

pletely filled the halls. The appearance of the pupils, numbering more than one hundred, in their graceful white costumes, elicited general admiration. The proficiency—nay, perfection—in music and the other varied accomplishments of a useful and polished education, so successfully imparted by the ladies of Loretto, was manifested by the pupils in every class, to the marked satisfaction of all present. We would be only repeating what we have so often said in former years, were we to enter into any description. The reputation acquired by the community of Loretto in the matter of superior education is world-wide. We are happy to say the high status which the order has elsewhere attained, is fully upheld in the various houses founded in Canada.—*Canadian Freeman*.

—**HALDIMAND TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—At the last meeting of the Teachers' Association for the County of Haldimand, a resolution was introduced and carried to the effect, that, "Whereas, all graduates in law, medicine, &c., who have received diplomas are not again subjected to an examination, it is the opinion of this Association, that Teachers holding unlimited first-class County Certificates, and who have had lengthened experience in teaching, should receive Provincial Certificates without being subjected to periodical examinations." The subjects which had been previously appointed for discussion were now taken up. The first was, "By what means can we get parents of children to take more interest in the work of teaching?" Mr. Wood, who had been appointed to lead in the discussion, being absent, Mr. Moore took his place. Remarks were made by most of the members present. Public examinations, entertainments for the children, pic-nics, and such like, were mentioned as means of bringing the parents and children together. Visiting the children at their homes was also recommended. But all the speakers agreed, first, gaining the attachment and interest of the children, which can only be done by the teachers showing, at all times, an interest in them and their studies. Then, this having been accomplished, the interest of the parents will be pretty sure to follow. The substance of the remarks is embodied in the following resolution, which was carried, viz. :—"That the best means of eliciting the interest of parents is by teachers' showing that they are in themselves, their work and that of their brother-teachers; endeavouring, by first securing the confidence, interest and affection of the children, to reach the parents through the medium of them; encouraging the giving of prizes to the pupils, and striving to get parents and guardians to attend the public examinations." The next subject, viz. :—"The best method of teaching Reading," was introduced by Mr. Rennelson, and afterwards discussed in a spirited manner by the members. The substance of the debate is embodied in the following resolution, which was carried, viz. :—"That the best method of teaching reading is to require from the pupils a proper position of the body, especially of the organs of speech; the most exact pronunciation of all the elementary sounds of the language; the combining of letters into words by the method of sound and not of sight; the distinct enunciation of each and every sound contained in the word; the thorough understanding of each sentence, (of which these words are the component parts), the proper accent, tone of voice, emphasis, and expression of the sentiment of the writer, in order to a correct and intelligible enunciation of the sentence." The third subject :—"The best method of teaching Spelling," was introduced by Mr. Priest in an essay, which was full of information. After a thorough discussion, a resolution was carried in accordance with the sentiments of the essay.—*Sachem*.

VIII. Departmental Notices.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, MAPS, APPARATUS, AND SCHOOL PRIZE BOOKS.

The Chief Superintendent will add *one hundred per cent*, to any sum or sums, *not less than five dollars*, transmitted to the Department by Municipal and School Corporations, on behalf of Grammar and Common Schools; and forward Public Library

Books, Prize Books, Maps, Apparatus, Charts and Diagrams, to the value of the amount thus augmented, upon receiving a list of the articles required. In all cases it will be necessary for any person acting on behalf of the Municipal or Trustee Corporation, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Corporation. A selection of Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize Books, &c., to be sent, can always be made by the Department, when so deserved.

☞ Catalogues and forms of Application furnished to School authorities on their application.

* * If Library and Prize Books be ordered, in addition to Maps and Apparatus, it will be NECESSARY for the TRUSTEES to SEND NOT LESS THAN *five dollars additional* for each class of books, &c., with the proper forms of application for each class

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Application having been frequently made to the Department for the supply from its Depository of Sunday School Library and Prize Books, Maps and other requisites, it is deemed advisable to insert the following information on the subject.

1. The Department has no authority to grant the one hundred per cent. upon any remittance for Library or Prize Books, Maps or Requisites, except on such as are received from Municipal or Public School Corporations in Upper Canada. Books, Maps and other Requisites suitable for Sunday Schools, or for Library or other similar Associations, can however, on receipt of the necessary amount, be supplied from the Depository at the net prices, that is about twenty-five or thirty per cent. less than the usual current retail prices.

2. The admirable books published in England by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and by the London Religious Tract Society, are furnished from the Societies' catalogues at currency for sterling prices (i. e. a shilling sterling book is furnished for twenty cents Canadian currency, and so on in proportion.) These two catalogues will, as far as possible, be furnished to parties applying for them. Books suitable for Sunday Schools are received from the other large religious societies, Presbyterian and Methodists, and from the various extensive publishers in Britain and the United States, but the list would be too extensive to publish separately.

3. On receiving the necessary instructions, a suitable selection can be made at the Department, subject to the approval of the parties sending the order. Any books, maps, &c., not desired which may be sent from the Depository, will be exchanged for others, if returned promptly and in good order.

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In reply to numerous applications for the Trustees' School Manual, we desire to intimate that a new edition of the School Acts is now ready. Single copies, 35 cents, including postage. New School Sections will be supplied gratuitously.

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The new Tablet Reading Lessons, consisting of thirty-three large sheets, can be obtained at the Depository at 75 cts. per set; at \$1.00, free of postage; or \$4.50, mounted on cardboard. The 100 per cent. is allowed on these lessons when ordered with maps and apparatus, &c.

EXAMINATION OF COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS, COUNTY OF YORK,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Examination of Common School Teachers, and others, will take place on

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1869,

At the Court House, in the City of Toronto, at Richmond Hill, and at Newmarket, at 9 A.M.

Candidates will be required to produce certificates of moral character from their respective Ministers, and if Teachers before, also from their respective Trustees.

J. JENNINGS, D.D.,
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