

VI, King of Denmark, in 1808; Mr. Robert Gilfillan, known to the public as the author of several beautiful songs in the Scottish dialect, and some pieces of poetry of considerable merit; and Mr. J. J. Audubon, the eminent naturalist, who died at his residence, on the banks of the Hudson last month. He was 76 years old. No man has contributed more to ornithological science than Mr. Audubon; Rev. Dr. Judson, the venerable American Missionary in Burman; Margaret A. Fuller, the American Essayist; M. Link, a Professor at Berlin and a celebrated Botanist; Vicount Alford, M. P.; Sir W. Gordon; Dr. Haviland, Regius, Professor of Medicine at Cambridge, England, the Duke of Newcastle, and the Earl of Northampton.

Editorial and Official Notices, &c.

NOTICE TO TRUSTEES AND TEACHERS.—We deem it important at this early period of the year, when engagements with Teachers are usually made, to direct the attention of Trustees and Teachers to the 15th Section of the School Act, which enacts, "That no Teacher shall be deemed a *qualified Teacher* within the meaning of this Act, who shall not, at the time of his engagement with the Trustees, and applying for payment from the school fund, hold a certificate of qualification as hereinafter provided."

Ample opportunity has been afforded to Teachers in every county to obtain certificates from the County Boards of Public Instruction. The first meeting of these Boards took place on the 14th of November, 1850—several months after the law authorizing the granting of legal certificates was passed, thus giving those who considered their qualifications for the office of Teacher to be somewhat doubtful, time and opportunity to prepare themselves fully for examination by the County Boards. The "Programme for the Examination and Classification of Common School Teachers" was also published in this *Journal* in October last—nearly a month before the day of the first meeting of the Board, and, in most cases, two and three months before the examination of candidates actually took place. No excuse, therefore, can reasonably be urged against compliance with the provision of the section of the Act above quoted, if local Superintendents refuse to honour the order of Trustees in favour of persons not holding certificates of qualification. These officers, as the Local Superintendent of Guelph remarks in a letter on the subject, "cannot reasonably be expected to assume responsibilities in direct violation of the Law, in the distribution of the school fund in favour of parties who have by their own neglect created the difficulty, and who have far more interest than the Superintendent can have in the consequences resulting from their compliance or non-compliance with its unquestionable requirements. Trustees should also be careful how they involve themselves by assuming responsibilities to parties on whose behalf, without a certificate, they cannot claim a penny of the school fund." See the appeal to second and third class teachers on the 21st page.

TO LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.—We would respectfully suggest to local Superintendents the propriety of folding their Annual Reports to the Chief Superintendent of Schools in the form of a letter, and transmitting them without a cover. Several Reports have been received at the Education Office enclosed in heavy or coarse brown paper—the postage on which, has unnecessarily amounted to several shillings. We hope local Superintendents will add up each column in their Reports, as intimated last month. They might also, in a separate column, insert the number of free schools in operation in their township during 1850, with such remarks upon the operation of that system as may occur to them. In the next number of the *Journal*, we hope to be able to give such extracts from local Superintendent's reports, referring to the subject, as may appear appropriate. Superintendents will please report the smaller towns and Incorporated Villages which may be within their jurisdiction *separately*, in order that the apportionment of the Legislative school grant to those towns and villages can be made without unnecessary trouble or delay.

SCHOOL REGISTERS.—The School Registers authorized and required by law to be used in each Common School of Upper Canada, are now ready for delivery at the Education Office, Toronto, price, 1s. 3d. each, or 12s. 6d. per dozen. These Registers are designed to last for two years in a School with less than 50 pupils, and for one year in a school of less than 100 pupils. As the Act

contemplates the division of the school fund among the different school sections, according to the average attendance of pupils at each school, it is important that trustees should procure a copy of the Register without delay.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS RECEIVED.
We have to acknowledge the receipt of the following Official Documents, Pamphlets and Periodicals, kindly sent to the Head of the Educational Department of Upper Canada, and to the *Journal of Education* :—

1. DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. With Maps, Engravings, &c. Vol. I. 4to., pp. 523.
2. TRANSACTIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, 1849. With Maps and Engravings. 8vo. pp. 944.
3. TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 1849. Engravings. 8vo., pp. 447.
4. THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE CABINET OF NATURAL HISTORY, AND THE HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUARIAN COLLECTION ANNEXED THERETO, 1849. With beautifully coloured plates. 8vo., pp. 133.
5. SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, 1849. 8vo., pp. (The foregoing were received from the Regents of the University of the State of New York.)
6. RESEARCHES RELATIVE TO THE PLANET NEPTUNE, by S. C. WALKER, ESQ., 1849. 4to., pp. 60. *Smithsonian Institution, Washington.*
7. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE FRIENDS OF EDUCATION. With Appendices. Philadelphia, 1850. 8vo., pp. 175. *American Association for Advancement of Education.*
8. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS, STATE OF NEW YORK, 1850. 8vo., pp. 128. *Hon. Christopher Morgan.*
9. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTIES OF FRONTENAC, LENOX AND ADDINGTON, 1850. 4to., pp. 17.—COUNTY OF WATERLOO, 1850. 8vo., pp. 22. Two copies each. *The County Clerks.*
10. PERIODICALS RECEIVED:—*English Journal of Education; Massachusetts Teacher; The Student; Eclectic Journal of Education; Common School Journal; N. Y. Journal of Education; Cook's Musical Miscellany; Musical Review, &c.*

SEQUEL TO THE SECOND BOOK OF LESSONS.

TORONTO, 1851. BREWER, McPHAIL & CO. 12mo., pp. 216

An admirable re-print of one of the national series of text books, authorized by the Council of Public Instruction, for use in the schools of Upper Canada. The *Sequel* is illustrated with very neat wood cuts; and will prove a very useful intermediate class book, in connexion with the other reading books of the same series. In our next number, we hope to be able to give the entire list of national books, (with their prices,) authorized and recommended to be used in our common schools.

NOTICE

TO COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS, COUNTY OF YORK.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION for this County has appointed the following named places for the Examination of Common School Teachers:—

1. THE CITY OF TORONTO—in the Court House, at 9 A.M., on Tuesday, the 18th March next. *Examining Committee*—The Chairman, the Rev. Messrs. Grasett and Roaf, and G. A. Barber, Esq., City Superintendent.
2. BRAMPTON—At 9 A.M., on Tuesday, the 11th March. *Examining Committee*—The Superintendents, Rev. Mr. McGeorge, A. Simpson, and Dr. Crumblie.
3. DUFFIN'S CREEK—Tuesday, March 18th, at 9 A.M. *Examining Committee*—The Superintendent, Dr. Foote, Messrs. Annis, and W. B. Warren.
4. NEWMARKET—Tuesday, the 18th March, at 9 A.M. *Examining Committee*—The Superintendent of the first Circuit, Messrs. Smith and Hartman.

Office of Board of Public Instruction, }
18th February, 1851. }

J. JENNINGS,
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February, 1851.

WANTED a Teacher, duly qualified to teach a Common School in the township of Whitby. Salary, at least, £50 Apply to Mr. JAMES MITCHELL, Trustee, near the Plank Road, 4th Concession.

February, 1851.

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