

Chief Baron Pigott—held their visitation on the 20th ult. The number of students was 521, of superiors and professors 20; 92 students had been admitted to matriculation during academical year, and 49 were promoted to the holy order of priesthood. No change of importance had taken place in the general studies of the college, except the substitution of the *Theologia Moralis* of Scavini for that of Bailly as a text-book in the Divinity classes; and in the entrance course now takes place a selection from the Greek and Latin fathers, for the purpose of familiarizing the students at an early period with patristic Greek and Latin. The health of the students had not been so satisfactory as usual; influenza prevailed early in the year, and as many as 75 were in the infirmary at one time, three deaths occurred in the year; one in the college, the result of insanity, the others in the country. The state of repair of the college is represented to be very defective, the Parliamentary vote for repairs having been discontinued since 1851, and the grant from the consolidated fund being expressly appropriated by Act of Parliament to other uses: hence a dilapidated infirmary, a new library not fitted up for books, no common hall large enough for the entire community, and a college chapel also inadequate to their accommodation, besides being of a style quite unsuited to the requirements of an ecclesiastical college, an important function of which is to educate the students in sacred ceremonial, and to form them to just notions of church architecture and decoration. Some correspondence has taken place on the subject of the repairs, and at the suggestion of Mr. Cardwell, the trustees of the college have reluctantly consented to resort to the arrangement recommended by the commission of 1853, of which Lord Harrowby was president.—*Times*.

— THE QUEEN'S COLLEGES, IRELAND.—The Presidents of the Queen's Colleges at Belfast, Cork, and Galway, have made their annual reports to Her Majesty, all of them of a satisfactory character.

Within the last ten years 1,316 students have matriculated at the three colleges, and the numbers are on the increase. Last year as many as 494 students were in attendance, 318 of whom were matriculated, the rest (many of them medical students) attending the lectures of individual professors.

At Cork and Galway the Roman Catholic students form half of the whole body. 169 Roman Catholics are now in constant attendance on the lectures at the three colleges, which is stated to be a greater number by 50 per cent. than were on the books of Dublin University before the colleges were established.

The President of Belfast recounts with satisfaction that students from that college have gained a first place at the Woolwich examination, first in the Inns of Court, London, and first in the East India examination.

The President of Galway expresses the greatest satisfaction at the announcement by the Government that a measure is in contemplation for establishing intermediate schools, the want of which to fill up the void between the national school and the Queen's Colleges has been felt from the very first. It is stated that a comparatively small grant in aid of local contributions would be sufficient to lay the foundation of a scheme which might from time to time be extended by granting endowments in particular cases.

An ordinance of the Queen's University has been issued which will lighten to some extent the courses for the degree of B. A., and afford greater opportunity for the study of modern languages. The ordinance also institutes a diploma of "Licentiate in Arts" for those who have studied a curriculum less extensive than that required for a B. A. degree, but more adapted to the purposes of middle life, and the requirements of the trading and commercial classes; and it is proposed, besides, to hold examinations of candidates who are not members of the Queen's University, and to grant them first and second class "certificates."

The Queen's College at Belfast also undertakes to give a "college certificate of proficiency," after examination, to those who can win it, having attended college lectures for two years; and the Chamber of Commerce recommend the merchants of Belfast to give a preference to those who obtain the college certificate.—*English Journal of Education*.

— UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—Dr. Hen, of Horton Academy, N. S., has been appointed President of the University of "N. w Brunswick." Dr. Hen, was for several years connected with the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville. The *Carleton Sentinel* says, it is rumoured that Judge Wilmot was offered the appointment, but declined, and recommended Dr. Hen. The Doctor is pretty well known here, in fact he is a native of the Province.—*Colonial Presbyterian*.

VIII. Departmental Notices.

1. PRÉ-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the new Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will, therefore, please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the new Customs duty, as may be necessary.

2. INDISTINCT POST MARKS.

We receive, in the course of the year, a number of letters on which post marks are very indistinct, or altogether omitted. These marks are often so important that Postmasters would do well to see that the requirement of the post office department in relation to stamping the post mark on letters is carefully attended to.

3. SCHOOL REGISTERS SUPPLIED THROUGH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Common and Separate School Trustees in Cities, Towns, Villages, and Townships by the County Clerk—through the local Superintendents. Application should therefore be made direct to the local Superintendents for them, and not to the Department. Those for Grammar Schools will be sent direct to the head Masters, upon application to the Department.

4. PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

"Township and County Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the Institutions of the Province."—*Lord Elgin at the Upper Canada Provincial Exhibition, September, 1854.*

The Chief Superintendent of Education is prepared to apportion *one hundred per cent.* upon all sums which shall be raised from local sources by Municipal Councils and School Corporations, for the establishment or increase of Public Libraries in Upper Canada, under the regulations provided according to law. Prison Libraries, and Teachers' County Association Libraries, may, under these regulations, be established by County Councils, as branch libraries.

5. PRIZES IN SCHOOLS.

The Chief Superintendent will grant one hundred per cent. upon all sums not less than five dollars transmitted to him by Municipalities or Boards of School Trustees for the purchase of books or reward cards for prizes in Grammar and Common Schools. Catalogues and Forms forwarded upon application. Where Maps, Apparatus, Prize, or Library Books are required, it will be necessary to send *not less than \$5* for each class.

6. NO PENSIONS TO COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS, UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools in Upper Canada who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent without delay, if they have not already done so, their annual subscription of \$4, commencing with 1854. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "*that no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of one pound per annum.*" No pension will be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund.

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