

—During this month the new school-house of the Boston Public Latin School was opened with great display. We need hardly tell our readers that this institution is the oldest educational institution in the States, its boast being that "the Latin School dandled Harvard College on her knees." Founded in 1635, it has continued in different buildings (until 1844 upon School Street, Boston,) down to the present day. Among its most famous Head Masters may be mentioned Ezekiel Cheever, John Lovell, B. Apthorp Gould, and Francis Gardner. Its present Head is Mr. Moses Merrill, a graduate of Harvard in 1856. Among its scholars, past and present, are the names of many of America's leading Statesmen, Poets, Thinkers and Divines.

—The publication of Dr. Appleton's *Life and Literary Relics* reminds us of his contribution to the work of Education. Passing from Oxford to Heidelberg and Berlin, "he brought back," writes Mark Pattison, "from Germany the only thing of value which a German university has to offer—viz., the scientific spirit, a sense of the vastness of the field of knowledge, and the nobleness and the charm of a life devoted to knowing it. Once awakened to this perception, he became aware that a country or a university which is without this spirit is without the most powerful instrument of mental training. The return to his own university made him feel more keenly still by contrast the absence of any real communicative power in her teaching." Inspired with what was to him a new idea, he started the *Academy* and therein constantly advocated "mature study," and "endowment of research," phrases invented by Dr. Appleton to designate the aim of a small body of educational reformers. The latter has not been without its opponents among men entitled to speak, such as Lord Sherbrooke (R. Lowe), and Sir Geo. Airy, the Astronomer-Royal, who, in a lately published letter to Capt. D. Noble, boldly says that endowment will probably "lead to consequences disreputable to science," successful researches having "in nearly every instance originated with private persons." Capt. Noble is Hon. Secretary to the Society for Opposing the Endowment of Scientific Research.

—The first volume of the *Canada Educational Monthly*, edited by Mr. G. Mercer Adam, has just been issued in a popular form, (price 50 cents), "for circulation at Teachers' Associations." It is a volume that should find a place in the library of all Schoolmasters. It also testifies to the state of education in the Province of Ontario. The best sign of this is the great variety of places from which the contributors date. The value of the volume as a work of reference will be best shown by the names of the subjects discussed. Such are Payment by Results, the Bible in our Schools, Co-education, Moral Discipline in Schools, &c. In the current number of the *Monthly* the future of the Upper Canada College