

presiding over the University College. It was fortunate for the people of this country that they possessed such a man, and it was well to know that year after year the degrees which were conferred in this University were given for qualifications which were not inferior to those of the mother country. After having thus given a slight sketch of the progress of the University the Vice-Chancellor brought the proceedings of the convocation to a close, and the audience dispersed amid the usual cheers given by the under graduates. **ANNUAL DINNER.**—The annual dinner of the University College Literary and Scientific Association came off in the spacious dining hall in the University building in the evening; and, as usual, was a grand success in every respect.—*Leader.*

## X. Departmental Notices.

### REVISED LIST OF TEXT-BOOKS.

A revised list of books authorized for the Grammar Schools of Upper Canada, will be published in the December number of the *Journal of Education*.

The year 1867 will be allowed for the substitution of the newly authorized books, for those *already sanctioned* by the Council of Public Instruction; but, as already intimated, the Council disapproves of the use, in any Grammar or Common School, after the close of the current year (1866), of any text-book *not now sanctioned* by the Council.

### OFFICIAL TOUR OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

The Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education for Upper Canada, having obtained leave of absence until June, 1867, left Toronto in the early part of this month to visit the United States and Europe. The object of this tour is the re-establishment of his health and the improvement of the system of Public Instruction in Upper Canada. He has been authorized by the Government to add to the collection of models and works of art for the proposed Provincial School of Art and Design, and to engage the services of a properly qualified master from the graduates of the Government Schools of art and design in England, to take charge of the same. He is also authorized by the Provincial Secretary to visit and collect information from the best institutions in the United States and in Europe for the education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, to be made available in the proposed Schools for these persons, to be established by the Government in Upper and Lower Canada. In a recent letter from Dr. Ryerson, while visiting this class of institutions in the United States, he says, writing from Cincinnati: "The institutions of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind in these States are worthy of all admiration. I do not regret the trouble I have taken to visit them. In Illinois the institutions are *free* for seven years—boarding as well as instructing the pupils, whether the parents are rich or poor—and they are admirably conducted. \* \* \* I am making pretty copious notes." Dr. Ryerson sailed for England, from New York, in the Inman Steamer *City of Boston*, on the 23rd instant.

### BLANKS FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES'

Yearly and half-yearly Reports have been sent to the County Clerks, for distribution through the Local Superintendents.

### 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.

"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 also establish the first three classes.

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

### PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, MAPS, APPARATUS, AND SCHOOL PRIZE BOOKS.

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 for any person acting on behalf of the Municipal or Trustee Corporation, to enclose or present a written authority to do so, verified by the corporate seal of the Corporation. A selection of Maps, Apparatus, Library and Prize Books, &c., to be sent, can always be made by the Department, when so desired.

☞ Catalogues and Forms of Application furnished to School authorities on their application.

\* \* \* If Library and Prize Books be ordered, in *addition* to Maps and Apparatus, it will be **NECESSARY FOR THE TRUSTEES TO SEND NOT LESS THAN five dollars additional** for each class of books, &c., with the proper forms of application for each class.

☞ The *one hundred per cent*. will not be allowed on any sum less than *five dollars*. Text books cannot be furnished on the terms mentioned above: they must be paid for at the net catalogue prices.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS AND REQUISITES.

Application having been frequently made to the Department for the supply from its Depository of Sunday School Library and Prize Books, Maps and other requisites, it is deemed advisable to insert the following information on the subject.

1. The Department has no authority to grant the one hundred per cent. upon any remittance for Library or Prize Books, Maps or Requisites, except on such as are received from Municipal or Public School Corporations in Upper Canada. Books, Maps and other Requisites suitable for Sunday Schools, or for Library or other similar Associations, can however, on receipt of the necessary amount, be supplied from the Depository at the net prices, that is about twenty-five or thirty per cent. less than the usual current retail prices.

2. The admirable books published in England by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and by the London Religious Tract Society, are furnished from the Societies' catalogues at currency for sterling prices (i. e. a shilling sterling book is furnished for twenty cents Canadian currency, and so on in proportion.) These two catalogues will, as far as possible, be furnished to parties applying for them. Books suitable for Sunday schools are received from the other large religious societies, Presbyterian and Methodist, and from the various extensive publishers in Britain and the United States, but the list would be too extensive to publish separately.

3. On receiving the necessary instructions, a suitable selection can be made at the Department, subject to the approval of the parties sending the order. Any books, maps, &c, not desired, which may be sent from the Depository, will be exchanged for others, if returned promptly and in good order.

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