

time the administrator, lately expressed a wish, to the Superintendent of Education, to visit an institution, which he had heard so highly spoken of. The Reverend Fathers, at the head of the establishment, expressed the gratification they felt at His Excellency's proposal, and consequently on Thursday, the 11th of February last, Sir William and Lady Eyre, accompanied by Colonel and Mrs. Thackwell, Major and Mrs. Robertson, Captain and Mrs. Brabazon, and by Mr. and Mrs. Chauveau, visited the vast Halls, the extensive galleries, and also, the elegantly decorated chapels of this college. The library and philosophical apparatus, particularly attracted the notice of the visitors, and it is but justice to remark, that these two apartments, which are situated in the most elevated portion of this vast establishment, from whence a most magnificent prospect of the City and surrounding country is presented to the visitor, already contain collections worthy of the high character of the Institution.

Besides a very superior electrical machine imported from Europe, there is another made on a very different plan, constructed by the Revd. Father Havequez, professor of Natural Philosophy. Several other instruments and apparatus in the collection were made in Montreal, under the direction of the same learned professor. The collection of Butterflies, also made by him, in Europe and in America, is well worthy of examination and attracted both the attention and admiration of the visitors.

The library contains a great number of volumes on Theology as well as on arts, sciences and general literature. On the table, there was a copy of the magnificent work on Archeology, "*Les Vitraux de la Cathédrale de Bourges*," published by the Revd. Father Martin, (brother of the former director of this establishment,) whose death was announced in our columns during the past year.

On the termination of their visit, the General and suite were conducted to the recreation Hall, which is used and decorated for the sittings of the English and French academies.

As is usual on similar occasions, the hall was filled with the elite of the society of Montreal.

Several speeches and compositions were made and read by the students, one addressed to the general, read in English by Mr. Larue, of Three Rivers, and Mr. Kelly recited in French with great warmth and feeling the defence of Lally Tollendal.

Two acts of Shakespeare were performed with considerable talent, we noticed the two Messrs Kelly, Mr. de Bellefeuille and Master William Drummond, with whom eloquence, appears as natural as it is hereditary.

These exercises were varied by both vocal and instrumental music, the different pieces chosen exhibiting the exquisite tact and good taste which prevailed throughout the whole of the reception. Thus "*Ah quel plaisir d'être Soldat*," was sung in French, with alterations suitable to the occasion, and "*Home, sweet home!*" in English.

We remarked with much pleasure two old students in the establishment, whom gratitude had brought back to the scenes of their younger days—alike now accustomed to receive applause from assemblies of a very different nature. We allude to our *confrère* of the *Minerve*, Mr. Royal, and to Mr. Sénécal, well known as lecturers in the room of the *Cœur des bons livres*, who distinguished themselves, the latter by his performance on the violin, and the former by singing a satirical song which appeared highly to amuse the audience.

The exercises being finished, General Eyre, at the request of the Reverend Rector, addressed a few words to the scholars, with that warmth and lively sympathy for the cause of public education which he evinced on the occasion of the inauguration of the Normal schools.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

—The following appears to be the age of each of the present sovereigns of Europe.—King of Wurtemberg, 76. Leopold, King of Belgium, 67. Pius IX. 65. King of Prussia, 62. King of Sweden, 58. King of Saxony, 57. Emperor of the French, 52. King of Denmark, 49. King of Naples, 47. King of Bavaria, 46. Othman, King of Greece, 42. King of Holland, 40. Alexander, Emperor of Russia, 38. Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 38. King of Hanover, 38. King of Sardinia, 37. The Sultan, 31. Emperor of Austria, 27. Queen of Spain, 27. King of Portugal, 20.

—An anonymous donor has contributed £5,000 to the special Indian fund of the Church Missionary Society in London

—There are two female reporters employed in the Congress at Washington,—one for the *Charleston Courier* and the other for the *Boston Post*

—Lord Mulgrave has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. Major General Trollop, who was in command of the garrison of Quebec, has been appointed Governor of Newfoundland, and Mr. Henry Smith, late Solicitor General for Upper Canada, has been elected speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Smith is the sixth speaker since the Union. The others were Hon. A. Cuvillier, Sir A. N. MacNab, A. N. Morin, J. S. Macdonald, and L. V. Sicotte. They have been selected alternately from Upper and from Lower Canada.

—The last numbers of the illustrated publications in England are full of engravings relating to the marriage of the Princess Royal with the Prince of Prussia. Most of those engravings are remarkable, and considering that they have been got up at so short a notice, they are one of the great signs of our modern progress and quite characteristic of our times. The minute details which have been the subject of some of those illustrations, would never have been dreamt of in other days and in a moment almost simultaneously with the event itself those illustrations are spread throughout the whole world!

—His Excellency, the Governor General, in his speech from the throne at the opening of the present parliament, has alluded in very appropriate terms to the death of two Canadian officers in India Mr. Bradshaw and young Joly, the author of the very interesting letters published in a recent number of our journal.

—Her Majesty has authorized the levying of a regiment of 1,000 men in Canada. The *Canada Gazette* contains all particulars. We call the attention of our readers to an official notice in our columns concerning the East India service.

EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The *Bulletin de l'Instruction Primaire*, which was published in Paris under the patronage of the Minister of Public Instruction, has ceased. It is to be replaced by the *Journal des Instituteurs*, a political and educational paper. The direction of the educational department is to be confided to Mr. Rapet, Inspector of Schools in the *Académie* or District of Paris, who wrote in the *Bulletin* those remarkable articles which have been republished in our own *Journal de l'Instruction Publique*, under the title "*Pédagogie*."

—Messrs. R. Casgrain and A. Peltier, of the College of Ste. Anne la Poutière, below Quebec, have been sent to the School of Agriculture of Grignon, in France, to prepare for professorship in a school of Agriculture which is to be established at Ste. Anne, in connection with the College.

—A correspondent in the "*Gazette de Guernesey*" protests against the name of "*ragged schools*" as an insult to the poor, and as unbecoming the character of institutions where the pupils are generally clothed by the charity of the managers. He proposes to substitute the name of "*Schools of Charity*," or "*Schools for the Destitute*," as more appropriate.

—The digest of the returns of the Department of Public Instruction, for Wisconsin for the past year, given in the Message of the Governor, shows the following figures:

The whole number of children in the state between the ages of 4 and 20, entitled to share in the common fund, is 241,647, being an increase of 27,761 over the number reported for the previous year.

The number of pupils who have attended the public schools, is 153,613.

The number of school-districts and part of districts reported, is 4,378, and the number of school-houses in the state, 2,945. The average amount of monthly wages to male teachers, was \$24.67; and to female teachers, \$15.16.

The amount apportioned to schools in March, 1857, was 66 cents to each pupil. The apparent amount to be apportioned this year, is about \$230,000, which would be 95 cents to each pupil; but in view of the probable delay in payments to the funds, that average can not be fairly expected. The productive fund of the department now amounts to over three millions of dollars.

The Governor hints that the complaint of bad management hitherto in the school department, is quite general, and he calls the attention of the Legislature to the subject.

The State University of Wisconsin promises to be a success, not in name merely, but in fact. The Governor says:

"The number of students in attendance during the year, was 164, of whom 41 were in the former collegiate classes. The gradually increasing productive fund amounted on the 1st of October, to \$315,423.46, giving an annual income of \$22,116.74. With the increase of the means to the educational department, the various chairs appropriate and necessary to the establishment of a University which should bear the name, as distinguished from the many colleges scattered throughout the land, have been and will continue to be filled. The new edifice of the institution, which is now in progress of construction, will add greatly to its facilities for carrying out the purpose of the munificent grant by Congress. The state has accepted the trust, and the representatives of the people will doubtless feel it to be a pleasure to aid the efforts of those who have the more immediate duty of discharging that trust."—*New-York Teacher*.