

And the flowers, miss—it was so kind of you to send me them—they're quite fresh yet; I have the water changed every day, and that keeps them nice."

"Ah, Mary, you will soon be in the land where the flowers never fade."

"I shall, miss, I shall, praise the Lord for it. Oh, it's a sweet thought! it often comforts me. Would you mind reading to me a little?"

"No, Mary. Where shall I begin?"

"Anywhere, miss, it's all beautiful; but I think I like best to hear about heaven—it seems as if I was almost there while I listen. Oh, it's a blessed hope, it is!"

Lucy took up the little Bible, and began. The last rays of the sun shone in through the window, shedding a faint glow on Mary's face; slowly the shadows of twilight rose up from the east, and one fair star glimmered on the dark edge of a cloud that lay piled up behind the hill. The old beech tree rustled its glossy leaves, and very softly from the distance came the pealing of the church bells, mingling with the low sweet tones of Lucy's voice as she reads—"And they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun. for the Lord God giveth them light."

Hush! a faint sigh, a fainter struggle, the clasped hand parted, the weary eyelid closed, the head fell quietly back upon the pillow—Mary was at rest. She saw his face.

— "Such a splendid fête as it was, Lucy. I never saw the grounds look so well, and the band played splendidly. But just help me off with my cloak, will you, and unfasten this wreath, it makes my head ache, and these late hours tire one so. There, thank you, that will do," and with a weary sigh that had been pent up all through the long gay evening, Marion lay down to seek such sleep as "pleasure" allows to its votaries.

*The two paths—*which of them will you follow?—*British Mothers' Journal.*

X. Educational Intelligence.

CANADA.

— PRINCIPAL OF THE LAVAL NORMAL SCHOOL.—His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, has received letters from Rome announcing to him that Bulls are addressed to Mr. Horan, priest of Quebec, appointed to the Episcopal See of Kingston. Although we rejoice at the nomination of Mr. Horan, we cannot refrain from remarking that his departure will be a real loss to his native city, in which he is known, beloved, and respected. As a member of the Seminary of Quebec, and more recently as Principal of the Normal School at Quebec, he has rendered important services to his country, to public education and to religion. We congratulate our Catholic brethren of Kingston, on the happy choice made by the Holy See, as we are convinced that the more they know their new pastor, the more also they will appreciate the extent of his worth.—*Courier du Canada.*

— NEWMARKET GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The half-yearly examination of this school took place on Friday last. We understand that the classes acquitted themselves more creditably than on any former occasion, as an instance of which it may be mentioned, that the competition for the several prizes offered was so great that the Head Master was compelled to hold another examination in order to decide the merits of the respective candidates. At the close of the proceedings, one of the senior pupils, with a few appropriate remarks, presented Mr. Marling in the name of his fellow students with two very fine, handsome volumes, being *Bryant's Poems* and *Scott's Lady of the Lake*, beautifully bound and illustrated. Mr. Marling, who was quite taken by surprise, made an appropriate reply, in which he referred to similar acts of kindness on the part of the pupils on two former occasions, and remarked that among all the rewards which a teacher could receive, none was more precious than to be assured of the appreciation of his labors by the pupils themselves; amid the difficulties and sometimes discouragements of his position these volumes would be at once a stimulus and a consolation; and to his latest day would retain a cherished place among his most valued mementos. This circumstance shows a state of things which is very gratifying, and we trust that Newmarket Grammar School may long continue to enjoy her position, as second only to Toronto, in the County of York.—*New Era.*

— TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. R. H. THORNTON, LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT.—The *Ontario Times* says, that on the evening of the 22nd, a Soiree

was held in the Rev. R. H. Thornton's Church, near Oshawa, for the purpose of presenting to that gentleman a purse containing \$300, as a mark of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the teachers and friends of education generally. During a period of nearly twenty years, Mr. Thornton has been at the head of almost every educational movement in this locality, and the benefits he has thus been the means of conferring upon the whole community cannot easily be estimated.

— PHILOSOPHICAL INSTRUMENTS AT THE CENTRAL SCHOOL, HAMILTON.—We yesterday visited the Central School, for the purpose, among others, of inspecting the instruments recently supplied, according to the Government plan, for making meteorological observations. The plan is a well devised one, and although several years may elapse before it can be fully carried into effect, yet, if persevered in, it will give to Canada the benefit of a greater number of accurate meteorological observations than any country of which we know. In fact, it would make of Canada one vast observatory; we should arrive at facts, and might thence deduce natural laws, a knowledge of which would be of incalculable advantage to Canada and the world. The plan to which we allude is just this: the Government, through the Educational Department have provided a large number of philosophical instruments, which they are willing to supply to the Senior Grammar Schools in cities, towns and counties, paying half the cost, if the municipalities will defray the other half. Those at the Central School consist of a barometer, wet and dry bulb thermometer, self-registering *maximum* and *minimum* thermometers, a hygrometer, a rain gauge and a wind vane. These have been tested in England, and afterwards for a twelve-month at Toronto, so that the corrections to be made have been accurately ascertained. Books are also provided in which to register the observations at the different hours of the day, viz., 7 A.M., 1 P.M., and 7 P.M. It is a pity that no anemometer is provided, and that the force of the wind has therefore to be calculated by the rule of guess. It is, of course, intended that not only the master, but the pupils also, shall learn to make the observations requisite; and the youth of the country be thus indoctrinated with a taste for natural science. The observations will, in most places (we say it without any disrespect to the teachers,) be inaccurately and irregularly taken for the first year. Here they have so far been properly registered, and at least one of the pupils can take an observation as well as the principal of the school. This will hardly be the case anywhere else; but in time, we hope, similar exactness will be displayed at every station throughout the length and breadth of the land.—*Spectator.*

XI. Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

— THE LOGAN TESTIMONIAL.—We have been favoured with a sight of a letter from Professor Playfair, addressed to a gentleman in this city, explaining the cause of the delay in forwarding the Logan testimonial to this country. The Professor says that the artist only gave up the design some three weeks before he wrote, on the 19th ult., but that it was immediately placed in the hand of Mr. Garred, the goldsmith, who is to execute it and transmit it in February. The whole cost will be £200. The design has been highly approved of by Mr. Redgrave, the art referee of the Department of Science and Art. The support is a block of ebony representing a block of coal, from which springs the silver design, constructed as a fountain, and decorated with coal ornaments, in reference to Sir William's discoveries.—*Montreal Herald.*

— LOWER CANADA BOARD OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.—At the meeting of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, held at the Mechanics' Hall, Montreal, on the 5th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Office-Bearers for the ensuing year: President, David Brown, Esq.; Vice-President, Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau; Secretary, B. Chamberlain, Esq.; Treasurer, N. B. Corse, Esq.; Sub-Committee, Messrs. G. W. Weaver, W. Rodden, A. Cantin, J. Redpath, C. Garth, W. P. Bartley, J. Grant, and Professor Dawson. An Annual Report of their proceedings was submitted by the retiring Sub-Committee, and adopted. A draft of By-laws was also submitted, and adopted after some discussion and amendment. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President, J. Redpath, Esq.

— UPPER CANADA BOARD OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.—At the recent meeting of the Board, the sub-committee appointed in August reported that they had communicated with the several Mechanics' Institutes throughout the Province of Upper Canada, upon subjects connected with the Board of Arts and Manufactures generally, and more particularly with