

than it formerly was. It now advocates the Lord John Russell Whig policy. The same old fire is burning still, and every now and then breaks out. The Right Hon. Sir Cornwall Lewis, late Chancellor of the Exchequer, was till lately, its editor.

— THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW was established in 1809. Its existence was owing to the tremendous Whig influence of the "Edinburgh," and was edited with singular power by the noted reviewer, Gilford, a man whose pen was sharper than the serpen's tooth and yet who seems to have had a heart as warm as could have been expected in a great Censor. Lockhart, son-in-law to Sir Walter Scott, had control over this Review for some time, and he, with Southey Croker, and others, contributed to its pages. In religion, it wants neither "cant," nor "confession." It wants the Church to be a respectable establishment; a clergy that can dine out, and a people that will pay tithes.

— THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW as we have it, is a combination of four reviews. It was established in 1824, as the advocate of Radical Reform, in Church, State, and Legislation. "The Westminster" was owned at one time by Sir William Molesworth, a member of a late British Cabinet, and had for its chief contributor, Sir John Bowring, now British Ambassador at Canton. We are sorry to discover in its brilliant pages the traces of a spirit of philosophic scepticism, and an uneasiness under the present religious regime. We could wish the vast and ponderous learning; and the bright light of genius that are there scattered over the whole range of intellectual and material worlds, were bent into a ministry of righteousness and consecrated to the glory of the Cross. It will, however, and we are glad that it does so, receive articles in contradiction to its published sentiments, if they come commended by the authority of their indisputable ability; and we hope that the author of the papers on Mary, Queen of Scots, and John Knox, may often issue forth from his home in Derby, and favor us with the emanations of his genius.

— THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW had a religious origin. About the time that the "Free Church" party made their exodus from the venerable Kirk—the Established Church of Scotland—in the year 1843—a periodical was much required in which they, the seceders, could set forth their protests against patronage and moderation. The "North British" was established to meet this want, and Thomas Chalmers was one of its early contributors. Isaac Taylor was also a contributor, but he was expelled from its columns in consequence of its being discovered that he was not "sound in the faith."

— BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE owed its existence to the same causes that originated the Quarterly. It took its name from the publisher—a man long and highly esteemed in Scotland. Lockhart was its first editor, and Christopher North, that prince of good fellows, followed him. This Monthly still keeps up a fire against free "Trade and free Church, and all conventicle-ship whatsoever. The "Etrick Shepherd" and the great Irish poet and scholar, Maginn, wrote for it. Sir Archibald Alison, the historian of Europe, is at present a contributor to its pages; and those articles on "Cherbourg," and "The Commons at Cherbourg," came from the pen of Warren, the author of "Ten Thousand A-year."

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— MALCOLM'S GENEALOGICAL TREE. This work is lithographed by Mr. John Ellis, 11 King street West, and is designed to illustrate English and Scotch history, by showing at one view the genealogy of the Royal Families of each country for a period of more than a thousand years. It commences with the first sole monarch of each country, and traces accurately the descendants of each, on two separate trees, showing the marriages which took place between the two families until James IV. of Scotland married the daughter of Henry VII. of England, after which the two trees unite. The Saxon Heptarchy is represented by stumps at the root of the tree, and the Roman Kings are traced on a separate tree, from Rolo, the first Duke of Normandy, until it unites with the Saxon tree by the marriage of Henry I. with Matilda, the Saxon Princess. The descent of Oliver Cromwell is traced from Alexander, the Lord High Steward of Scotland, great grandfather of Robert II. King of Scotland. The top of the tree shows the relation of a number of the Sovereigns of Europe to the Royal Family of England.

VIII. Educational Intelligence.

— WOODSTOCK SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The semi-annual examination of the common schools in the town, as usual, took place on 19th and 20th Dec. The examinations of the different schools were highly satisfactory to the Trustees and parents present, and alike creditable to our efficient corps of teachers. The minor school under the charge of Miss Logan, assisted by Miss Sutherland, was examined by the teachers. Daniel Pennman Esquire, was present and took great interest in the examination, and to his several questions the young pupils gave ready answers, shewing clearly that they fully understood the subject of their lessons. In the absence of the local superintendent, John Douglas, Esq., Trustee, distributed a number of book prizes for regular attendance and good conduct. After a satisfactory examination of the senior male school the visitors passed to the senior female class under the care of Miss Kennedy. Miss Kennedy received a proof of the affection and regard of her pupils in the shape of a splendid gilt bound copy of the Sacred Scriptures. In the male department under Mr. Dick—Mr. Silvester distributed some excellent books as prizes to those who were most regular in their attendance and of good conduct, accompanied by very pointed and appropriate advice to the pupils. The same number of prizes were distributed among the pupils in Miss Kennedy's class. Two very handsome volumes were selected to be awarded for the best specimens of writing. Miss Kennedy's class carried away both prizes. The minor department of the east end school, under the care of Mrs. Bayer and Miss Scarff went through a creditable examination. At the close, the pupils received from the hands of R. N. Light, Esq., local superintendent, a number of suitable books as prizes for regular attendance and good conduct. The senior male department, under Mr. Cullen passed through a creditable examination. In the senior female department under Miss Adams, the pupils were well disciplined and expert in their answers. At the close of the examination, R. N. Light, Esq., distributed the prizes for regular attendance and good conduct; and two volumes for the best specimens of writing. The pupils in Miss Adam's class presented her with 3 volumes of Sir Walter Scott's poems, with the inscription,—“To Miss Adams, with the affectionate regard of her pupils.” Mr. Cullen was also presented by his pupils with a splendid volume of Byron's works. Thus ended, in our opinion, the happiest and most satisfactory examinations of our common schools in the town of Woodstock, for many years past; and there is not the slightest exaggeration in saying, that our common school will compare favorably with any others in the province of Canada, both as regards the progress of the pupils and the efficiency of our corps of teachers, both male and female.—*Sentinel*.

— TORONTO CITY SCHOOLS.—The usual examination of the pupils of the city public schools, took place, Dec. 24th. The examinations were very creditable, and the number of certificates for punctuality of attendance, and general good conduct, was much larger than heretofore. We append a statement of each school. *George Street School*.—The head master in this school is Mr. Richard Lewis, and his assistants in the male department are Miss Keown and Miss Ryan. Miss C. S. Smyth is the head mistress of the female department, assisted by Miss Richards and Miss Liddle. The average attendance in the male department last month was 191, the registered attendance being 228; in the female department the number on the roll was 200, the average attendance 148. *Park School*.—The registered male attendance in this school last month is 193, being an increase of 24 over that of last year, and the average attendance 167. In the female department the average attendance was 131, and the registered 161, being an increase over the same month of last year of 33. But for sickness in St. David's Ward the attendance would doubtless be larger. The head male teacher in this school is Mr. William Anderson, assisted by Miss Susan Hamilton and Miss Jemima Armstrong. The female department is conducted by Miss Cuyler, assisted by Miss Anno Armstrong. *Palace Street School*.—The teachers in this school are Mr. Martin Gill and Mrs. Henderson. The number of children on the roll last month was—male 87, female 86; average attendance, male 65, female 66. *Louisa Street School*.—There is a very large attendance at this school, but the exact numbers we have not obtained. The teachers are—in the male department, Mr. H. Browne, Mr. S. McAllister and Mrs. Mitchell; in the female department, Miss Jane S. Morrison, Miss M. Kennedy, Miss A. Kellock, Miss M. A. Gordon. *Victoria Street School*.—This school is conducted by Mr. Spotten, assisted in the male department by Miss Kennedy and Miss Hall. The female department is conducted by Miss Round, Miss Thompson and Miss Cummins. The number on the roll last month,