

to the enterprising and liberal gentlemen that have devised and carried out the scheme. It is most gratifying to observe the increasing interest of our public men in the prosperity of the College, it promises much for its future success. Last year the County Council laid out quite a sum in widening and improving the street in front of the College; and now it is quite apparent they are devising even nobler things. Many thanks to them: and we trust they will never have occasion to regret their efforts in our behalf. Surely we may all take courage, and heartily aid Bro. Wild in his grand and arduous undertaking. The Wesleyans and the Kirk are marching along like giants in raising their \$100,000 each. We ought to bear aloft the \$10,000, that the friends of the College may feel safe to endow Chairs in it, and otherwise promote its prosperity.—*Rev. A. Carman, in Canada Christian Advocate.*

VIII. Departmental Notices.

ADMISSION OF GIRLS TO THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

During the late Session of the Legislature, petitions were presented from various parties, and strong opinions were expressed by various members in favour of the admission of girls to the Grammar Schools upon the same conditions as boys. The head of the Administration, though satisfied of the correctness of his expressed legal opinion on the subject, yielded to the popular pressure, and intimated an intention to get the regulations changed so as to permit girls, at the option of the Board of Trustees, to become recognized pupils of the Grammar Schools upon the same conditions as boys. We understand the regulation has been thus modified by the Council of Public Instruction. But as the programme of studies in the Grammar Schools cannot be changed the current year, and as an amended Grammar School Act is expected to be passed on the meeting of the Legislature next Autumn, by which the higher English education of girls as well as boys will be provided for in the Grammar Schools, it is suggested that parents had better keep their girls to English in the common schools the present year, than to put them to Latin for a few months, which would be equivalent to a loss of so much time in a girl's legitimate studies for a sound English education.

TRUSTEES' SCHOOL MANUAL.

In reply to numerous applications for the Trustees' School Manual, we desire to intimate that as the edition of the Manual of 1864 has been exhausted, a new edition will be ready in April. Parties desiring copies will please therefore send for them then.

INTERCOMMUNICATIONS IN THE "JOURNAL."

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.

TABLET READING LESSONS.

The new Tablet Reading Lessons, consisting of thirty-three large sheets, can be obtained at the Depository at 75 cts. per set; at \$1.00, free of postage; or \$4.50, mounted on cardboard. The 100 per cent. is allowed on these lessons when ordered with maps and apparatus, &c.

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.

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 Methodists, 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.

PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the 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 Customs duty on copyright books, as may be necessary.