

Trustees are a good deal indebted for useful hints and suggestions, kindly offered them by the officers of the Educational Department, Toronto, and the principal of the Normal School. It is expected that the premises will be ready for occupation after the holidays. The contractor is Mr. Bell, jr., Lindsay; Mr. William Duffis is Architect and Superintendent; and the character of the work reflects much credit on both gentlemen. The building will cost \$4000. The Trustees, Messrs. John Kennedy, chairman, John Knowlson, A. Cadotte, C. L. Baker, Thomas Spratt, and George Gregory, deserve the thanks of their constituents for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties connected with this important work. They have acted throughout in the most painstaking and business-like way, and the result cannot fail to be highly satisfactory to the taxpayers. It is but fair to add that the Rev. M. Stafford, parish priest, has given valuable assistance to the Trustees, and with characteristic energy he has urged the work on, so that in a few weeks he will see completed a building which will not only be creditable to the good taste and enterprise of our Roman Catholic neighbours, but an ornament to the town.—*Lindsay Post*.

—VICTORIA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.—A meeting of friends of Victoria University was held at the Wesleyan Church in this town on the 10th inst. The object of the meeting was the devising of means for raising an endowment fund. We copy the following digest of the proceedings, which, at the close of the meeting was telegraphed to the *Globe*. We might merely add that the utmost cordiality and enthusiasm prevailed; that the Resolutions were, after full discussion, unanimously passed; and that every confidence was expressed in the final success of the movement. Moved by Mr. John McDonald, of Toronto, seconded by Mr. W. W. Dean, of Belleville, that this meeting pledges itself to do all it can to secure an endowment for Victoria College of at least \$100,000, to put it on a basis of permanent prosperity; and further approves of making provision for the training of candidates for the Christian ministry. Moved by Rev. Dr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Canniff, that a series of public meetings be held to make known the wants and claims of the institution at this stage of its history, and that an earnest appeal should be made for pecuniary assistance. Moved by Mr. Wm. Beatty, M. P. P., seconded by Mr. Jno. W. Kerr, of Cobourg, that in the judgment of this meeting, the educational necessities of the Province of Ontario, and a just regard for the convictions and feelings of all classes of the people, imperatively require that some comprehensive measure be adopted by the Legislature, whereby the several Colleges of the country may be aided from public funds—such aid to be determined by Statute, upon equitable principles of apportionment. A subscription was then opened towards the \$100,000, and \$12,715 was subscribed at once. Mr. John McDonald headed the list with \$2,000; Rev. Mr. Punshon gave his cheque for \$750, and promises to make it \$3,000, Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Mr. Gibbs, Oshawa, Mr. Kerr, Cobourg, each give \$1,000; Dr. Beatty, Wm. Beatty, M. P. P., J. W. Kerr, and J. H. Dumble, Cobourg, each \$500; and subscriptions from \$200 to \$25 made up the balance. The gentlemen present felt confident of raising the \$100,000, which, with what they expected to get from the Government, would secure a permanent annual income of \$12,000.

—VICTORIA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.—In the *Christian Guardian* of last week we observe a circular addressed by the Wesleyan authorities to the membership throughout Canada, relative to the permanent maintenance of Victoria College. Impressed with the importance of freeing an institution so valuable from embarrassment, from dependence upon supplies which are precarious, and also from continual presentations, even to a willing constituency, of its necessities and claims—the following resolution was adopted at the late Conference in Kingston:—"That it is desirable to raise by voluntary subscription the sum of \$100,000 as a part of an endowment for Victoria College, with special provision for the general and theological training of candidates for the Christian Ministry; and that the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, M.A., President of the Conference, be requested to devote to this work as much of his time as his other duties will permit."

## XI. Departmental Notices.

### TRUSTEES' BLANK FORMS.

The usual supply of blank forms of Trustees' yearly and half-yearly returns, has been sent out to the County Clerks for distribution to the schools, through the Local Superintendents.

As already intimated, a department is always reserved in the *Journal of Education* for letters and inter-communications between Local Superintendents, School Trustees and Teachers, on any subject of general interest relating to education in the Province. As no personal or party discussions have, ever since the establishment of the *Journal*, appeared in its columns, no letter or communication partaking of either character can be admitted to its pages; but, within this salutary restriction, the utmost freedom is allowed. Long letters are not desirable; but terse and pointed communications of moderate length on school management, discipline, progress, teaching, or other subject of general interest are always acceptable, and may be made highly useful in promoting the great object for which this *Journal* was established.

### 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 deserved.

☞ 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.

### FOUR KINDS OF LIBRARIES WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS.

"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 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 the 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 the 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.