

Editorial and Official Notices, &c.

THE OFFICIAL CIRCULARS TO CLERKS of Counties, Cities, Towns, and incorporated villages, accompanying the certified apportionment of the Legislative School Grant for 1851 will be found on pages 75-77.

FRENCH AND GERMAN TEACHERS.—The following section has been added by the Council of Public Instruction to the "Programme of the Examination and classification of Teachers of Common Schools in Upper Canada," numbered I, and published in the *Journal of Education* for October, 1850, page 150 :

8. In regard to the teachers of French or German, a knowledge of French or German grammar be substituted for a knowledge of English grammar ; and that the certificates to the teacher be expressly limited accordingly.

The foregoing is designed to apply to teachers of Common Schools in the French or German languages in the parts of the Province only where those languages prevail.

THE RECENT NORMAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—From the *British Colonist* of the 30th instant.—The sixth session of this admirable institution closed yesterday, after a long and thorough examination of the students, in the various branches of education which have occupied their attention during the last nine months. The examination extended over five days, four of which were devoted to the preparation of written answers to printed questions, which, we learn, will be deposited in the Education Office, for future reference, if necessary. The fifth day, Thursday, comprehended a public examination of the whole class in the principles of Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, &c., together with Grammar and organization of Schools, in the forenoon. In the afternoon, the class was examined before a highly respectable audience, in Natural Philosophy, Agricultural Chemistry, History and Geography. The answers of the students were given in far better style than at any former occasion, and exhibited, in an admirable manner, the attention and care of their instructors, Messrs. Robertson and Hind. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of His Excellency the Governor General, the prizes awarded by His Excellency for the greatest proficiency in Agricultural Science, were distributed by the Rev. J. Jennings, who addressed the audience at some length on the present condition and future prospects of the Normal School, as well as on the changes about to be introduced by the Council of Public Instruction, in relation to the length of the session and the attendance of students. After a few observations from Mr. Robertson, the students sang God Save the Queen. The exercises of the day closing with a benediction from the Rev. J. Jennings. The names of the successful competitors for His Excellency the Governor General's prizes are,—First Prize, Royal W. Hermon. Second Prize William Crewson.

THE NEXT SESSION OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL, will commence on Tuesday the 19th of August next, and continue for a period of from four to five months. The revised terms upon which candidates will be admitted to the Institution, will be published in this *Journal* as soon as they shall have been decided upon by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada. The present session of nine months closed upon the 31st instant.

THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, having accomplished the objects of his mission to Europe, expected to leave England by the Cunard steamer *Asia*, on the 24th instant ; or, at the latest, by the Collins steamer, *Pacific*, on the 28th. The Corner Stone of the new Normal and Model Schools and Education Offices will be laid with appropriate ceremonies, as soon after his return as possible.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS FOR THE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.—In addition to the cordial coöperation in the publication of the *Journal of Education* which we have already received, and referred to in our February number, we are happy to be enabled to state that the fol-

lowing additional municipalities have ordered copies of the *Journal* for its offices, or for each school within its boundaries, viz. County of Norfolk and County of Middlesex ; Townships of Waterloo, Puslinch, Loughborough, Amherst Island, Wolfe Island, Lanark and Darling ; City of Hamilton and Town of Perth. Intimation has been received that other Municipal Councils are about proceeding in the same liberal and enlightened spirit of coöperation. The plan of ordering a copy for each municipal officer in the various townships has been adopted by some of the county councils. The plan is an excellent one. It furnishes official and other information periodically in a convenient form, and without incurring heavy postage and other expenses. It is satisfactory to know, that the number of subscribers obtained thus far for the IVth Volume of the *Journal of Education*, for 1851, more than doubles the entire number obtained during the whole of 1850.

The Clerk of one of the Municipalities in transmitting the order of the Council, remarks :

"Having at the last meeting of the Municipal Council been authorized to perform the pleasing task of ordering, and remitting the price for several additional copies of the *Journal of Education*, and of the School Register,—enclosed you will find the amount for them in full.

"Our Council is desirous to encourage the *Journal of Education*; the members, however, think it prudent to begin by subscribing for a copy for each school located in the Township,—thus you may be certain of the same number being annually subscribed for ; and so soon as the people will know of its utility, a steady and regularly increasing support may be relied on.

"You will be glad to learn that our schools are rapidly improving under our excellent school law. Considerably more than one-half of the youth under tuition in this Township are receiving a free education. I am confident that by prudent management, the other schools of the township will be free in a year or two ; so that our justly esteemed Superintendent of Education will (much sooner than he anticipated) have his wishes gratified."

REMITTANCES.—POSTAGE STAMPS.—Parties remitting small amounts to the Education Office for School Registers, books, &c. can do so more conveniently and at less expense, by enclosing all sums under a dollar in postage stamps.

OBJECT AND TABLET LESSONS can now be obtained at the Education Office. Coloured Object Lessons, 3s. 9d. per dozen ; Plain, 40 for a dollar ; Reading Tablet Lessons, 1s. 4d. ; Arithmetic ditto, 2s. 4d. The maps, &c., are expected shortly.

REQUEST.—At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Household-ers of School Section, No. 10, it was moved by James Findlay, seconded by Thomas Brown, and passed unanimously, that it is the earnest wish of this Meeting that all clergymen of the Protestant faith residing, or officiating as such, in the township of Scarborough, would give at least one Lecture upon Education in this School House during the year 1851. Also, that they would notify at the School, or to the Trustees of the Section, the day and hour of Lecture.

GEORGE AUBURN, *Chairman*.

Scarboro, May, 1851.

WANTED a School by a Teacher who has been trained in the Normal School. Satisfactory references can be given. Salary, about £60. Address (post paid) to W. M., No. 105, King Street West, Toronto. May 12, 1851.

WANTED, a Teacher for the Common School in Section No. 1, Township of Waterloo, County of Waterloo. One who has a Certificate from Normal School would be preferred. Apply to S. B. Bowman, Amos M. Cleming, Robert Ferrie, Trustees.

WANTED, a Teacher for Section No. 2, Seymour East. Salary £50 per annum, without Board. Apply, post paid, to Wm. Leak, Trustee.

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