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AUTHORSHIP OF THE "VESTIGES OF CREATION."

A Mr. Page has settled the controversy as to the authorship of the "Vestiges of Creation." "At the time the 'Vestiges' was published," Mr. Page says, "he was engaged as one of the literary and scientific collaborators of the Messrs. Chambers. The first time he saw it was in the hands of Mr. William Chambers, who came into his room one day with the remark, 'Here is a curious work making some sensation,' and requested that he (Mr. Page) would write a notice of it for the Journal (*Chambers' Edinburgh Journal*). For this purpose, Mr. Page took the work home, and he had not read twenty pages of it before he felt convinced that it was the production of Mr. Robert Chambers. When asked for the review, he said he could not prepare one for two reasons: 1st, that he did not think the work suited for notice in the *Edinburgh Journal*; and 2nd, because he believed it to be the production of Mr. Robert Chambers. Mr. William Chambers received this announcement with apparent surprise, but denied all knowledge of the matter; and there the subject dropped. Some time after, however, and when the work was being severely handled by the reviewers, Mr. Robert Chambers alluded to the matter, affecting ignorance and innocence of the authorship, upon which Mr. Page remarked, that had he seen the work before going to press, he could have prevented some of the blunders. The consequence of this remark was, that Mr. Robert Chambers sent him the proof sheets of the second or third edition of the 'Vestiges,' with the request that he would enter on the margin any corrections or suggestions that occurred."

DURATION OF VEGETABLE LIFE.

Lord Lindsay states that, in the course of his wanderings amid the pyramids of Egypt, he stumbled on a mummy, proved by its hieroglyphics to be at least 2,000 years of age. In examining the mummy after it was unwrapped, he found in one of its closed hands a tuberous or bulbous root. He was interested in the question how long vegetable life could last, and he therefore took that bulbous root from the mummy's hand, planted it in a sunny soil, allowed the rains and dews of heaven to descend upon it, and in the course of a few weeks, to his astonishment and joy, the root burst forth and bloomed into a beautiful dahlia.

DISCOVERIES AT MEMPHIS.

We have had occasion, says the *Literary Gazette*, to notice, at different times, the explorations of the ruins of Memphis, made by M. Mariette, by direction of the French Government during the last few years. M. Mariette has just returned to Paris after having completed his operations. The most important result of these is the discovery of the famous Serapeum, or the temple of Serapis, which was supposed to have been entirely destroyed. The sand and rubbish have been completely cleared away from the remains of this great and most ancient monument. It contains numerous representations of Apis, and statues of Pindar, Homer, Lycurgus, Pythagoras, Plato, and Euripides; and it is preceded by a sort of alley or passage, on each side of which are Egyptian sphinxes, about 600 in number, and which is terminated by a number of figures, representing the strange way the Grecian gods united with symbolical animals. Thus a striking proof of the junction of Egyptian and Grecian art has been obtained. M. Mariette has also discovered the tomb of Apis. It is cut out of the solid rock; and consists of a vast number of chambers and galleries. In fact, it may be compared to a subterranean town. In these rooms and galleries there were found a great number of monoliths, containing dates, which will be of great chronological utility, and others bearing epitaphs on, or, if we may use the expression, biographical notices of certain of the oxen which were severally worshipped as Apis. There have also been found statues as old as the Pyramids, and in an astonishing state of preservation; they are executed with great artistic skill, and are totally free from that inelegant stiffness of form which characterises early Egyptian sculpture. Some of these statues are in granite and are colored, and the colors are quite fresh. A number of statues of animals, but not so well executed, one of these representing Apis, almost as large as life, and colored have likewise been discovered; as have also numerous bronzes, jewels, vases, and little images. All the statues and other moveables have been conveyed to Paris, and are to be added to the Museum of the Louvre. The greatest credit is due to M. Mariette for his skill and industry in making his discoveries; they are only inferior in archaeological importance to those of Mr. Layard at Nineveh. The precise

state of Memphis was until quite recently a matter of great doubt, and when that was discovered it was not thought at all likely that any remains of the temple of Serapis could be brought to light.

BASSWOOD PAPER.—We were agreeably surprised yesterday morning by finding, among our exchanges, a copy of the *Albany Evening Journal* of Saturday, printed upon paper made from Basswood by the Foudrinier machine, and without the slightest admixture of rags or any size.—Owing to the small quantity of pulp furnished to the machine, the labor was performed by the hands, and, therefore, there is a slight inequality in the thickness of the sheet; but, as an experiment, the thing is a success. The sheet is white, smooth, and exceeding tough, and can be written upon as readily as the English linen paper. Few new inventions start off as triumphantly as this, and we are sanguine that within one year from this time, the basswood paper, improved as time and experience shall teach, will be taking the place of paper made from rags.—*Buffalo Express*

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, COUNTY PEEL.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a MEETING of the BOARD of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION of the SECOND SCHOOL CIRCUIT, County of PEEL, will be held in BRAMPTON, at the School House, on TUESDAY the 20th day of March, at NINE O'CLOCK, A. M.; for the EXAMINATION of COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS and the transaction of other business.

All Candidates for License, previous to being admitted for Examination, must present to the Board a Certificate of good Moral Character, from the Clergyman whose ministrations they attend.

Brampton, Feb. 26th, 1855.

JAMES PRINGLE, Chairman.

TEACHER WANTED.

WANTED by the 20th APRIL next, a MALE TEACHER, holding a FIRST or SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATE. Parties applying to the undersigned will state whether they have attended the Normal School, what Certificate they hold, and the amount of Salary required. WILLIAM D'CEW, School Trustee, S. S. No. 5, North Cayuga, March 9th, 1855.

NORMAL SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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N.B.—The next Session of the NORMAL SCHOOL will commence on the 15th of May, and end on the 15th of October, 1855.

Education Office, Toronto, February, 1855.

EXAMINATION OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERS.

THE COMMITTEE of EXAMINERS of CANDIDATES for MASTERSHIPS of COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS in Upper Canada, having recently met to make the preliminary arrangements requisite for carrying into effect the provisions of the GRAMMAR SCHOOL ACT, as set forth in the 2nd clause of the 14th Section, have decided on holding their EXAMINATIONS for the present, quarterly, —on the FIRST MONDAY of JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, and OCTOBER, respectively, in the NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS, commencing at THREE O'CLOCK, P. M. THOS. J. ROBERTSON, Head Master, Normal School, U. C., Chairman. [N.B.—All candidates are requested to send in their names to the Chairman of the Committee at least one week prior to the first day of examination.]

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