

excess over the expenditure of \$700,000. We have thus briefly referred greatness, and life of Great Britain. Its importance to the parent country has been noted; and whoever seeks its dismemberment, is not only an enemy to the Colonies themselves, but also an enemy to the mother country. While they stand, she stands firm and impregnable. Her interests are identical with the interests of the Colonies,—her children. "*Render these useless,*" said the sagacious Talleyrand, "*or deprive her of them and you break down her last wall—you fill up her last mote!*"—*Kingston Whig.*

THE COLONIES AND THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

In a parliamentary paper yesterday was published a statement of all the remittances received up to the present time from the colonies on account of the Patriotic Fund. The total sum, including grants from colonial Governments, is £143,358. This is exclusive of £10,000 from Canada and £500 from the Mauritius for the French army. Of this, India contributes £56,630; of which, £30,000 is from Calcutta, £13,000 from Bombay, and Madras £11,837. The Australian colonies give £38,948; of which New South Wales sends £30,000, South Australia £6,000, Van Diemen's Land £1,948, and Victoria £1,000. From Canada comes £18,374; and among the subscriptions which make up that sum we find "Mohawk Indians of the Bay of Quinte," contributing £3, the Rice Lake Indians, £57 2s. 6d., and the six Nations Indians £100. Nova Scotia sends £4,944; New Brunswick, £4,107; British Guiana, £4,000; Ceylon, £3,551; Hong Kong, £2,216; Prince Edward's Island, £2,003; Gibraltar, £1,508; Jamaica, £1,066; Malta, £842; the Cape, £178; Mauritius, £632; Trinidad, £500; New Zealand, £441; Barbadoes, £403; Bermuda, £405; the smaller West India Islands various sums. The lowest is Tortoli, which has contributed £3.

A PIOUS SOLDIER.

The following touching letter was written on the eve of battle by Col. Shadforth, of the 57th regiment, British army, who fell in the attack on the Redan, on the 18th of June:—

"BEFORE SEBASTOPOL, June 17—6 P. M.

"*My own beloved wife and dearly beloved children:* At one o'clock to-morrow morning, I head the 57th to storm the Redan. It is, as I feel, an awfully perilous moment to me, but I place myself in the hands of our gracious God, without whose will a sparrow cannot fall to the ground. I place my whole trust in Him. Should I fall in the performance of my duty, I fully rely in the precious blood of our Saviour shed for sinners, that I may be saved through Him. Pardon and forgive me my beloved ones, for anything I may have said or done to cause you one moment's unhappiness. Unto God I commend my body and soul, which are His; and should it be His will that I fall in the performance of my duty, in the defence of my Queen and country, I most humbly say, 'Thy will be done.'—God bless and protect you; and my last prayer will be, that He, of His infinite goodness, may preserve you. God ever bless you, my beloved Eliza, and my dearest children, and, if we meet not again in this world, may we all meet in the mansions of our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ. God bless and protect you; and ever believe me,

Your affectionate husband and loving father,

THOMAS SHADFORTH."

Educational Intelligence.

CANADA.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

Quite a number of Students offered themselves for matriculation at the recent examination in the University of Toronto....The autumn term of Victoria College has commenced with one hundred and fifty pupils and Students....A building is about being erected at a cost of £400, in the city of Ottawa (Bytown), to be called the Victoria Academy. The *Ottawa Citizen* in referring to the subject says: "The example that has been set by the founders of this Institution in erecting a neat and commodious building will, we hope, be speedily followed in other quarters. And certainly, the sooner the better; for the present condition of our Grammar or Common School buildings is anything but agreeable to the teachers or creditable to the city. It would be difficult to assign any reason why this city should not become as celebrated for the excellence of its Educational Institutions as it is already for the salubrity of its climate, and the beauty of its natural scenery...The Board of School Trustees in the city of Toronto are about taking steps to "obtain competent gentlemen to deliver instructive and interesting lectures in some of the City Schools during the winter months."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

The Rev. Edward St. John Parry, lately Professor in Trinity College, Toronto, has been unanimously elected resident warden of Queen's College, Birmingham....The *Globe* says: "Dr. George Wilson, brother of Dr. Daniel Wilson of this city, has been appointed by Her Majesty to the newly erected regius Professorship of Technology in the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Wilson in a note to the Lord Provost, transmitting Her Majesty's commission appointing him to the chair, informed his lordship that there was no exact equivalent in English for giving a rendering of what was embraced under Technology, but the nearest deficient was physical science in its application to the useful and economic arts, the fine arts not falling under the province of Technology. The benefits of the chair will not be confined to the students of the University, but will be extended to all whose attention is directed to the useful arts."...The *Globe* also states that: "The chair of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh, is at present vacant, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. Allison, who has long occupied a place in the very highest ranks of the medical profession in England. Dr. Allison is a brother of Sheriff Sir Archibald Allison, the celebrated historian of the last European War."...It is announced that from the 1st of October a class will be formed in the University of Dublin, for the especial instruction of students who may present themselves as candidates at the next examination for appointments in the Royal Artillery and Engineers....The committee of the Roman Catholic University of Ireland have received £12,000 during the last year.

EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA.

A recent correspondent of the London *Times* states that "The question of public education has again occupied for some time the attention of our Legislative Council, and the discussion has excited, as the discussion of this subject generally does excite, a good deal of acrimonious feeling and keen debate. In connexion with the subject of education it may be proper to state that the first term of the Melbourne University was opened in due form on the 14th inst., by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in the presence of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Council of the University, and a number of other colonists.

YALE COLLEGE.

The total number of Students in Yale College, according to the "Banner," is 617; of instructors, 41. The Students are divided as follows: Theology students, 25; Law students, 22; Medical, 34; Scientific, 60; Seniors, 96; Juniors, 110; Sophomores, 113; Freshmen, 157. The whole number in the Undergraduated Department is 476. It is noticed with regret that the departments of Law, Medicine and Theology are gradually falling off. Something ought and might be done to avert this decline, which if not checked, will soon deprive Yale of any claim to be considered a University or anything like one.

Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

We regret to notice in our foreign exchanges the death of the Rev. Thos. Pearson, author of the valuable work on *Modern Infidelity*....The poet Longfellow is engaged, it is said, upon a translation of Dante, which will be ready for the press sometime next year....The library of the late Thomas Moore, presented by Mrs. Moore, as a memorial of her husband's taste and erudition, to the Royal Irish Academy, has arrived in Dublin....Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, M. P., has offered £100 towards establishing a public library in Ennis, under the new act for promoting free public libraries and museums in Ireland. Writing to Mr. Marcus Talbot on the subject, he says, "I will myself present £100 for the purchase of some standard scientific works, or books of reference, and I will undertake the supply of a complete set of parliamentary papers, and promise an annual subscription."

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS IN ENGLAND.

An act was passed in the late session (18 and 19 Victoria, chap. 70) for further promoting the establishment of free public libraries and museums in municipal towns, and for extending it to towns governed under local improvement acts and to parishes. The Public Libraries' Act of 1850 in repealed, and under this act the admission to the public is to be free of all charges. Town councils may adopt the act if determined upon by the in-