

worked his own way through college, and yet stood among the first of his class. The subject of his oration was, "The Negro Race in America since Emancipation."

The Education Department has issued the following list of Normal School students who passed successfully the December examination for professional second-class certificates at Ottawa schools:—Messrs Anderson, Arthur, Bell, Bowen, Brown, Edwards, Fitzpatrick, Grant, Haight, Henricks, Masonry, Morris, Murphy, McGregor, McKinstry, McQueen, Weaver, Weir, Yorrell; Misses Armstrong, Barry, Gregor, Hazel, Hendry, Holden, Horne, Lent, McMillan, Patteison, Reynolds, Rose, Sanborn, Smith, Swan, Taye, Allan, Dyne, Kennedy, MacLean, Smith, Dodds, Johnston, McTaggart. The following had their grades of certificates raised from B to A:—Messrs Edwards, Fitzpatrick, and Haight, Misses Patterson, Rose, Lent, Armstrong, Gregor, Hendry. The following are deserving of special mention:—Messrs Grant, Weir, Yorrell, Miss McMillan. The Medal was won by Haight.

We gave last week the official regulations respecting the examinations for entrance to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, taking effect July, 1885. The following additional particulars will be useful to teachers and contain answers to questions received:—

The subjects of the next High School Entrance Examination, July, 1885, are:—Orthography and Orthoepy, spelling from dictation, marking pronunciations and verbal distinctions. There will be 30 marks allowed for this subject. One mark will be deducted for every mistake in spelling in the papers on literature, Grammar, Geography, Composition and History.

WRITING—Besides a paper on this subject, for which fifteen marks will be assigned, a maximum of 5 marks for writing and neatness will be allowed on each of the Spelling, Literature, Grammar, Arithmetic, Composition, Geography and History papers, making 50 marks in all for writing.

ARITHMETIC—As far as percentage and interest, 100 marks.

GRAMMAR—Inflections, definitions, corrections, parsing and analysing, 100 marks.

COMPOSITION—Sentence construction, varying expressions, transposition and contraction of passages, expansion of topical hints into a composition, paraphrasing, punctuation and letter writing, 70 marks. Besides the marks given on the composition paper a maximum of 15 will be allowed for the composition on the history and literature papers, making 100 marks in all.

GEOGRAPHY—Form and motions of the earth, chief definitions, chief physical and political divisions, circles on the globe, Maps of America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Canada and Ontario, railway systems, products and commercial relations of Canada and Ontario, 75 marks.

DRAWING—A paper on drawing for which 25 marks will be assigned. Candidates for examination must place their drawing books in the hands of the presiding examiner on the morning of the first day of the examination. Every exercise must be certified by the teacher as being the candidate's own work, and should show at least three months' work, 25 marks allowed for the books, making in all 50 marks. One-third of the marks must be obtained in drawing, and also in all the other subjects.

HISTORY—Outlines of English History—75 marks.

READING—Intelligently and intelligibly, with correct pronunciation, emphasis and pause—50 marks.

LITERATURE—From selected lessons to show the meaning of words, phrases, passages; to reproduce the subject matter in the pupil's own language; to quote passages of special beauty; to evince some knowledge of the authors of the lessons—100 marks.

The twelve selections for the July and December, 1885, examinations, are:—

1. The Stago Coach.—*Dickens.*
2. The Lark at the Diggings.—*Reade.*
3. The Geysers of Iceland.—*Dufferin.*
4. The Story of La Fevre.—*Sterne.*
5. The Skater and the Wolves.—*Whitehead.*
6. The Ocean.—*Byron.*
7. Autumn Woods.—*Bryant.*
8. Sir John Franklin.—*Punch.*
9. The incident at Ralsbon.—*Browning.*
10. The shipbuilders.—*Whittier.*
11. The Battle of the Baltic.—*Campbell.*
12. The Incident at Bruges.—*Wordsworth.*

The total number of marks assigned is 50, the minimum required to pass is 37½, and one-third in every subject.

Teachers should cut out this curriculum, and post it up conveniently for reference.

During the past few months the Heads of the various universities and colleges in Ontario, have had several conferences among themselves, and with the Minister of Education for the purpose of maturing a scheme for confederating all these institutions with the University of Toronto. Following is the basis of union finally agreed upon at a meeting on Tuesday, the 9th inst. :—

1. It is proposed to form a confederation of colleges, carrying on in Toronto, work embraced in the Arts Curriculum of the Provincial University, and in connection therewith the following institutions, namely, Queen's University, Victoria University, and Trinity University, Knox College, St Michael's College, Wycliff College, and Toronto Baptist College, shall have the right to enter into the proposed confederation, provided always that each of such institutions shall, so long as it remains in the confederation, keep in abeyance any powers it may possess of conferring degrees other than degrees in Divinity; such powers remaining intact though not exercised. It shall be lawful for the Senate, from time to time, to provide by statute for the admission of other institutions into the confederation under the limitations above prescribed. Nothing herein contained shall be held to repeal any of the provisions for affiliation of institutions as contained in R. S. O., cap. 210, sec. 61.

2. The head of each confederating college shall be *ex officio* a member of the Senate of the Provincial University, and in addition thereto. The governing body of each confederating college shall be entitled to appoint one other member of the Senate. The University professoriate shall be represented by two of their members on the Senate, and the Council of University College by one of its members in addition to the president.

3. The undergraduates of any confederating university shall be admitted *ad eundem statum*, and the graduates in Law and Arts of any confederating university shall be admitted *ad eundem gradum* in the Provincial University. Such of the graduates in medicine of any confederating university as shall have actually passed their examinations within the limits of the Province of Ontario shall be admitted *ad eundem gradum* in the Provincial University.

4. During the continuance of such confederation, but no longer, all graduates in medicine and law so admitted shall have the same rights, powers, and privileges, as are at present enjoyed by the like graduates of the Provincial University, except as herein otherwise provided.

5. All graduates in medicine, including such admitted graduates, shall vote as one body, and be entitled to elect four members of Senate. All graduates in law, including such admitted graduates, shall vote as one body, and be entitled to elect two members of Senate.

6. The graduates in arts of the several universities entering into the confederation shall, for the period of six years after the requisite legislation shall have been obtained, be entitled to the following representation on the Senate, namely: those of Queen's University to elect four members; those of Victoria University to elect four members; and those of Trinity University to elect four members. The graduates in arts of the Provincial University, other than those admitted *ad eundem gradum* under this scheme, shall be entitled to elect twelve members of Senate. After the said period of six years, separate representation shall cease and the entire body of graduates shall unite in electing a number of representatives equal to those previously elected by the several universities in confederation.

7. (a) University College shall afford to all students who desire to avail themselves thereof the requisite facilities for obtaining adequate instruction in the following subjects in the curriculum of the Provincial University, viz., Latin, Greek, Ancient History, French, German, English, Oriental Language, and Moral Philosophy; provided that it shall be competent to the governing body of University College to institute additional chairs which do not exist in the University.

(b) Attendance on instruction provided in any of the confederating colleges, including University College, shall be accorded equal value as a condition of proceeding to any degree with attendance on the work of the University Professoriate.

8. There shall be established another teaching faculty in connection with the Provincial University, to be called the University Professoriate, which shall afford to all students of the Provincial University, who desire to avail themselves thereof, the requisite facilities for obtaining adequate instruction in the following subjects, in accordance with the curriculum of such University, namely, Pure Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy, Geology, Mineralogy, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, Physiology, Ethnology, (includ-