

## University Intelligence.

## CANADA.

## TRINITY COLLEGE.

A statute to the following effect was passed by the Corporation of Trinity College at its meeting on the 3rd of April:—

That in consideration of the small opportunity which the members of the Church in the Province have hitherto possessed of availing themselves of a University education, Candidates be admitted to degrees in Arts, by examination, without residence or attendance at lectures, for the space of five years, beginning from October, 1860, under the following regulations:

I. All Candidates shall be members of the United Church of England and Ireland.

II. They shall produce testimonies both of good conduct and attainment, signed by at least one parochial Clergyman, and by two Laymen of respectability.

III. They shall satisfy the Corporation that professional duties preclude the possibility of their passing through a regular College course.

IV. No Candidate shall be less than twenty-five years of age.

V. These regulations shall in no way affect the regulations already made respecting Divinity Students.

VI. Candidates shall pass the several University Examinations, that is to say, the Examination for Matriculation, the previous Examinations, and the Examination for the Degree of B.A., at the usual intervals.

N.B.—Under this statute Candidates possessing the requisite qualifications, will be admitted to the annual Matriculation Examinations from October 1860, to October 1864, both inclusive; and may afterwards present themselves at the Previous Examination and at the Examination for B.A., in any year, provided that they do not in either case anticipate the ordinary time of passing those Examinations. The Previous Examination takes place at the end of the Lent Term of the year next but one following that in which the Matriculation Examination is passed, and the Examination for B.A. takes place three years after Matriculation.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—The annual convocation for conferring degrees and admission to matriculation, will be held on Friday, the 8th inst., at two o'clock, p.m.—The Vice-Chancellor offers two prizes of twenty dollars each, in books, for the best poems in Latin and English, on the following subjects: "Academia Torontonsis Wallue Principum Salutem," and "The Prince's Visit." All graduates and undergraduates of not more than seven years' standing from matriculation, may compete. The poems must be sent in to the Registrar on or before the 20th of July next.

## ENGLAND.

OXFORD.—The Boden Professor of Sanskrit, Dr. Horace Hayman Wilson, the most eminent Oriental scholar of his age, died recently. The three candidates for the vacant Professorship are Dr. Max Müller, the present Professor of Modern Languages, Editor of the original text of the "Rig Veda," and one of the ablest comparative philologists in Europe; Mr. Monier Williams, late Professor at Haileybury; and Mr. R. Ballantyne, Principal of the College at Benares.

EDINBURGH.—The installation of Lord Brougham was to take place last week.

Her Majesty has approved of the new penny piece, which will now be issued as soon as possible. The following is the general design:—The obverse contains the portrait of the Queen, with a wreath of laurel round the head. The bust is lengthened as in the florin, and a scarf, embroidered with the rose, thistle, and shamrock, is thrown over the shoulders. The inscription is, "Victoria D. G. Brit. Reg. F. D." Britannia appears on the reverse, seated on a rock, not on a shield, as in the present coin; but the figure has been remodelled, and the sea has been introduced, with a ship on one side of the figure and a lighthouse on the other. The inscription is, "One Penny, 1860." The likeness of the Queen is truthful, and, without the faintest attempt at flattery, the regal and classical expression of the face has been perfectly caught.

There are ninety-four parts of copper, four of zinc, and two of tin in the composition of the metal. The value of this amalgamation permits of a thin as well as a small coin—in fact not much larger than the French bronze two-sous piece. Her Majesty has taken great interest in the progress of the coin, and has honoured Mr. Leonard O. Wron with several sittings. The work of art—for it is really such—will add to the well-earned fame of this gentleman, and has been executed with remarkable care. The half-penny and farthing are in progress. The size of the penny is one inch and two tenths, the half-penny one inch, and the farthing eight-tenths of an inch.

The Boston Transcript learns that some fifty miles of the Atlantic cable have been taken to a point extending seaward from the shores of Trinity Bay, and that fractures were found in the cable just where they had been indicated by the instruments on shore. The intention is to under-run a similar length of the wire on the European side, and it is thought by the sanguine promoters of ocean telegraphing that then the Atlantic cable will be made to work.

On the 24th of March, Dr. Luther discovered a new planet at the observatory of Bilk, near Düsseldorf; it is the fifty-seventh of the small planets between Mars and Jupiter.

## Communications.

To the Editors of the Church Press.

GENTLEMEN,—In the inaugural address of Mr. Gladstone which is reviewed in the current number of your Journal, I observe that reference is made to the Universities as having a Christian origin. I venture to think that this is not strictly true. Something very similar existed at Athens, if not in earlier times, at least under the later philosophers, Proclus, Marinus, and Isidorus: they were the schools which were closed by the edict of Justinian in A. D. 528, on account of their heathen character. The idea was carried by the exiled philosophers to the Court of the Khalifa, and probably the first University, properly so called, is that of Bagdad, which was founded by the Khalif Almansur. The wave of Arabian institutions speedily followed that of Arabian conquest, and Educational establishments, Universities in incomplete development, were founded along the whole northern coast of Africa: that of Alexandria containing twenty schools, or professorial lecture-halls. I believe that the first European University, in the full sense of the term, was that of Cordova, which was founded by Hakem II about A. D. 960. In the course of the next century there were Universities in every large town in Moorish Spain—the more prominent being those of Seville, Toledo, and Granada, their reputation was equal to that of Paris or Oxford in the days of Scholasticism, and many eminent men came from different parts of Christendom to listen to the Arabian professors. A full account of them may be found in Middeldorff's *Commentatio de institutis, quae Arabes arctores habuerunt*: published at Gottingen in 1810. Whether the idea was itself imported to Christian countries, as the formal part of the scholastic philosophy certainly was, I have not sufficient data at hand for determining. I am inclined to think that the system of common abodes for students, colleges, or hostels, is of Christian, and the professoriate of Arabian origin.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

Trinity College, June 1st.

E. H.

## Poetry.

[We intend from time to time to give, under this head, some specimens of the new growth of Christian hymns, partly original, partly translated, which form so beautiful an addition to the sacred literature of the English Church. Those of our readers who may happen to know them already will be the last to murmur at their republication.]

Alleluia! best and sweetest  
Of the hymns of praise above!  
Alleluia! Thou repeatest,  
Angel-host, these notes of love,  
Alleluia!  
While your golden harps ye move.

Alleluia! Church victorious!  
Join th' Angelic harmony!  
Alleluia! Bright and glorious,  
Lift, ye Saints, this strain on high:  
We poor exiles  
Join not yet your melody.

Alleluia! Songs of gladness  
Sult not always souls forlorn:  
Alleluia! Sounds of sadness  
Midst our joyous strains are borne:  
Our offences  
We with tears awhile must mourn.

But our earnest supplication,  
Holy God, we raise to Thee;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Make us all Thy joys to see:  
Alleluia!  
Ours at length this strain shall be.

"Purity and sincerity of intention impart so much of their own blessed character to the whole conduct, that every act of the life becomes instinct with an energy and force which enables it to beat down opposition, and at the same time with a tenderness and patience which gives to it a most winning persuasiveness in dealing with others. And there is no counterfeit of this great gift, which, in the whole bearing of a life, can produce at all the same effects. The light enshrined in the centre of the character, pervades it all, and streams forth from every part of it, with an ever present radiance; so that, viewing our great work, even on its natural side, no other power can compensate for the want of this in our endeavours to bring living souls to submit themselves to the yoke of the Lord."  
—Bishop of Oxford's addresses to candidates for ordination.

## DIED.

On the 16th instant, at Dumfries, New Brunswick; Margret, wife of John Davidson, Esq.