

Ripa with an imperial grant of 800 ducats a year, ordered that the Ostend Mercantile Company should each year convey to and from China twelve students free of expense, and thus the first Asiatic college in Europe was established.

—The reports of the National Education Association, held lately in San Francisco, are so full that it is almost impossible to give an epitome of the proceedings. The opening exercises were held in the Mechanics' Pavilion, President Gore delivering the inaugural address. From some of the *original* papers read, for there were a great many of them far from being full of "the newness of life that burns," we shall cull from time to time the best things. Mr. Horace Scudder read a paper the first day on "The Place of Literature in Common School Education," and in the course of his remarks said:—"In the order of nature, the youth must be a citizen before he can become naturalized in the world. Yet in the same order there is an incipient, prophetic humanism before there is a conscious nationalism, and this earlier stage of the mind requires food of its own kind. That food is to be found in an adaptation of the literature of fable, myth and legend which sprang from the childish period of the world, and had but slight limitations in nationality or authorship. Literature of this sort makes the transition from the primer to national literature. The place, then, of literature in our common school education is in spiritualizing life, letting light into the mind, inspiring and feeding the higher forces of human nature."

—The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Teachers' Association in connection with the McGill Normal School was held in the library of the Normal School on Saturday morning, May 26th, at 9 o'clock. Several important amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Association were considered and decided upon, after which reports were read by the Secretary and the Treasurer; the statement from the latter showed a balance on hand of \$3.37. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—President: A. W. Kneeland, M.A. Vice-Presidents: Mr. Arthy, Miss Robins, Mr. Curtis, Miss Swallow. Secretary: Miss Peebles, re-elected. Treasurer: Mr. Humphrey, re-elected. Council: Miss Allen, Mr. Cockfield, Mr. Patterson, Rev. E. W. King, Mr. Parmelee, Miss Moore, Mr. Dixon. A