

Academy of Sciences at Paris, April 27, was read the invitation of the American Association for the Advancement of the Sciences, to their meeting at Montreal, August 12. The invitation was accompanied by three passage tickets from Havre to New York, put at the disposal of the American Association by the company owning the line of steamers.

— **CANADIAN BOARDS OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.**—A bill was introduced into the Legislative Council by the Hon. P. M. Vankoughnet. It provides among other things, for the formation in each section of the Province of a Board of Arts and Manufactures, to consist of the Minister of Agriculture, Professors of and lecturers on the physical sciences, in the chartered Universities and Colleges, the President and one Delegate from each Board of Trade, and the President of, and delegates from each Mechanics' Institute, qualified as in the Bill mentioned.—in Upper and Lower Canada respectively.—Such Boards also, and the President of all legally organised Horticultural Societies to form part of the "Agricultural Association" of their respective sections of the Province. It also provided for the formation at Toronto and Montreal respectively, of a museum of minerals and other substances used in the arts and manufactures, models of useful inventions, (unconnected with agriculture,) a library of reference, &c., &c., and connected therewith, schools of design for women, and schools or colleges for mechanics.

— **THE LIVERPOOL FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.**—The foundation stone of the new building in Shaw's-brow, opposite St. George's Hall, was recently laid by the founder, Mr. William Brown, M. P., who after defraying the entire cost of its construction, estimated at about £30,000, will present it as a free gift to the people of Liverpool. The Free Public Library was opened in October, 1852, in temporary premises in Duke street, where the collection in natural history belonging to the late Earl of Derby, by whom it was bequeathed to the town, was removed. The library was opened with 10,000 volumes, which number had increased to 21,021 in August, 1856, exclusive of 13,524 books in two free lending libraries, one in the North and the other in the South district. The proceedings of the day commenced with the presentation of addresses to Mr. Brown, at the Town Hall, after which that gentleman, the guests, visitors, and others, went in procession to the site of the building. After the ceremony of laying the stone a banquet was held in St. George's Hall.

— **ART TREASURES EXHIBITION, MANCHESTER.**—No fewer than 200 general meetings have been held by the Executive Committee, and the weight of their responsibility may be imagined when it is stated that the marketable value of the property under their charge is estimated at the enormous sum of £4,000,000, or double the value of the whole contents of the Crystal Palace in Hyde Park. In order to make the undertaking remunerative at the low prices of admission already fixed, it is necessary that during the period the Exhibition will remain open no fewer than between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 visits should be paid to it. Many, of course, will go more than once, but, after making a liberal reduction for season tickets and repeated visits, nearly, if not quite, 2,000,000 persons must enter the Exhibition to insure its financial success. 105 "men of Manchester" have become responsible for £73,000 of the expenses. A kitchen, in which dinners for 20,000 persons may be cooked in one day, has been established in connexion with the exhibition. The value of the paintings and articles of *virtu* about to be exhibited at Manchester is estimated at £7,000,000. Insurances are to be effected with a number of offices. "We have," says the *Manchester Guardian*, "made a rough calculation of the superficial extent of wall space in the Great Hall, the six picture galleries, and the four ante-galleries, destined for the reception of pictures—that is, oil paintings exclusively; and if we are correct (and we have endeavoured to be within the mark), the aggregate space is not less than 4,400 square yards, or very nearly an acre of paintings, the aggregate money value of which would certainly reach some fabulous amount." Prince Albert opened the Exhibition on Monday, the 5th of May.

Departmental Notices.

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By virtue of a Resolution of the Board, unanimously adopted, to the effect that, in order to raise the standard of Common School Education, all Teachers now holding First Class Certificates are required to present themselves for re-examination, at the time above stated, and all Teachers presenting themselves for examination, are required to produce Certificates of Moral Character from their respective Ministers, and from the Trustees of the Schools in which they were last engaged.

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Chairman.

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