

— **MODEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR UPPER CANADA.**—The Rev. John Ambrey, M.A., Oxon, Professor of Classical Literature in Trinity College, Toronto, has been appointed to the Classical Mastership of the Model Grammar School of this city; and Mr. Francis L. Checkley, Science Scholar of T. C. D., and late Mathematical Master of the Barrie Grammar School, has been selected to perform the duties of Mathematical Master. Mr. Ambrey's position as a man of first class attainments is well known, and Mr. Checkley, whose brother, the Rev. W. F. Checkley, has been so successful with the Barrie Grammar School, came to this country with the highest testimonials, and after gaining first class honors in his college. These appointments will be deemed highly satisfactory by all who desire that the training for the higher branches of education should be in thoroughly efficient hands.—*Colonist*. [Mr. Checkley was partly educated at University College, Toronto.—*Ed.*]

— **SANTA CLAUS IN THE COBOURG COMMON SCHOOLS.**—On last Christmas Eve we had the pleasure of being present at a gathering in Mr. N. Wilson's school room, of the children belonging to four of the Common Schools within the limits of the Corporation, for the purpose of hearing a few short addresses from the School Trustees and other gentlemen, and of receiving a "Christmas Box" in the shape of a packet of figs, raisins, &c. This gathering together of the teachers and scholars of all our Common Schools was suggested, we believe, by the Rev. John Bredin, the worthy Chairman of the Local Board of Trustees. The chair being taken by Dr. Powell, the Local Superintendent of Common Schools, the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Bredin. The chairman then addressed the juvenile auditory in a very happy manner, and was followed by the Rev. J. Bredin with equal facility. A few words from Mr. Milne were followed by a twinkle from the *Star*. Professor Whitlock was the next in order, followed by Messrs. Sinclair and N. Wilson. The Venerable Archdeacon Bethune then gave an able address; and afterwards, at the request of the Chairman, closed the proceedings with prayer. The Christmas packets mentioned above were then distributed to the children as they left the room. We rejoiced to see so many happy faces, and to witness the general good order which prevailed among the 150 children present.—*Cobourg Star*.

**UNITED STATES.**

— **FINANCIAL ESTIMATES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—At the meeting of the Board of Education last evening, the finance committee reported that \$1,246,000 will be required for the purposes of public instruction in the City of New York, during the year 1859. The following is a schedule of the estimates.—

For the salaries of teachers and janitors in the Ward and Primary Schools .....	\$600,000 00
For incidental expenses of said schools, including fuel .....	90,000 00
For the support of the Free Academy, including supplies....	60,000 00
For repairs on the Free Academy building.....	2,000 00
For support of Normal Schools, including supplies.....	20,000 00
For apportionment to Incorporated Schools.....	30,000 00
For repairs through the year.....	10,000 00
For support of Evening Schools, including supplies.....	70,000 00
For books and stationery, and other supplies.....	100,000 00
For rent of school premises.....	15,000 00
For salaries of clerks, superintendents, and other officers connected with the Board.....	26,000 00
For incidental expenses, including printing.....	13,000 00
For sites of ground for new school houses, and for heating and furnishing new schools and buildings, erected in 1858; and for repairing old school houses, and for new buildings that will be required in 1859.....	210,000 00

—*New York Com. Advertiser.*

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**BRITISH AND FOREIGN.**

— **UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW—ELECTION OF THE COLONIAL MINISTER AS LORD RECTOR.**—The candidates brought forward were Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, Lord Shaftesbury, and the Lord Justice Clerk. On the latter being nominated, however, he declined to stand in opposition to the others, and the medical students then named Mr. Charles Dickens instead. It was deemed proper to bring forward Sir Edward on this occasion in consideration of the great attention he had paid to the affairs of the Uni-

versity; for the munificent prizes he has founded; for the Ceylon Writership, to be competed for exclusively by Glasgow students, the emoluments of which rise from £300 to £1,500 per annum; and, above all, for the great service he did in securing to the students the continuance of their right to elect the Lord Rector, which was intended to be abolished by the Bill of the Lord-Advocate. The vote stood as follows:—

	Bulwer.	Shaftesbury.	Dickens.
Natio Glottiana .....	102	97	40
Natio Loudoniana .....	41	33	7
Natio Transforthana .....	27	29	7
Natio Rothesayana .....	46	45	14
	216	203	68

— **RUSSIAN MILITARY SCHOOLS.**—The Russian Government has just decreed that twenty Military Schools shall be established for the purpose of teaching surveying, topographical engravings, gymnastics, &c.; also, that the sons of poor nobles and functionaries shall be educated at them gratuitously, subject to the condition of their undertaking to serve the State gratuitously for a certain number of years.

— **PRUSSIAN SCHOOLS.**—The Minister of Public Instruction in Prussia has decided that henceforth Terence and Plautus shall not be used as class books in the public schools of that country.

**XI. Literary and Scientific Intelligence.**

— **CANADIAN INSTITUTE.**—At a recent meeting of the Upper Canada Canadian Institute, the annual report of the Council was moved and adopted. The Treasurer's account compared with other years showed favorably in a financial point of view. The total number of members at the commencement of the present session was 650, and the Council "believe that they may report satisfactorily upon the general progress and condition of the Institute, and the library was annually becoming a more important feature of the Institute, numbering at present upwards of 2,000 volumes, which, since the publication of the catalogue, have become more generally accessible. The journal, under the editorship of Dr. Wilson and his colleagues, has maintained its reputation, and the papers read at the meetings will compare favorably with those of other years." Professor Chapman read a scientific paper on a new species of trilobite discovered by Professor Hincks; and Mr. Weir an interesting paper on "the Manufactures of Canada"—glancing at their importance to the country—adverting to the great number of persons at present out of employment, and the large balance of trade against us. A short discussion ensued, in which the Chairman, Professor Hincks, Dr. Philbrick, W. Weir, and F. W. Cumberland, Esq., took part. The Hon. G. W. Allan has succeeded the Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Draper, C.B., as President for 1859. The other changes, except in the Council, are not material.

— **L'INSTITUT CANADIEN FRANCAIS** recently inaugurated its winter sitting with great *eclat*. The inaugural address was delivered by the Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, President of the Institute. Speeches were also delivered on the occasion by the R. C. Bishop of Montreal, Rev. M. Grant, M. Fabre and several other gentlemen.

— **THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM.**—This magnificent structure, the first stone of which was laid by the Earl of Derby in 1855, has made considerable progress during the long vacation, and great efforts are being made to complete it by the next commemoration, when it is understood that Her Majesty will visit Oxford for the purpose of being present at the inauguration. The central tower, with its Rhenish-Gothic spires, has been completed, as also the curator's residence, a neat and commodious structure at the south-eastern angle of the Museum, where Professor Phillips now resides, Professor Brodie has taken possession of the chemical laboratory, with its lofty octagonal roof and four tall chimneys; and the medical laboratory will be occupied by Dr. Acland in the course of a few days. The chief features of the building—the grand central court—promises to become one of the most beautiful and striking objects of which Oxford can boast. It is 128 feet square, surrounded with an upper and lower corridor of 11 feet wide and will be crowned with a glass roof resting on light and elegant iron pillars, ornamented with representations of the foliage of British trees, such as the chestnut, oak, maple, &c. The new roof, designed by Mr. Skidmore, of Coventry, at an estimated cost of 5,000*l.*, is being fitted up at the works in Staffordshire. A number of artist workmen are employed in carving the capitals and corbels with natural foliage, illustrating the natural history of various epochs, climates, and regions, some of which are already finished.