

to the history of education in Canada; and it is preferred to refer more fully to it at the meeting of Convocation in May. His Lordship Bishop OXENDEN then pronounced the benediction, and the convocation closed.—*Witness.*

NOTE BY EDITOR.—We regret having to omit an abstract of the McGill University Report recently received.

—INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.—We hope to publish abstracts from Public School Inspector's Reports in the next *Journal*.

XI. Short Critical Notices of Books.

HARPER BROTHERS, New York. Messrs. HART & RAWLINSON, Toronto.

The Bazar Book of the Household :

We have received this month from this noted firm, another of the Bazar series, devoted to the always popular topics of "loving and living." Marriage is first discussed on physiological principles, and then in regard to social considerations. Having settled those satisfactorily, the Book demands better treatment for domestic servants. It complains that the common humanity of the master and man is not sufficiently conceded, or, at least, recognised. The democratic spirit of the age is allowed to be the primary disturbing cause. The desire for the recognition of the "common humanity" seems to have been provoked by displays of "cold formality that repel every approach to intimacy." A consummation such as seems to be desired, would most probably rather increase the discontent of the servant and the discomfort of the served. "Intimacy" between master and servant would weaken the primary duty of service, that is, obedience, and would leave the superior open to what is so bitterly spoken of as "worrying surveillance" to a greater extent in proportion than the inferior, when we consider that it would then be purely gratuitous, and would not have the excuse that all employers undeniably possess. The plan suggested for reconciling the "democratic spirit of the age" to such intolerable servitude is hardly practicable. Household servants must necessarily live at home; they cannot "merely resort there daily at those hours when their particular services are required." Such a plan might be pursued with a coachman or gardener, but while fires have to be lighted early in the morning, either the resident servant has to do it, or no servant at all. If such is the plan for securing a position consistent with every American's usual freedom, then who wonders at Americans shifting the responsibility from their own shoulders upon the hotels. Hints and reflections on the child's education and training, and a general view of home life complete the volume.

Ismailia. By Sir Samuel Baker.

This narrative of an expedition to Central Africa for the suppression of the slave trade, is an evidence of the practical character of the Khedive of Egypt, and a record of the perseverance and success of Sir Samuel Baker. It is a more interesting story than a geographical exploration gives birth to. Most of the country traversed having been previously the sphere of Sir Samuel Baker's operations, the main interest centres of course in the expedition, its welfare, adventures and results. It seems to have been wonderfully successful; but just as the "Darkness comes when the day is done," so the last paragraph of the book discloses the fact that the "greatest slave trader of the White Nile" has been appointed to a post in the expedition for suppressing the slave trade! Though the immediate result of the expedition may seem lessened by the fact of this appointment, yet the ultimate success of the movement can scarcely be doubtful. The volume contains many characteristic wood-cuts, and there are added maps to illustrate the route taken.

Livingstone's Last Journals, by Horace Waller, F.R.G.S.

This is Livingstone's own story of his last seven years of arduous travel. It is the most connected account, as we may judge, of geographical exploration ever written—for during the seven years his note books were kept up with the most laborious care, not a single break occurring. What makes this the more remarkable is, that not only are they a record of each day's doings, but they contain as well, maps, rough drawings, zoological and botanical notes. However this many sided man may be viewed, his great perseverance will be evident; it enhances the value of his work and assures his deserved fame. The compiler has had the advantage of being able to obtain all the information which the Doctor's two natives could afford him, and this seems to have been considerable.

The map which accompanies the book is most valuable, being compiled from Dr. Livingstone's own draughts.

Sports that Kill, by the Rev'd. J. De Witt Talmage.

A sequel volume to the "Abominations of Modern Society," which Dr. Talmage published a few years ago. He strongly denounces the amusements and recreations of New York city, and of all large cities. He calls out for much needed reforms in the American Theatre, and discloses the immense amount of evil done through the agency of bad books and periodicals: the American plague-spot. Two characteristic chapters are *The Crusades of Demons* and *The Shears of Delilah*: the evils of strong drink and a licentious life are shown in all their blackness. We can confidently recommend this book as a very manly attack on what would suffer more were it always attacked in like manner.

Also received :

Hagarene, by Geo. A. Lawrence, author of "Guy Livingstone," &c.

Old Myddelton's Money, by Mary C. Hay.

At the Sign of the Silver Flagon, by B. L. Farjeon.

A Strange World, by Miss M. E. Braddon.

The Maid of Killeena, by William Black.

The Blossoming of an Aloe, by Mrs. Cashel Hory.

XII. Departmental Notices.

HONOUR ROLLS FOR HIGH AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

This department has recently published two finely-executed ornamental lithographic charts, for hanging on the school-room wall; size, 23 inches wide by 36 inches long.

Each chart contains two columns, with blank spaces for entering the names of forty meritorious pupils, and, by making a slit at each end of these spaces, slips of card can be inserted and removed; therefore the same chart can be used for several years in succession.

We can strongly recommend the use of Honour Rolls as an incentive to diligent study. Experience shows that pupils are induced to prosecute their studies with greater diligence and zeal when striving to obtain a place of distinction for their names on the Honour Roll, which is on exhibition to their friends and to the visitors of the school.

Price of High School Honour Roll, 75c.; or by post, 80c. Price of Public School Honour Roll, 75c.; or by post, 80c.

The Legislative apportionment is allowed on Honour Rolls when purchased with maps and apparatus.

ADMISSION TO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Notice is hereby given, that the next Examinations for admission to Collegiate Institutes and High Schools will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 8th and 9th of June, 1875.

Any Candidate who fails at the above-mentioned, or at any subsequent Examination, to obtain one-third of the marks in any subject will not be considered by the High School Inspectors to have shown that "competent knowledge" of the subject which the law requires, notwithstanding his having gained 50% of the total. (See Regulations for the Admission of Pupils).

In order to prevent any misunderstanding of the intention of the Regulations, Local Examiners are hereby reminded that the object of the Examinations is to prevent unqualified pupils from entering the High Schools, and that in fixing a minimum of *fifty per cent. of the total marks* assigned, it is not expected that the Local Boards will divest themselves of their judgment or of the power to exclude candidates who make a total failure in the fundamental subjects of primary Education. Candidates should give notice at once, of their intention to attend.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL SESSION.

In future there will be but one Session of the Normal School instead of two.

The Session will commence on the 15th September, and will close on 15th July, with vacation from the third Wednesday in December to the second Tuesday in January; and from the Wednesday before, to the Tuesday after Easter, inclusive.

The School will consist of two Divisions. The work of the Second Division will be entirely with a view to Second Class Certificates, while the First Division will be prepared for First Class Certificates.

The Second Division will be divided into two sections. The Junior Section will comprise students who, having passed the entrance examination, are preparing for Second Class Certificates grade B. The Senior Section will comprise, (1) students who are preparing for Second Class Certificates, grade A, having already passed through the Junior Section and obtained grade B Certificates; (2) those who have obtained grade B, granted by County Boards, and passed a special examination in Arithmetic, Algebra and Natural Philosophy within certain limits; (3) lastly, those who have passed the entire entrance examination for this Section.

The First Division will contain (1) the students who have passed through the Second Division and obtained Second Class Certificates, grade A; and (2) those who hold Second Class, grade A certificates, granted by County Boards, provided they can pass an examination (within specified limits) in Natural Philosophy and Algebra.

NOTE.—For subjects of examination see prospectus, to be had on application to the Department or the Principal of the Normal School.