

for admission to the higher class of seminaries. We trust the suggestion will be adopted, and that ere many years have passed, we shall see the whole country dotted not only with Common Schools, but with such local academies as are here referred to. It is by such means that education, in all its necessary branches, will be placed within the reach of every father who desires to afford his children the advantages which knowledge is certain to bring, whatever may be the condition, which, in after life, it may be their fortune to fill.

We are well pleased to learn that the interest taken in the country parishes in the diffusion of education, is daily becoming stronger. A comparison of the number of School Districts which have, in each of the last two years, qualified themselves to claim the aid of government, shows a large increase in 1843. The number of scholars has also increased in a corresponding degree, and more care has been manifested in the selection of teachers. This is an essential point, and one to which the Superintendent strongly alludes. The remuneration of teachers in many localities is necessarily small, so that a very high order of talent can scarcely be expected—but it is in all cases the duty of the Commissioners, as far as the means at their disposal will allow, to provide teachers fully qualified for the performance of their responsible duties. Were the importance of this sufficiently impressed upon the residents in any particular locality, we are of opinion that there would not generally be much difficulty in raising funds for the support of teachers to whom might be safely entrusted the training of the youth of Canada.

We are satisfied, however, that the Superintendent will not rest in peace until he has placed the whole educational business of the Province on the best footing which circumstance will admit—and that in all he does, the teachers will not be forgotten, fully aware as he evidently is, of the necessity of affording them liberal remuneration. We therefore conclude this brief notice with the a few sentences, explanatory of the Superintendent's object in publishing the pamphlet which led to these remarks. Addressing the Commissioners, he says—"My object is to induce regularity in their proceedings, uniformity in their reports, energy in the management of the Schools under their control, order in the method of teaching, and devotedness in all that belongs to the fulfilment of the highly important and responsible trust with which they are honoured. It is only by means of our strenuous and united efforts that the great object, which the Legislature had in view in giving to the country the Education Act, can be attained."

That the motives of the Superintendent may be fully appreciated, and his objects speedily and perfectly accomplished, every well-wisher of the Province and of the people must anxiously and sincerely desire.

THE LANCET—A WEEKLY MEDICAL JOURNAL.

To the medical practitioner or student, this is an invaluable journal, being a complete chronicle of the discoveries and improvements in the Science of Medicine, in all parts of the civilized world. In the numbers we have seen, many articles appear, from the pens of some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons in Europe, and on subjects of the very highest importance to the preservation and recovery of health.

The Canadian public are indebted, for the facility with which it may be obtained, to Messrs. Armour & Ramsay, who will supply it regularly, at a moderate price, to subscribers. Their enterprise and spirit, in this, as in many other instances to which we have had occasion to allude, will, we trust, be acknowledged by that support to which they are so justly entitled from all who take an interest in the prosperity of science and literature in this Province.

COMMERCIAL TABLES.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Armour & Ramsay, a copy of a valuable book for the counting-house. It is a neat little volume of about two hundred pages, and contains tables for the calculation of interest at five and six per cent., and of commission from one-eighth to five per cent., with exchange and other useful tables. It is a most convenient book for the every day business of commercial life, and should be on every merchant's table.

Among the articles in this number will be found an interesting review of a highly popular and valuable work—Kohl's "Ireland,"—which, we are happy to announce, will be followed by similar papers during the year. This is a feature, which, we are certain, will give great additional interest to the *Garland*, as it will afford to the reader a glimpse into the pages of the best and newest publications of the day, which, in many parts of the Province, are wholly beyond the public reach. In his introductory remarks, however, the Reviewer has so well explained the object of his labours, that there is nothing left for us to say. We have, therefore, only to invite attention to the article, which, with the choice and copious extracts contained in it, will amply repay a careful and attentive perusal.