

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The trustees of the University of Virginia have appropriated \$1500 for the establishment of a gymnasium for the use of the students. The common schools of California are required, by legislative enactment, to make the "scientific development of the human body" a prominent feature in their course of educational training. They must have proper apparatus for and teachers of gymnastic exercises. The schools of Sweden and Germany are generally provided with all the necessary means and appliances for the systematic prosecution of gymnastics. In Upper Canada, they are being generally introduced in all the public schools, and we trust it will soon be the case in Lower Canada. The three Normal Schools and Saint Mary's College have given the example, and we trust it will be soon followed up by all other schools and educational institutions.

—From statistics collected by us during the past year, it appears that at the various assizes and sessions of this county and city, held in the year, 476 prisoners have been placed on the calendar for trial. Of these, there were but two of superior education, while no less than 294 could neither read nor write! Of those who could read and write well there were but 20, five could read well, but were unable to write; whilst 121 could read but imperfectly. The remaining three did not appear. Surely these facts bear witness far more efficiently than any labored argument, to the necessity of educating the lower classes.—*Worcester Herald.*

—Pictures! pictures! hang your walls with pictures. Let your children remember the sweet engravings of home. Cherish that innocent love of the beautiful.—*Rhode Island School Master.*

SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE.

—Several fires have recently taken place in France through the fall of ignited aerolites. A scientific review states that it is most probable that the burning of several houses, which has never been accounted for, has had the same cause. He points out the fact to the attention of criminalists, and questions whether several alleged cases of arson could not be explained away in that manner. We would not wonder if aerolites were to supersede *alibis*, the favorite mode of getting rid of accusations of that nature.

—Marquis Maximilian Spinosa, a celebrated naturalist of Genoa, died in the month of October at Tassicola, at the age of 78.

—Mr. Leverrier has read a memoir at the Academy of Sciences, on the telegrams received at the Observatory from the several observatories of Europe. The Observatory of Paris is now connected by the iron wires with 14 stations in France, and with the following foreign places, Brussels, Madrid, Genoa, Rome and Turin, to which in a few weeks will be added Vienna, Berlin, St. Petersburg and Lisbon. He complains of the opposition made by the English telegraph companies, but says that he hopes to succeed in obtaining the aid of the British Government. The meteorological reports of the western coast of Ireland are very desirable for the progress of science, and he hopes they will soon be laid weekly on the bureau of the Academy with all the others.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

[CIRCULAR No. 25.]

EDUCATION OFFICE, Montreal, 5th Nov. 1857.

To Esquire, Inspector of Schools.

SIR,

You will at an early date receive a case of books which will be forwarded to you by . . . . .

You will distribute these books conformably to the instructions contained in my circular No. 20.

You will also remark that, thanks to the liberality of the Government, I am this year enabled to transmit a number of books more proportionate to the number of pupils attending the schools in your district than I have hitherto been enabled to do.

In the distribution of these books you will be particularly careful in ascertaining the religious denomination to which the pupils belong, so as not to give to them, other books than those especially intended for the scholars of that particular creed.

To the books now sent I am enabled to add the following pamphlets.

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3o. Etudes sur l'instruction publique chez les Canadiens-Français, by D. P. Myrand.

4o. Notes and statistics on public instruction in Canada, from Lovell's Directory of Canada.

These pamphlets will be distributed by you during your visits to the several schools, to the teachers; and you will, recommend that the subjects therein treated on, should be read and explained to the pupils in familiar lessons or lectures.

Should you have any of these pamphlets left after having distributed them among the teachers, you will please retain them, for distribution among the scholars, as prizes.

You will please subscribe your name to the receipt at the foot of the duplicate list accompanying this letter, and return it to this office with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU,  
Superintendent of Education.

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- Bibliothèque de la Jeunesse Chrétienne de Mame, série in-8o
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- Fables de Lafontaine . . . . .
- Les Servantes de Dieu en Canada . . . . .
- Abrégé de l'Histoire du Canada de Garneau . . . . .
- Fables de Paul Stevens . . . . .
- Traité de l'Agriculture Flamande . . . . .

N. B. Lafontaine's Fables, Garneau's History of Canada and the treatises on Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, and other sciences, can be given to protestants, the other french books are to be distributed among catholic pupils only.

ENGLISH BOOKS.

(For Protestants only.)

- Miller's Illustrated London Library, (selected) . . . . .
- Home Books, by Cousin Alice . . . . .

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- Sadlier's Popular Library . . . . .
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- Popular and Modern Tales, by Madame Guizot . . . . .
- Stories for Children, by Miss Edgeworth . . . . .
- Canadian Settler's Guide, by Mrs. Trail . . . . .
- The Child's Book of Nature . . . . .
- Salmon Fisheries of Canada, by Nettle . . . . .
- Canada at the Universal Exhibition, by J. C. Taché . . . . .
- Pretty Little Poems for Pretty Little People . . . . .
- Hodgins' Geography and History of British North America . . . . .
- Aesop's Fables . . . . .
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- Gems of Fables . . . . .
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- Book of Animals . . . . .

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In further information apply to the Rector.  
Lennoxville, Dec. 10th 1857.