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TORONTO, JUNE, 1880.

—We propose to issue the July number of the JOURNAL earlier than usual, that our readers may be able to have a correct guide to the great educational gatherings during the holidays.

—The Common Council of the city of London (Eng.) is about to establish a School of Music, to give thorough musical instruction at a moderate cost. In this connection it may be mentioned that there are in Great Britain and Ireland about 11,000 persons who obtain a livelihood by teaching music. Of these about 4,000 are in the metropolises.

—Mr. Richard Lewis, Professor of Elocution, will conduct a summer school of elocution in Toronto for the benefit of those teachers who wish to make themselves more proficient in that study. In addition to his long experience and great success in teaching elocution in Public Schools, Mr. Lewis has charge of this department in Knox College and the Divinity School of the English Church.

—We have received the annual report of Mr. C. C. McKenzie, Chief Superintendent of Education for British Columbia. Educational matters in that province are on the whole progressing favorably. A new School Act has been passed giving trustees more power, and establishing more intimate relations between the teachers and the Chief Superintendent. The Council of Education has ceased to exist. There are in all 58 teachers and 2,301 registered pupils. The highest salary paid is \$110 per month, and the lowest \$45. The average salary is \$61 per month.

—Mr. Gladstone having been asked to sign a memorial to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge in favour of granting degrees to women, has sent the following reply :

"Sir,—My rule is strict against subscribing memorials to be presented to our authorities. But, having had a daughter for some

years at Nownham, my sympathies run strongly in your direction, though it is with deference that I submit any formed opinion. I do, however, lean to the opinion that the absolute restriction of university and college endowments to men is, under present circumstances, impolitic and unjust. I do not hereby imply that I am adverse to other aid and recognition.

Your very faithful and obedient, W. E. GLADSTONE."

—The following memorial to the Aberdeen School Board from the Free Presbytery of Aberdeen was remitted to a special committee :

"Your memorialists, being much concerned at the extent to which profane language and rude and indecent conduct prevail amongst some of the youth of this city, and having themselves resolved upon the adoption of all means of repression within their power, and being fully convinced that the co-operation of your Board will be of the greatest service in checking these evils, and further, having learned with much pleasure that you are engaged in considering these matters, respectfully approach you with the request that you will issue such instructions to your teachers as shall aid them in a special manner to impress upon the youth under their charge the evil of such practices, and that you will further use such other means as are competent to you to advance this object."

This subject might well receive a greater amount of attention from teachers in most cities and towns. Purity of language will preserve purity of thought. The contrary is equally true.

—At the last meeting of the Durham County Teachers' Association it was decided unanimously to give the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL to every member of the Association for the sum of twenty-five cents per annum, the Association paying the balance. It was held that this was a better use to make of the funds than the purchase of a library, owing to the great difficulties connected with the circulation of a library throughout a county. We commend the course to other associations who have not already adopted it. It is the intention of the publishers to produce a journal, each volume of which will be an educational library in itself, and to furnish it at the very lowest rates to associations. In addition to the many Canadian and American sources of information and experience which have been laid under tribute to produce a journal of the highest excellence, representatives have been secured in England, at Cambridge, and in connection with the College of Preceptors, and the National Union of Elementary Teachers; so that the freshest educational developments of the Mother Country, from the primary school to the University, will be laid before our readers each month.

—The opponents of any great reform in England frequently attempt to defeat the movement by caricature and doggerel. In the time of John Wesley his religious work was vainly attacked in this manner. He and his friends, including the noble Huntingdon, were represented in pictures as guilty of most obscene practices under the guidance of the arch-fiend himself, whose familiar figure always graced a prominent position in the sketches. We have been favored by receiving a copy of a Churchman's attack on the School Boards of Eng-