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### Editorial Notes.

A PARTIAL return given by some of our American exchanges shows that during the past year forty-two American colleges had their endowments increased by \$3,675,000. A striking testimony to the excellency of the voluntary system in higher education.

A CORRESPONDENT calls our attention to the fact that in our report of the meetings of the Public School Section of the Provincial Teachers' Association in last issue, in summarizing the recommendation of the Committee on Entrance Examinations, the words, "High" and "Public" are interchanged. The report should read, "There being at least as many Public as High school teachers on each Examining Board." The necessity for the correction is obvious.

WE have much pleasure in again calling the attention of our readers, and especially of all teachers of primary classes, to our "Primary Department." The instalment in this issue will be found to contain excellent hints and suggestions on several points of great importance in connection with the management and teaching of primary classes. The editors of this department intend to establish a "Query Box," and will be glad to receive and answer, to the best of their ability, questions having relation to any matters which come properly within the limits of this department.

BY the time this issue of the JOURNAL is in the hands of its readers the Industrial Exhibition in this city will be in full operation. The indications at the date of writing are that it will surpass all its predecessors in both the extent and the quality of the products exhibited. The exhibits are, we believe, full and complete in every department, the only cause for regret being that, notwithstanding that almost every available space on the large grounds is now occupied with buildings, some applications from would-be exhibitors have had to be refused for want of room. Meanwhile the Exhibition is, as will be admitted on all hands, incomparably the best for all commercial and educational purposes to be seen in Canada, if not on this Continent. It is to be hoped that teachers and pupils from all parts of the country will be able to avail themselves of the opportunity and spend a day or two in making themselves acquainted with the state of agricultural, manufacturing and scientific industry, not only in this Province, but throughout the Dominion, as every Province is represented.

THE attention of the musically-inclined amongst our readers is invited to the advertisement of the Toronto College of Music, in this number. The past season gave practical proof of the excellent results of the work done in every department of the College. The teachers are thinking and earnest men whose minds and ideas have been expanded in the art centres of Europe, while the principal and really important features of the leading schools of England, Berlin, Vienna and Leipsic are, it is claimed, incorporated in the system of the College. In the Organ Department the students have exceptional facilities as regards lessons and practice, owing to the presence in the College Hall of a large three-manual pipe organ, built for the institution by Messrs. Warren. Among the special announcements for next season are the following honors, to be awarded among the pupils: A gold medal, for general proficiency in music, and open to all students at the College; a gold medal in the organ department, and several scholarships in the vocal, piano and organ departments. The prospectus, containing full information, may be obtained on application, either by mail or personally, at the College office, 12 and 14 Pembroke St.

THE recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in this city, was an event of no small importance in the intellectual history of Canada. The number of members in attendance was very large. The papers and addresses on scientific and related subjects were so numerous that we cannot take space for even a list of subjects and authors. No doubt a good deal was said and read which will leave no permanent results, and add little to the world's stock of valuable scientific information. It would not be wonderful if utterance was given to some things not far removed from nonsense. On the other hand, a large proportion of those who were present and took part in the exercises, were persons of acknowledged eminence in the scientific world, and many of their papers presented the gathered fruits of prolonged individual research. Many of the American gentlemen and ladies present availed themselves of the opportunities afforded for visiting other parts of the country. In addition to the impetus given to scientific inquiries and pursuits, the meeting can hardly fail to have a good effect upon the future of our international relations, by giving to a large number of our neighbors, exerting more or less of political and social influence, a better knowledge of the resources of our country and the character and ambitions of its people.