

"It is better than being dishonest, sir," said the boy modestly. "You are right my little fellow; always remember that principle, and you will find favor with God and man also. You have nothing else I wish for this morning, but I shall remember your little stand in future. Are those clams fresh?" he continued, turning to Ben Wilson's stand.

"Yes sir; fresh this morning. I caught them myself," and a purchase being made the gentleman went his way.

"Harry, what a fool you was to show the gentleman that spot on the melon. Now you can take it home for your pains, or throw it away. How much wiser is he about those clams I caught yesterday? Sold them for the same price I did the fresh ones. He would never have looked at the melon until he had gone away."

"Ben I would not tell a lie, or act one either for what I have earned this morning. Besides, I shall be better off in the end, for I have gained a customer, and you have lost one."

And so it proved, for the next day the gentleman bought nearly all his fruits and vegetables of Harry, but never invested another penny at the stand of his neighbor. Thus the season passed; the gentleman finding that he could always get a good article of Harry, continually patronized him, and sometimes talked with him a few minutes about his future hopes and prospects. To become a merchant was his great ambition, and when winter came on, the gentleman wanting a trusty boy for his store, decided on giving the place to Harry. Steadily but surely he advanced in the confidence of his employer, until, having passed through various graduations of clerkship, he became at length an honored partner in the firm.

VIII. Educational Intelligence.

CANADA.

— UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CONVOCATION.—On Monday the 24th ult., the Annual Convocation of University College was held in the new hall of the Toronto University buildings. The Rev. Dr. McCaul presided. The hall was well filled, and the proceedings excited a good deal of interest. They consisted in the admission of matriculants, and the conferring of prizes upon the successful students of the College for the past year. From the explanatory remarks of the President; it appears that of the nine scholarships awarded, three were obtained by the pupils of Upper Canada College, one by a pupil of Toronto Grammar School, one by a pupil of Galt Grammar School, one by a pupil of London Grammar School, one by a pupil of Hamilton Central School, one by a pupil of Bondhead Grammar School, and one by a candidate self-taught. Of the first-class honors distributed at matriculation, eight were obtained by pupils of Upper Canada College, seven by Galt Grammar School, three by a pupil of Barrie Grammar School, two by London Grammar School, and two self-taught. The remarks of the several Professors, in distributing the prizes, were well received. At the conclusion, the Rev. Dr. McCaul, President of University College, delivered an able and interesting speech on the claims of the College to public countenance and support.

— UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CALENDAR FOR 1859-60.—We have received from the Rev. President McCaul, a copy of this neatly printed Calendar, containing the course of study in the College; prize and honor lists from 1855; lists of graduates of King's College and the University of Toronto, in the several faculties, to the end of 1859; list of undergraduates and students, &c. The number of undergraduates at present attending the College is 63; of students (*i. e.*, those "who attend during an academic year or term, two or more courses of lectures"), 32; of occasional students (*i. e.*, those "who attend but one course of lectures"), 71; total, 166. The Calendar also contains information in regard to the Magnetical Observatory, the Library, Museum, and Apparatus, from which latter we learn that in the Library there at present 13,000 volumes; in the Museum, 70 specimens of mammalia, 1,000 species of birds, 70 species of reptiles, 150 fishes, with some skeletons; 6000 geological specimens; with various instruments, casts, and models; 180 Philosophical instruments; 1,500 chemical products and 400 minerals used in the Arts, &c. &c. Other useful information is given in the Calendar, which extends to 100 pages.

— THE GRAND JURY AND EDUCATION.—During the recent Assizes at Toronto, the Grand Jury delivered to Chief Justice Draper, the presiding Judge, a presentment from which we make the following extracts: "Referring to the subject of education, and to the fact that notwithstanding common schools are so numerous, and so amply provided for, the instruction of the masses, our streets are nevertheless filled with children who do

not take advantage of them, and who wander about as common vagabonds and pests to society, the jury are, in common with the intelligent portion of the community, made painfully aware of the fact that our school system has not produced all the good effects which were expected to flow from it, when the Legislature made such ample provision by compulsory taxation for the general diffusion of secular knowledge; and they believe that the only way to make education effective in elevating the masses, is by making attendance at school of children within certain ages, and for a certain number of days in the year, compulsory. Whether, besides compulsory attendance and the teachings and principles of mere secular knowledge, as now taught at our Free Schools, the youth of the country might not receive such moral training, so that their duty towards God, and their duty towards their neighbours, might be forcibly impressed upon their minds, without interference with the religious prejudices of our mixed population, the Jury are not prepared to express an opinion. Should the evils arising from the want of such instructions be brought home to the minds of the people and the Legislature, as it has been to that of the Jury, they believe means might be devised to, in some measure, lessen the evils complained of. The Jury hail with satisfaction, the establishment of the reformatory institutions alluded to by your Lordship."

— UNITED PRESBYTERIAN DIVINITY HALL.—At the recent opening of this Hall, the Rev. Dr. Taylor, Professor of Divinity, delivered the opening address. The Moderator, Rev. William Ormiston, M. A., of Hamilton, occupied the chair.

— MOLSON'S COLLEGE.—Mr. Molson, of Montreal, a member of the Countess of Huntingdon's connection, has expended more than \$250,000 in building a chapel and a college, and has also endowed six professorships with \$25,000 each, making \$400,000. Mr. Molson is now on a visit to this country, seeking a charter for the college.—*British Ensign*.

Mr. Molson, alluded to in the above paragraph is a son of the late John Molson, a well known brewer, banker, and steamboat owner. Mr. Molson, Sr., built the first boat that navigated the St. Lawrence, between Montreal and Quebec, and for many years had the entire business to himself. During the war of 1812, and for some years after its close the profits to Mr. Molson were very large. Boats at all times crowded, at \$14 for passengers down, and \$16 up. Then frequently the civilians had but little chance of a comfortable passage, if the military required the boat. The boats were run at that time cheaply, fuel was very low, and servants' wages were comparatively low.—*Ed. N. Y. Com. Adv.*

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

— DR. NICHOL, Professor in the Glasgow University, died on the 19th September. He was the author of several works on astronomy, "The Architecture of the Heavens," "The Solar System," "The Planetary System," "The Planet Neptune," &c.

— LORD BROUGHAM has just been elected the Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, over his competitor, the Duke of Buccleugh. The office of Chancellor has been substituted for that of Lord Rector.

UNITED STATES.

— HARVARD UNIVERSITY.—We acknowledge, with thanks, from J. M. Sibley, Esq., A.M., librarian, the Catalogue of this University for 1859-60. It contains a list of the officers and undergraduates, the course of study, and information in regard to scholarships (of which there are sixteen, varying in their amount from \$100 to \$300); prizes, of which 35 were given last year, &c. &c. The attendance at the University is as follows: Divinity, law, scientific, and medical students, &c., 408; undergraduates, 431; total, 839. The catalogue extends to 100 pages.

— NEW YORK BOARD OF EDUCATION.—At a recent meeting of the Board, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in order to obviate the injurious results of prolonged confinement in the schools upon children of tender years, it be recommended to the Trustees of schools to diminish the time occupied in actual instruction, in the Primary Schools and Departments in their several wards, by devoting more of the time of school sections to intermissions for safe and innocent recreation in the playgrounds of the schools.

The committee on the annual estimate and appointment reported the estimate of the probable amount to be raised for the year 1859, for the purpose of meeting the current annual expenses of common school instruc-