

tory to find that, notwithstanding many confident assertions to the contrary, the state of education in England and Wales would bear favourable comparison with the state of education in the most advanced of continental countries, even in Prussia, where attendance at school was compulsory. It appeared that in 1851 the proportion of scholars to population was—in England and Wales, 1 to 7.7; in Holland, 1 to 8.11; in France, 1 to 9; and in Prussia, 1 to 6.27. Our own country, therefore, was in advance of Holland and France, and not far behind Prussia. This was the state of things in 1858; since then the educational efforts of the country have steadily advanced, and the committee had no doubt that at the present time there is as large a percentage of children attending school in England as in any country in the world.

— HONORS TO PROTESTANT SOCIETIES AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—The (Protestant) Society for the Promotion of Elementary Education has obtained a silver medal. This is the worthy recompense of the services which it has rendered to the education of the humbler classes. The superiority of our schools to those of the Romish Clergy cannot be disputed. The Bible Society, The Sunday School Society, the Colonial Agricultural Society, the Young Men's Christian Union, and others, have also obtained bronze medals or honorable mention. The two English societies, the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge and the Sunday-school Union, (also the Home and Colonial School Society,) have obtained silver medals. —Churchman.

— NEW BRUNSWICK UNIVERSITY.—Dr. Jardine has been appointed Professor of English Language and Literature in the University of New Brunswick.

XI. Departmental Notices.

COMMON SCHOOL MANUAL FOR UPPER CANADA.

A copy of the last edition of the Common School Manual for Upper Canada, is supplied gratuitously to all new School Sections in Upper Canada. To other Sections the price is thirty-five (35) cents, inclusive of postage, which is now payable in advance.

All Local Superintendents retiring from office, are required by law to hand over to their successors the copies of the School Manual furnished to them by the Department, and all other official school documents in their possession. Extra copies of the Local Superintendent's Manual can be furnished for fifty (50) cents, including postage.

NOTICE TO COUNTY CLERKS.

The 55th section of the Consolidated Common School Act enacts, that, "The County Clerk shall forthwith notify the Chief Superintendent of Education of the appointment and address of each such Local Superintendent, and of the County Treasurer; and shall, likewise, furnish him with a copy of all proceedings of the Council relating to school assessments, and other educational matters.

It is essential, for the effective working of the system of Education, that the duty here assigned to County Clerks should be promptly and regularly performed, and we regret to have to remind some of those officers that their neglect in this matter has, in several cases, occasioned much inconvenience.

SCHOOL REGISTERS SUPPLIED THROUGH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Common and Separate School Trustees in Cities, Towns, Villages and Townships by the County Clerk—through the local Superintendents. Application should therefore be made direct to the local Superintendents for them, and not to the Department.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL REGISTERS.

A new edition of the Grammar School Register is now ready for distribution. Copies of it (and of the Common School Register) will be sent to county clerks on their application—from whom Grammar School Trustees can obtain them.

POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded 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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In consequence of the number of Local Superintendents who, for various reasons, have declined personally to superintend the distribution of the *Journal of Education* in their respective townships, it is suggested that each Local Superintendent should make arrangements at the post offices within the bounds of their respective fields of labour, for the prompt and regular delivery of the *Journal*. All copies not called for within a reasonable time, should be returned to the Educational Department.

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- The North British Review (Free Church).
- Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine (Tory).

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