

poor man, as well as the child of the rich man, could enter with his A B C, and come out a good classical and mathematical scholar, *free of charge*. He was opposed to class distinctions—he did not believe in any aristocracy but that of intellect, and the poor man's children had as good, and frequently a better, title to that than the rich man's—for the former had to battle their own way through the world, which called forth their energy of character, and taught them self-reliance, while the opposite was too frequently the case with the latter.

[This was, we believe, the last speech ever uttered by Mr. McDonnell. He was soon afterwards unfortunately killed by a fall from his buggy. Mr. McDonnell was always a warm friend to education in his County. A petition has lately been presented to the Board of Trustees, to permit the erection in the Perth school house of a tablet to Mr. McDonnell's memory.]

**The Third Annual Educational Meeting for the Township of Whitby**, will be held in the Town Hall at Brooklin, on Friday, the first day of October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. In regard to this meeting the Editor of the *Freeman* remarks:—For the encouragement of the young arrangements were made for a public "gathering" of the several schools in the Township, annually, for two years past. These have been well attended. The children formed in procession; had music and speeches. The effect produced was good. It stirred up a spirit of emulation, and gave parents a new idea of the importance of competing in the education of their children to keep up at least with others. We think it would add to the interest of the scene, were two, three, or more of those who suppose themselves the best schools, to arrange and form a class on one or more subjects, to be examined by a Committee or by the Superintendent in presence of the audience. Prizes might be given as an inducement—perhaps the *honour* would be sufficient. This would show which school or scholars were best.

**Renfrew Grammar School.**—The half-yearly examination of this Institution took place last month in presence of the resident Trustees, several of the Clergy, and a considerable number of other friends, both male and female. The attendance of pupils was greater on this occasion than on any previous one—there being no less than 88 names upon the roll. The examination was thorough in every branch of education taught in the Seminary. It was delightful to witness the keen interest taken by the pupils in the business of the day—the almost invariable readiness with which the questions were answered; and the evident manifestations of progress on the part of the scholars, and of successful zeal on the part of Mr. Wilson, the Teacher.

**Whitby Grammar School.**—The annual examination of the pupils attending the Whitby Grammar School, was held at the Institution in this village, on Thursday and Friday the 22nd and 23rd ult. We were very much pleased with the proficiency which the scholars have attained under the able superintendence of Mr. James Hodgson. The first thing that attracted our notice on entering the school, was a great number of well executed maps, which were exhibited to view on the walls of the school room. After the examination of the maps and writing books had been finished, the master began the examination of the several classes in Spelling, Reading, English Grammar, and Latin and Greek exercises and translations, and Natural Philosophy and Agricultural Chemistry, the several classes of which acquitted themselves most honourably. The first day's exercises were brought to a close by a very rigid examination of a class of young ladies in English Grammar. The exercises of the afternoon were agreeably diversified by the pupils singing, accompanied as they were by a young lady on the piano, whose sweet notes added much to the enjoyment of those present.—*Ontario Reporter*.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

### MONTHLY SUMMARY.

A Saracenic or Moorish building has just reached its full height on the east side of Leicester-square, and is beginning to excite attention. It is designed for an institution for science and art, under the title of Panopticon, and is intended to illustrate a wide range of practical usefulness. The council of the Panopticon desire to promote the application of science to the useful arts; to instruct, by courses of lectures to be demonstrated by instruments, apparatus, and other appliances, in the various departments of science and literature; to exhibit select specimens of work in the fine and mechanical arts, manufactures and handicrafts; to display the productions of nature and art, both British and Foreign; to illustrate history, science and literature, by pictorial views and representations, accompanied by music; and generally to extend and facilitate a greater love and knowledge of the arts and sciences on the part of the public.... Dr. Thomson, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Glasgow, died at Kilmun on the 2nd inst. Dr. Thomson was one of the most celebrated chemists of the age, and his investigations and discoveries contributed in

no small degree to enlarge and illustrate the science of which he was long so distinguished an ornament.... Arrangements have been made for the establishment of a new College for the education of Clergymen for Westmoreland, Cumberland, and North Lancashire. The Bishop of Carlisle has become the patron, the Bishop of Chester has accepted the office of visitor, and the Rev. J. A. Addison, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Incumbent of Birthwate, near Kendal, has been appointed Warden.... The Attorney General's Solicitor has lately visited William of Wykeham's foundation, St. Mary's College, Winchester, with a view to the better administration of the noble endowments.... The Government have formally authorised St. David's College, Lampeter, to confer degrees in Divinity.... It may not be generally known that our Sovereign has, at Windsor, a Sabbath and a day class of children, belonging to the domestics, to which she unremittingly attends when the Court is held there.... A provincial French paper gives a list of the Professors of the University who have been dismissed, or who have resigned, since the *coup d'etat* of the 2nd of December, in consequence of having refused to take the oath of allegiance. Those belonging to the College de France are MM. Michelet, Quinet, Mickiewitz, Barthelmy St. Hilaire; of the Sorbonne, MM. Jules Simon, Cousin, and Villemain, have been placed on the retired list, at their own request, to avoid taking the oath; MM. Pouillet and Cauchy; of the Ecole Normale, MM. J. Simon, Vacherot, and Magy; of the School of Medicine, Doctor Chomel; of the different Colleges of Paris, MM. Bouteville, Clemencet, Senvall, Catalan, Jacques. Deschanel had been removed previous to the *coup d'etat*, and M. Despois resigned after that event.... Wong Fun, a young Chinaman, from Hong Kong, has carried off the first prize in the junior division of the botanical class, under Professor Balfour, at the Edinburgh University.... Since November last there have been coined at the Mint 3,500,000 sovereigns and half-sovereigns.... The Duke of Wellington died at Walmer Castle on the 14th inst. Lord Mahon is his literary executor.

**Wesleyan Normal School, Westminster.**—This Institution occupies an acre and three quarters of land in the very heart of Westminster, where land is expensive, but, at the same time, where a population is afforded of all the most in need of such instruction as the schools connected with the Normal Institution are intended to bestow, and the fittest to test and train the capabilities of the student-teachers, who are placed in the Institution to learn the art of calling forth, from the midst of impediments, and ignorance, and sin, the capabilities of an immortal spirit. The school department of the Institution comprises five schools, an infant, a junior, a senior, an industrial (girls') school, and a mixed or model village school, with twelve class-rooms, affording altogether the means of instruction for 2,333 children, and with ample and well-fitted play-grounds. The collegiate department contains accommodation for lodging, boarding, and training 100 students—including, of course, lecture-hall and library, as well as the dining-room, kitchen, dormitories, (one for each student,) &c., &c. In addition, the Institution includes committee-room, Principal's house, two masters' houses, gate-keeper's lodge, and lofty and substantial walls inclosing the whole, and effectually shutting out the degrading associations of the wretched district in which the Institution is situated. This noble Institution is the largest, the most substantial, and the most complete and beautiful building in Methodism. And its influence for good upon universal Methodism directly, and indirectly, upon this empire and the whole world, must be beyond calculation. It is at once a fruit and a seed; a fruit demonstrative of blessed influences and agencies in times past; a seed of immense and world-wide benefits in time to come. To Westminster directly, and through Westminster to London, and through London to the world, its *mere school establishment* will furnish the impulse of a moral sanitary movement, which will do more than anything else could do, towards the healthy ventilation of the sloughs of society, and the reclamation of the outcast masses of our race. It was a strong but a true saying of Mr. Wade's, that this mere school establishment alone, placed in the centre and core of the bad heart of Westminster, was worth the whole £40,000 that the Normal Institution had cost; but, after all, this is the least and lowest service which the Institution will perform.—[Watchman.

## UNITED STATES.

### MONTHLY SUMMARY.

The first prize for English composition, in the present sophomore class in Yale College, has been awarded to Ynug Wing, a native Chinese. ... Professor Augustus W. Smith, LL. D., has been elected President of the Wesleyan University, at Middleton, Ct., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Olin.... The N. Y. City Board of Education have given notice that the evening schools for the free education of apprentices and others, will be re-opened this month, and will continue in session fourteen weeks. There were nineteen of these schools in operation last season, attended by 4,812 pupils under sixteen years of age; 2,748 between sixteen and twenty-one; and 1,226 over twenty-one. The number of teachers