

Twentieth of which was stated as the time for returning their answers; that the second notice in the *Journal of Education* for October was not received in many Sections until it was too late to call an Official Meeting before the Twentieth of the Month,—the latest period mentioned for replies from them; that, in some of the Municipalities, the Officers, to whom the *Journal of Education*, containing the Circulars, Regulations, and Catalogues were addressed, who alone had authority to call the Corporate Meetings for considering them, were absent; that, in other instances they were individually indifferent, or opposed, to accepting the offer made, and paid no attention to it; while a great portion of the people in their Municipality were anxious to secure its advantages.

5. In consequence of these various representations, the following arrangements has been agreed to by the undersigned:

(1) That immediately after the Twentieth of October, the Apportionment will be made to those Municipalities which shall have signified their wish to share in it and establish Public School Libraries, according to the terms and Regulations published in the *Journal of Education* for July.

(2.) All School and other Municipalities that will advance money before the First of next July, (at whatever time they may signify their intention to do so), for the establishment of Libraries, will be included in the first apportionment of the Legislative Library Grant. If the sum heretofore mentioned is insufficient for the purpose, the balance will be provided from the Grant for next year.

(3.) All School Sections, as well as Townships, will be included,—whether such Sections are situated in Townships, the Councils of which act, or not, in the establishment of Libraries; for the sum raised in individual Sections are only so many additions to what has been appropriated by the Township Council.

(4.) All those Municipalities, (nearly two hundred in number), that have already acted so promptly in the matter, and notified the sums raised, or appropriated, by them for the establishment of Libraries, will be entitled to an apportionment of Seventy-five per cent. on any additional sums they may appropriate and expend for the same purpose before the First of next July. And should the Legislature increase the Library Grant, (as is to be hoped it will), so as to increase the Apportionment to One hundred per cent. on all sums raised by local effort for School Libraries, an additional apportionment of Twenty-five per cent. will be made upon all sums that have been appropriated by the Municipalities which have already moved in the noble work.

6. The undersigned confidently trusts that the foregoing views will meet the circumstances and wishes of all parties, and afford the greatest encouragement and facilities possible for the establishment of Libraries throughout Upper Canada, even in single School Sections, and in the remotest Townships.

7. A word may be added on the selection of Books for Libraries. In a large number of cases, this task has been assigned by the local authorities to the Chief Superintendent of Education; in some cases the local authorities have, by a Committee of one, or more, of themselves, selected all the Books desired by them; while in other cases, the local authorities have selected the Books to the amount of their own appropriation, and requested the Chief Superintendent to select the rest to the amount of the apportionment of the Library Grant. This last mode of selecting the Libraries has an advantage over either of the other two. In a considerable number of the lists of Books selected by the local School and Municipal Authorities, there is the omission of many small and cheap works relating to "Practical Life," most admirably adapted both to entertain and instruct. These omissions occur chiefly in regard to Books contained in the latter part of the Catalogue, characteristic notices of which could not possibly be prepared by the Chief Superintendent within the time and space at his disposal. In cases where the exclusive selection of Libraries by the Chief Superintendent is requested, it is to be feared he may omit some Books specially desired in the Section, or Township, whose authorities have confided this trust to him. But, if the local authorities would select to the amount of their appropriation such books as they particularly desire, and leave to the Chief Superintendent the selection of the rest, with such suggestions as they may think proper to make, he would be able to fill up their lists with such Books as would, for the most part, be new as well as useful and entertaining. The Undersigned is disposed to believe that this joint mode of selecting Books for Libraries will be found better than that of local authorities selecting all the books themselves, or wholly confiding the selection of them to the Chief Superintendent of Education. This suggestion is offered to all parties concerned, with the wish that they will feel themselves perfectly free to act, or not act, upon it as they may think best.

8. The whole plan of operations in regard to the establishment of Libraries being now before the public, it is fervently hoped that, as what has been done during the last two months, has exceeded the largest expectations of the most sanguine, so still more will be done during