminary at Toronto, under the name of "Knox's College," were of opinion, that an institution for the preliminary instruction of their young men, was absolutely necessary; and they resolved, that while such an institution should be set up, it should not be limited to candidates for Theological study, but made accessible to young persons generally.

The institution thus originated, embraces two departments—a day-school for Elementary, Classical, and Commercial Education; and a boarding-house for young persons from the country, whose parents may desire to avail themselves of such education for their families.

The plan having been submitted to persons of respectability and influence in the city, has been cordially approved by them, and a Guarantee Fund, to a liberal extent, provided—the Subscribers to which, are entitled to exercise a controul over the management, by means of a Committee of their number, annually chosen, to co-operate with a Committee of the same extent named by the Synod.

The following are the branches to be taught, and the terms of boarding and tuition:—

1. Elementary Instruction, including English Reading and Spelling, Writing, and Primary Lessons in Arithmetic, Geography, and the Latin Language—*Three Dollars per Quarter.*

2. Classical and Commercial Departments, including English in all its details, Reading, Recitation, Grammar, Composition; Arithmetic, theoretical and practical; Book-keeping; the Elements of Geometry, Trigonometry, Mensuration, Algebra; Geography and History, Ancient and Modern; Latin and Greek Languages and Literature—*Five Dollars per Quarter.*

3. The higher Mathematical pursuits, together with the more advanced Classics; French and other Modern Languages; Drawing, and other accomplishments—to be charged according to circumstances.

Board, with the Principal—*Two Dollars per Week*, besides a private charge for Washing. A small charge will be made on Pupils in both departments, during winter months, for Fuel—perhaps Half-a-Dollar each."

It will be gratifying to our readers to know that the character of the Summary is designed to be decidedly religious and moral—based on Christian principles—while no effort will be spared to keep pace with the growing demand for sound Literature and Science:

"The character which it is designed to give to the Academy and Boarding House, is that of an Institution thoroughly imbued with Christian influences, and divested of all sectarian feelings. The course of Scripture Instruction will be commenced from the beginning, and carried on throughout, so that, at the close of the course, the youth may be thoroughly acquainted with every part of the Book of God, and with the History of Nations, as illustrative of Divine truth.

"In addition to the Devotional Exercises conducted, and the Religious Instruction communicated in the Institution, it will be the constant aim of those in charge, to give a Christian character to the whole of the Studies—holding up continually the Word of God as the great standard of truth and righteousness; and endeavouring in all things to keep the mind of the Pupil fixed on the great end of his being.

"The great aim will be to infuse into the Pupils individually, and as a body, Christian principles and feelings, so as to lead them, by the Divine blessing, to act under the influence of these, not only in school, but out of it; and if all who have the charge of the Institution shall, as it is hoped, be thoroughly imbued with such influences, and are enabled to keep them in active and habitual exercise, in their own hearts, the friends and patrons of this Institution are persuaded that very much more may be accomplished than is usual in Schools, to elevate the moral character of young men."

From the opening of the Academy to the commencement of Christmas recess, 75 pupils have been enrolled, and 37 boarders have been in the establishment.

A private examination of the classes by the Directors was held on the 24th December; the result of which was most satisfactory.

The following is the list of teachers and managers:—

Principal Master—The Rev. Alexander Gale, A. M. *First Assistant*—The Rev. Mr. Wightmac. *Second Assistant*—Mr. Thomas Henning. *French Master*—M. Des Landes.

Managers—Rev. Dr. Burns, *Chairman*; Rev. Professor Eason, Rev. William Hinton, Rev. James Harris, Rev. Alexander Gale; Messrs. Jno. McMurrich, J. F. Westland, Samuel Spreule, E. D. Gilbert, W. M. Gorn, John Thompson, Alexander Badenach, Peter Freeland, Alexander McGlashan.

All applications for admission to the Academy, either for education or board, to be made by letter or otherwise, to the Rev. Alexander Gale, Principal of the Academy, Toronto.

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Pevon congregation Rev. Mr. Hamilton, -	3 10 0
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Sept. 26. Received from a member of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal - - -	5 10 0
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Cote Street Church, Montreal - - -	13 15 1
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