

—**LAVAL UNIVERSITY.**—It is said that the Rev. Mr. Brunet, of Laval University, will replace the Rev. Mr. Langevin, the newly appointed Bishop of Rimouski, as Principal of Laval Normal School. The University of Laval has founded three medals for competition, which will be annually awarded to the three best scholars in French poetry. They will be embellished with a design representing the arms of the University, and be of gold, silver and bronze respectively. The first subject for competition, next May, will be "the discovery of Canada."

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—A meeting was held in the Convocation Hall of the University of Queen's College on Wednesday afternoon the 3rd inst. for the purpose of formally opening the classes for the session in the faculties of Arts and Medicine. Since last year a change of considerable importance has taken place in the organization of the Medical department, it being now specially incorporated under the title of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston, with special powers conferred upon the corporation for the purpose of granting licenses and fellowships to practitioners in medicine. The Medical department under its new name is affiliated with the University, and is distinct only in having a regulating of its own. It was perhaps the desire felt by the public to learn something of the nature of this change, and also the growing interest which is being taken by the people of Kingston in the affairs and success of the Arts department, that led to a very full and highly respectable audience being present at this meeting. There was a good attendance of students, and the hall was filled with visitors, both ladies and gentlemen. Introductory addresses were delivered by the Principal, the Rev. Professor Mowat and Dr. Dickson. The proceedings were concluded with the benediction.—*Kingston Chronicle and News.*

—**CALENDAR OF THE MCGILL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.**—We have received a copy of this University Calendar, got up with all the preciseness and care one would expect from the learned body which controls its operations, and printed with the greatest neatness and taste by Mr. Becket. It consists of eighty-eight pages, and, as will be seen by the table of contents, affords every possible information relative to the University itself, and the Colleges and Schools affiliated with it. Following the Almanac for the Academical year, which commences in September, we have the names of the Governing Body, General Announcement, Officers of Instruction, Faculty of Arts, List of Donations, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Law, Prizes and Honours, List of Students, List of Graduates, High School, Normal School, School Examinations. We find under the heading Scholarships and Bursaries, that sixteen Scholarships have been placed by the Governors at the disposal of His Excellency the Governor General. Application must be addressed to His Excellency, through the Provincial Secretary. Candidates for such Scholarships must pass the usual Matriculation Examination. By command of His Excellency, four of these Scholarships will be offered for competition in the Matriculation Examination of the ensuing session. Eight other Scholarships will be granted by the Governors, from time to time, to the most successful Students who may present themselves as candidates. One of these will be given annually to the *Dux* of the High School.—*Transcript.*

—**LOWER CANADA EDUCATION.**—His Excellency the Governor General was pleased, by an Order in Council of the 15th October, 1866, to approve of the Resolution of the Council of Public Instruction, recommending that in view of perfecting as far as practicable our system of Public Instruction, and giving the best possible direction to Education in the interest of the youth of the country, it is of the utmost importance to compare the system adopted and the results obtained so far in Lower Canada with the systems and methods pursued in other countries, and that in consequence the Superintendent of Education should visit Europe and the United States at an early day, and report to the Government the result of his observations, as well as the suggestions which he may think proper to submit with regard to public instruction in this country. His Excellency was pleased accordingly, by said Order in Council, to grant leave of absence to the Hon. Pierre J. O. Chauveau until the 1st May, 1867, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions contained in the foregoing resolution. An address was presented to Mr. Chauveau by the employees of his department, prior to his departure for Europe. His Excellency the Governor General in Council was pleased, on the 6th November, 1866, to appoint Louis Giard, Esquire, M.D., Deputy Superintendent of Education for Lower Canada, under the powers conferred by the Consolidated Statutes of this section of the Province, Cap. 15.—*Lower Canada Journal of Education.*

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—**WASHINGTON COLLEGE, LEXINGTON, VA.**—A Richmond paper, remarking on the prosperity that has attended this ancient institution since the appointment of Gen. R. E. Lee to the presidency, thus speaks;—"Applications for the admission of students continue to pour in from all the States, but mainly from the South. It is thought, from present indications, that Texas will send the largest number, next to Virginia. Gen. Lee's own estimate for the next year is three hundred students, and we all know that he is never over sanguine. Indeed Washington College is now on a firm basis and destined to become the Cambridge (as the University is at Oxford) of Virginia at no distant day." This, considering the terrible results of the war, is an exceedingly satisfactory state of affairs. In addition to the large endowment of the College, it has recently received a donation amounting in the aggregate to \$70,000 from private resources.

—**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**—The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge has fixed the "Atlantic Cable, 1866," as the subject for the Chancellor's English poem medal for next year. The Sir William Browne medal for Greek Lyrics is to be given for the best poem on the Prince of Wales at Petersburg, and the subject for the Latin Ode is, the November Star Shower.

—**DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.**—George H. Bissell, a graduate of Dartmouth College, has given \$24,000 for the erection of a new gymnasium. He is a believer in muscular education.

—**EDUCATION IN NEW ZEALAND.**—In the province of Nelson, New Zealand, every householder, rich or poor, pays a tax of £1 towards the government free schools, and 5s. per head for each child who does not go to some school. An inspector is appointed, who reports periodically to a board of management on the progress and attendance of the pupils; thus, the system is persuasive rather than compulsory, and answers very well. The education is secular, and certain times are set apart for religious instruction, of which the pupils can avail themselves or not, at the discretion of the parents.

IX. Departmental Notices.

FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN U. C.

"The Public School Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the institutions of the Province."—LORD ELGIN at the *Provincial Exhibition, Sept. 1854.*

"Had I the power, I would scatter libraries over the whole land, as the sower sows his seed."—HORACE MANN.

Under the regulations of the Department, each County Council can establish *four classes* of libraries in their Municipality, as follows. City, Town, Village, and Township Councils can establish the first three classes, and school trustees either of the first and third classes.

1. An ordinary *Common School Library* in each school house, for the use of the children and rate payers.

2. A *General Public Lending Library*, available to all the rate payers of the Municipality.

3. A *Professional Library* of books on teaching, school organization, language and kindred subjects, available to teachers alone.

4. A Library in any *Public Institution*, under control of the Municipality, for the use of the inmates, or in the *County Jail* for the use of the prisoners.

We cannot too strongly urge upon School Trustees the importance and even necessity of providing, (especially during the autumn and winter months,) suitable reading books for the pupils in their school, either as prizes or in libraries. Having given the pupils a taste for reading and general knowledge, they should provide some agreeable and practical means of gratifying it.

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