

attention paid to his instructions, and affords him that encouragement which tends to lighten to some extent the very arduous duties he is called upon to perform.—*Cobourg Star*.

— UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LITERARY CONVERSAZIONE.—The conversation by the University College Literary and Scientific Society took place on the 20th ultimo. When the hour named had arrived, the halls and corridors of the noble building were filled to excess with visitors; so that during the exercises the great part of the audience were compelled to stand; and even sufficient standing room could not be obtained. The library and museum were thrown open to the visitors, and every opportunity was afforded them of spending a pleasant and profitable evening. The proceedings commenced with "Selections from *Traviata*" by the band of the 16th regiment, the services of which were kindly tendered the society for the occasion, and which contributed much to the pleasure of the visitors. After the singing of "The winds are hushed to rest" by the members of the society, Mr. J. E. Croley delivered a short address on "Recreation." Mr. H. P. Hill played "La Favorita" very creditably, and was followed by Mr. A. C. Tyner in a reading from Shakspeare's "Coriolanus." The spirit of the piece was fully entered into by the reader, and he was quite successful in retaining the ear of his audience. It is impossible for us to particularize farther; but the remaining part of the programme was probably more interesting than that which we have already noticed. We cannot omit to mention an essay by Mr. J. A. Paterson, on "The grandeur and beauty of nature," in which the essayist availed himself of the wide scope afforded by his subject to collect a good many beautiful and even sublime ideas, and which was read in a clear and distinct manner. Mr. J. D. Humphreys presided at the piano with his usual ability, and sang a duett in connection with Mr. E. P. Crawford, who displayed the powers of a good voice on several pieces during the evening. At the conclusion Dr. McCaul returned thanks on behalf of the society for the liberality with which its efforts to afford a literary entertainment were met by the citizens, and also for the valuable aid afforded by the band to make the occasion so pleasant and gratifying to all as it evidently had been. Frequent and warm applause was liberally and deservedly bestowed on the various performers by the audience.—*Leader*.

X. Departmental Notices.

USE OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHIES NOT SANCTIONED.

According to previous notice, the Council of Public Instruction has withdrawn its sanction to the use of Morse's Geography in any of the public schools of Upper Canada. Hereafter it will not be lawful (after the copies now in actual use in any school are worn out) to use either Morse's or any other American geography in either the Grammar or Common Schools of Upper Canada. A violation of this order in any case, will subject the school concerned to the loss of its share in the Grammar School Fund or Legislative School grant, as the case may be.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTH DAY A HOLIDAY.

As will be seen by reference to page 52 of this number of the *Journal*, the anniversary of the birth day of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen is hereafter to be observed as a regular holiday in all the public schools of Upper Canada.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERSHIPS.

The Committee of Examiners appointed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, meets in the Normal School Buildings, Toronto, on the last Monday in June and the first Monday in January of each year. Candidates are required to send in their names to the Chairman of the Committee one week previous to the day of examination.

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All official returns which are required by law to be for-

warded 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.

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GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed to intimate to you, that at the recent meeting of the Board of Public Instruction for this Grammar School Circuit, the Board resolved, "That, in the future, no Third Class Certificates would be issued to Teachers within their jurisdiction; excepting upon the petition of the Trustees, setting forth the pecuniary inability of their section to employ a higher grade Teacher; the said petition to be presented to the Board on or before the first Friday in June next." It is desirable that the Trustees, generally, should attend the Annual Examination of School Teachers in this Circuit, which takes place on the first Friday and Saturday in June.—I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servant, CHAS. UNDERHILL, Sec. of Board of Pub. Inst'n.
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