

*Common School Improvements in Brantford.*—“To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Brantford.—The School Trustees beg to report that the state of the Public School of the Town of Brantford is inadequate to the wants of the Town from the increased and increasing number of pupils. The Trustees beg also to state that the old School-house is unfit for use, and they recommend the purchase of a parcel of land for the purpose of erecting a suitable house in the most healthy, central and convenient part of the Town. And as in duty bound, &c.

“WILLIAM MATHEWS,  
“A. HIGINBOTHAM,  
“WILLIAM YOUNG. } Trustees.

“Brantford, February 14th, 1849.”

The proposition, we understand, to purchase two lots from the Odd Fellows, was entertained by the Council, and a High School is to be erected thereon immediately,—both of which will cost from £500 to £600. —[Brantford Courier.

*New District Superintendents.*—The following important appointments have recently been made by the Municipal Councils of the respective Districts, named:—

The Rev. JOHN FLOOD, of Richmond, to be Superintendent of Common Schools for the Dalhousie District, *vice* the Hon. HAMNETT PINHEY, resigned.

The Rev. WILLIAM FRASER, of Lochiel, to be Superintendent of Common Schools for the Eastern District, *vice* WILLIAM MILLAR, Esquire, resigned.

The Rev. CHARLES FLETCHER, of Goderich, to be Superintendent of Common Schools for the Huron District, *vice* JOHN BIGNALL, absconded.

*College of Regiopolis.*—The Roman Catholic Bishop, Clergy, and laity of Kingston have lately had a meeting to petition the Legislature to provide more effectively for Collegiate Education in connexion with their own Church. Similar meetings for similar objects have been held in different parts of the Province.

*Appropriation to Common Schools, Nova-Scotia.*—The House of Assembly, Nova-Scotia, have lately passed a Resolution, appropriating £15,000 for the support of Common Schools in that Province.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

*Schools of Art and Design in Ireland.*—The Earl of CLARENDOX, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, at a recent meeting for the distribution of Prizes in the Drawing School of the Royal Dublin Society, stated, in the course of his truly eloquent speech, that “Schools of Design are about forthwith to be established not only at Dublin, but at Belfast and Cork. The accommodation afforded in this noble edifice, the successful School of Drawing which already exists here; the Library; the Museum; the Botanic Gardens; the Statue Gallery: the collection of casts, to which an important addition has been this year made by government; but above all, the liberality with which the interests of Art and Science are here promoted give this Society a claim to the preference in the location of the Government School of Design. Of the usefulness of such important Institutions I can have little doubt, and still less that it should be here productive of even greater results than in England. For it is not as an unmeaning compliment that I say that the Irish are in my opinion far more apt to learn—they possess much greater ingenuity and much more natural taste than the English. And yet, when I see the improvement that has taken place in England—the greater beauty of form and purity of design that has been introduced into our various manufactures—when I observe that which may be called the *renaissance*—the regeneration of taste in England; and when I know how much that is attributable to the schools of design, or rather perhaps to the acknowledgment of our deficiencies, they tend to produce, I think it is not too much to expect that Ireland, although deprived of the advantage of a fair start, will not be behindhand in the race of competition, where application and ingenuity, correctness of eye, and facility of hand are indispensable to successfully uniting beauty and utility, and adapting them to objects for which there is a constant demand. I trust then that from these industrious schools of art, in Dublin, in Belfast, and in Cork, competing with each other in honorable rivalry, there may issue artists who will not alone do credit to themselves and their country, but will find opening before them new and profitable fields of employment; because with the increasing taste for decoration, and the absolute necessity for improved designs in all our manufactures there has arisen a demand for skilful designers which as yet is far from being satisfied. I would instance a case which I believe was lately brought before the Statistical Society, it is that of the manufacture of ornamental muslin in Belfast employing between 150,000 and 200,000 persons, the success of which is entirely dependent on the novelty and gracefulness of the patterns, and yet the whole of the designs are brought from Great Britain or the Continent; and I have also been

informed that upwards of £80,000 is annually sent from Belfast in payment simply of the ornaments on the wrappers in which the linens are made up; and it would be easy to give innumerable instances which open this field of artistical skill and ingenuity, which I am sure exists in Ireland.”

*Queenwood Agricultural College, England.*—The famous “Harmony Hall” where Robert Owen with his infidel brethren attempted to carry out, on a small scale, their views for the regeneration of Society, and to establish the Millennium, has been lately converted into an important Educational Institution. Owen’s establishment having been broken up, Mr. Edmondson of Tulketh Hall, near Preston, has been induced to take a lease of it and carry out on a more extended scale the educational principles for which he is distinguished. The celebrated establishment of M. de Fellenberg at Hofwyl, Switzerland, is the model to a great extent, upon which Queenwood College is conducted. The course embraces the classics and all other subjects usually taught in Grammar Schools.—[London News.

*New Medical College, Calcutta.*—The foundation stone of a very large Medical College has lately been laid at Calcutta by the Earl of Dalhousie, Governor General, assisted by the civil and military authorities of that famous “City of Palaces,” together with the members of the Council of Education, &c. The ceremony is said to have been of the most imposing description. The College, including the site, will cost 2,22,090 Rupees.—[Ibid.

*Mass Ignorance in England and Wales.*—England and Wales with sixteen millions of people, contain nearly eight millions unable to write their names, and not less than five millions unable to read their mother tongue.—[Ibid.

*Improvement in the Elementary Schools of Great Britain and Ireland.*—The schools for the gratuitous, or nearly gratuitous, instruction of the lower classes have recently been brought to a large degree of perfection. The model-schools both of the National, and British and Foreign, School Societies, the Lancastrian Schools for Manchester and Liverpool, the great schools in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and the model-school established by the National Board in Ireland, are conducted on plans which leave little to be desired in the way of literary education.—[Art Journal.

*Jews at the English Universities.*—At the examination just concluded at Trinity College, Cambridge, we rejoice to find Mr. A. A. Lewis, a Jew, occupying a prominent position in the “first class.” This is an honor never before enjoyed by Jews in Great Britain.—[Montreal Gazette.

*Parisian School Statistics.*—There are in Paris 337 establishments of primary instruction, capable of receiving 56,621 pupils, viz:—28,472 boys and 28,149 girls.

UNITED STATES.

*State Normal School in Michigan.*—The Legislature of Michigan has lately passed a law establishing a Normal School in that State.

*Children in Schools in the City of Buffalo.*—There are now 9,999 children, between the ages of five and sixteen, attending school in the City of Buffalo.

*Harvard University.*—The Hon. JARED SPARKS, LL. D., has been appointed President of this University, *vice* the Hon. EDWARD EVERETT, LL. D., resigned. SIMON GREENLEAF, Esq., LL. D., has received the appointment of EMERITUS, Professor in the Law School. The Hon. E. EVERETT was chosen a permanent member of the Board of Overseers, in the place of the Hon. J. Q. ADAMS, deceased. A complimentary address was voted to Dr. EVERETT on his retirement from the Presidency of the University.

*Common School Education in Massachusetts.*—There are now 165,000 children attending school in Massachusetts, 3,656 of whom are less than four years old. The amount collected for educational purposes, aside from the State appropriation, for the year 1848, was \$754,943, being \$100,000 more than were paid any previous year.

*Free Academy, New-York.*—D. C. PELL, Esq., of New-York, has presented the sum of \$500 to the Board of Education of New-York, the interest of which is to be expended in procuring a prize medal for the most deserving scholar in the FREE ACADEMY lately munificently established by the Board of Education. An engraving and description of this beautiful Academy will be given in a subsequent No. of this Journal.