

their conscientious objections to subscribe to the Thirty-nine Articles. By the new Charter, the Council will be empowered to confer the respective degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, and Doctor of Laws, on any persons who have graduated at Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Trinity College, Dublin, or any other University in the kingdom. Another point in the new Charter, which will be of great service, is that the Council may institute examinations for certificates of proficiency in any subject which they may think fit, connected with the Sciences or Arts—such as Architecture, Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Botany, Geology and Mineralogy, Zoology, Geography, Political and Physical, Navigation and Hydrography. The examination for certificates of proficiency was one of the original designs of the Council, which they were prevented from carrying out under the old Charter.—[Morning paper.]

*At the Oxford University Commencement* of the 20th June, the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law was conferred upon the Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, the American Minister, amidst immense cheering.

*British and Foreign School Society.*—The Annual Examination of the Boys' Model School, in the Borough Road, was held on Thursday, before a large assembly of subscribers and friends to the Institution. The chair was successively filled by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, Sir John Boileau, Bart., and Professor Pillans, of Edinburgh, each of whom questioned the children in various branches of learning. The attainments of the scholars in geography, history, mental arithmetic, and some branches of natural philosophy, were exceedingly creditable, and appeared to give the highest satisfaction. A large number of beautiful specimens in drawing were exhibited, and various pieces of music were well sung. The children were thoroughly tested as to their acquaintance with the Sacred Scriptures, and excellent speeches were delivered by the respective chairmen.

*The Queen's Visits to the Irish Educational Institutions.*—During Her Majesty's very gratifying visit to Ireland, we find in the report of her Royal progress, that she honored the University of Dublin, the National Normal and Model Schools, with her presence; also one or two of the Provincial Colleges lately established in Ireland under her auspices. HER MAJESTY and PRINCE ALBERT were pleased to inscribe their autographs in the books of the Colleges they visited. It is a striking fact that to female Sovereigns is Ireland indebted for nearly all her chief Educational Institutions. The names of ELIZABETH and VICTORIA will long shine o'er the troubled sea of Ireland's sorrows, to enliven and cheer her sons onward in their noble aspirations after the good and the beautiful.

*The National Books.*—Since Her Majesty's visit to the Model Schools in Dublin, she has ordered a set of the Elementary Books in use in the National Schools for His Royal Highness the PRINCE OF WALES.

*The Queen's Colleges, Ireland.*—Preparations are now being made with activity for the opening of the three Royal Provincial Colleges in Ireland in October. The buildings themselves, we learn, are truly magnificent specimens of architecture. A very full staff of Professors have been appointed to each College—and among those to the Cork College, the Rev. WILLIAM HINCKS, a brother to the Hon. FRANCIS HINCKS, Inspector General of this Province.

*Maynooth College.*—Maynooth College at present consists of nineteen superiors and professors, and 515 students. The visitors, the Duke of LEINSTER, the Earl of FINGALL, Right Hon. Mr. PIGOT, and Dr. MURRAY, in their report of the visitation held in April last, report "a decided improvement in the general appearance of the establishment." On passing this College, on her late visit to the Duke of LEINSTER, the Queen was warmly cheered by the students who had assembled in their academic costume to greet Her Majesty.

*Proposed College in Ceylon.*—A movement is being made in England to establish a College in the Diocese of Columbo, Ceylon, to be dedicated to St. Thomas, the Apostle of India.

*School for Hindoos.*—A school for the female children of Hindoos has been established in Calcutta, under the patronage and auspices of the Hon. Mr. BETHUNE, President of the Board of Education. The project is highly spoken of by the Press, and, if it succeeds, it will no doubt do more good, in respect to the general diffusion of education amongst the native community, than has been achieved by all our previous efforts put together. The instruction given to the girls will be entirely secular: no attempt will be made to introduce the subject of religion.

*Turkish Agricultural School.*—The Turkish Government has established an Agricultural School and Model Farm in the environs of Constantinople. There are fifty pupils. The Master is a Frenchman, educated at Grignon.

*German versus French Children.*—Extract from the Correspondence of the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.—BERLIN, July 10, 1849.—I wrote you last week from Paris, but you see from the date of this, that in the interval I have added one to the population of the capital of Prussia. If there were nothing else to convince me of my change of locality, the pleasant chorus that rises from some school in the neighborhood would be a sufficient proof. Children don't sing in French schools. And then what a difference in the personal appearance of the people! One does not meet here the mischievous-looking urchins that fill the streets of Paris; the boys of Germany are more quiet and sedate in their expression, and make up for a want of vivacity by a greater refinement. You feel sure that the French lad will play you some saucy trick at the earliest opportunity, but you know that you will love his German rival the better the longer you know him.

*The High School in Liberia.*—We learn that a Southern gentlemen has remitted, through the Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER, of Princeton, to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in the city of New York, a sum of money sufficient for the purchase of a literary and philosophical apparatus for the High School in Monrovia. The apparatus has been purchased, and will be sent out as soon as a suitable house can be built for its reception. It is supposed that iron houses, similar to those now manufactured for California, will afford the desired security against the depredations of the white ants.

*Schools in New Hampshire.*—We have received from the Rev. R. S. RUST, President of the Wesleyan Academy, a copy of his Report as School Commissioner. It is a pamphlet of some 200 pages, well written, and well filled with useful information and suggestions, connected with our Schools, and the best means of promoting their highest advancement. It appears that during the past year, in 2,137 districts, 80,072 pupils have been taught in our winter, and 64,036 in our summer schools. About 2,000 teachers have been employed, and \$160,000 expended. On the whole, the Commissioner presents rather an encouraging view of the present state of our schools, and shows a very creditable ambition on his part to perform the responsible official duties imposed upon him according to the best of his information and abilities.—[Lebanon Whig.]

*The Girard College.*—FREDRICK A. PACKARD, Esq., has been called to the Presidency of this munificent Philadelphia Institution. He was elected at a late meeting of the Directors, Hon. JOEL JONES having resigned. Mr. PACKARD, originally a member of the Massachusetts Bar, has been many years engaged in conducting the affairs of the American Sunday School Union, and his eminent abilities and attainments peculiarly fit him for the new station.

*Boston versus Toronto.*—There are in Boston fifteen Common Schools, which cost \$477,784. In Toronto there is about the same number, not worth as many pence!

*Presbyterian Parochial Schools in the United States.*—The Old School Presbyterians are endeavoring to substitute Parochial for Public Schools. Already 82 Churches have reported the establishment of such Schools. Of these, 10 are in the State of New York, 11 in New Jersey, 13 in Pennsylvania, 13 in the North-west—total, 47 in Free States which have a Common School system. There are also 28 Presbyterian Academies.—[Independent.]

*The Rev. Dr. Wayland,* a man of much learning and ability, and a philosophical writer, has lately resigned the Presidency of Brown University, Rhode Island, which he has held for the last fifteen or twenty years.

*The Hon. Henry Barnard,* Commissioner of Public Schools for one of the New England States, while lately visiting Canada, spent a day or two at the Normal and Model Schools and Education Office, Toronto.

*Professor Joseph Henry, LL. D.,* Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, has been in Toronto lately, on a visit to Her Majesty's Magnetic Observatory.

*Increased attendance of Pupils in the New York City Schools.*—It appears by the last annual Report of the City Board of Education, that the number of children educated in the Common Schools of the City has doubled in six years.

*The great American School Convention at Philadelphia* has been postponed, on account of the Cholera, until the 17th of October next. It will be a Meeting of much interest.