

and London, are examples.—From the *Picton Sun* we learn that Dr. Whitley's lectures on Education, as local Superintendent, are creating some interest in his township. His re-appointment is hailed with much pleasure.—The examination of the Carleton, Leeds and Grenville, and Wentworth and Halton County Grammar Schools are reported as highly satisfactory.—The Rev. Alexander Luke, of the Prescott Grammar School, has been lately presented by his pupils "with a beautiful and costly pencil case with a gold pen, as a token of their high regard for him." How grateful to a Teacher must be such a tribute of esteem and affection on the part of his pupils!—The examination of Mr. D. Watson's school, London, C. W., on the 24th Dec., exhibited the result of much solicitude on the part of the Teacher, and proficiency on the part of the pupils.—John Kirkland, Esq. local Superintendent at Guelph, is writing an excellent series of articles for the serious consideration of persons at the Annual School Meetings.—Various papers in the Province extract liberally from our Educational and Literary Summaries without the slightest acknowledgment!

New Professorships, Toronto University.—A Lectureship on Hebrew and Oriental Literature has been established in the Toronto University, and Mr. J. M. Hirschfelder, so well known amongst us for some years past, has been appointed to the office. This appointment has given general satisfaction. An important bill is now before the Senate of the University, for the establishment of a Professorship of Agriculture, and an Experimental School, in connection with the Provincial Board of Agriculture. It is supposed that the fees in the several University Classes will be reduced, and means will be taken to increase the number and value of the Prizes.—[Patriot.]

Education in Brockville.—Our Town Schools are becoming very efficient. The Principal of the Grammar School, James Windeat, Esq., A. B. of Cambridge University, well sustains, in this distant land the character of his *Alma Mater*. We believe there is not in the Province a better or more eminent seminary of learning than the Brockville Grammar School; nor is there one in all the Districts of Upper Canada, that has been more successful, in obtaining for its pupils prizes, and other rewards and promotions, in the University of Toronto. The Common Schools are also in an efficient state, and the Teachers, Messrs. M'Kerris, Cosgrove, Miller, and Shaw, appear to give general satisfaction to the Board of Trustees, in their respective wards. In addition to the Public Schools there are many Private Seminaries, both Male and Female, in which the rudiments of a sound literary education are being communicated to the youth of the town. There are Private Schools taught by Miss M'Kerris, Miss Kelly, Miss M'Clean, Miss Miller, and Miss Glass, and by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. English, and Mrs. Drummond, in all of which young Ladies are sure to have their morals attended to, and their taste for literature, music, drawing, and polite accomplishments improved. In the school of Miss M'Kerris we observed some really elegant flowers and other specimens in wax, which are highly creditable to the young lady artists.—[Statesman.]

[The Recorder, of the 20th Dec., reports the examination of several of the foregoing schools as very gratifying and satisfactory. Several essays by pupils of the Common School were read, and elicited much interest and applause. Ed. J. of Ed.]

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Convention at Queen's College, Cork.—The interesting ceremony took place in the spacious and beautiful Examination Hall of the College, which was completely filled by a most respectable auditory, who manifested the liveliest interest in the proceedings. Every seat was occupied, whilst many who were unable to obtain any better accommodation stood around the room.

Thurles College, Ireland.—The Pope has conferred the diploma of D. D. on the Rev. P. Leahey, President of Thurles College, whence emanated the recent memorable Protest of the Roman Catholic Bishops against the Queen's Colleges.

At York £1,400 have been raised by a bazaar, for ragged schools.

UNITED STATES.

Items.—At the anniversary New England Dinner lately held in New York, the following toast was proposed and eloquently responded to. "The Common School—the tree of Knowledge originally planted in New England—its seeds are wafted over the continent."—Two gentlemen have recently made a donation of \$4,000 to the Wesleyan Wyoming Seminary.—At the recent convention for revising the Constitution of New Hampshire, the recommendation of the Committee on Education was adopted, providing "permanent provision for Free Schools throughout the State."—Jenny Lind gave a free concert to the children of the Public Schools at Baltimore, on the evening of the 13th ult.

Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

Items.—The distribution of Prizes of the American Art Union took place on the 20th of December. The Receipts for 1849 have been \$96,492. 1,000 works of art were distributed, many of them rare and beautiful pictures. But one prize reached Toronto, and that to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Rowsell. Mr. Simmonds of Hamilton obtained another.—The *Christian Socialist*, the organ of the new liberal and reforming class of things spiritual and temporal, has appeared. In this journal will be found "clergymen and the friends of clergymen, openly avowing they will fight for the cause they hold as true, yea, even in the ranks of chartists and infidels; recognizing truth even when propounded by their antagonists, and resolved to merge differences in the broad union of agreement"—a heroic age we live in, truly!—Henry Mayhew's "Pictures of London Life," as Commissioner of the *Morning Chronicle*, are to be enlarged, and published in weekly numbers, with the title, "*London Labour and London Poor: a Cyclopædia of the Social Condition and Economy of those who Will Work, those who Cannot Work, and those who Will Not Work.*"—Mr. D'Israeli is writing the life of Lord George Bentinck, late Leader of the Protectionists of England, at the request of the Duke of Portland, his father.—The original MS. of *Waverley* has been presented to the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, by Mr. I. Hall, brother of Capt. Basil Hall, who had paid forty guineas for it in 1831.—Sir Jn. Herschell will succeed Mr. Shiel as Master of the Mint.—Her Majesty has granted a pension of £100 a-year to Mr. John Payne Collier, editor of *Shakespeare*, and author of the *History of the English Stage*.—According to the will of the poet, the collection famous in Germany, as the *Goethe Inheritance*, is to be sold. It is proposed to buy the house in which the collection is, but the heirs—his two grandsons—refuse to turn the old homestead into a show-room.—The Goldsmiths' Company of London offer a prize of £1,000 for the best samples of design and workmanship in gold and silver by British artists. Smaller prizes in other departments are given by other parties. The proprietors of the London Art-Journal offer a prize of 100 guineas for the best essay "On the best mode of rendering the Exhibition of 1851 practically useful to the British manufacturer." The Essay will be published in the *Art-Journal*, in July.—The crystal palace is to be enlarged to the extent of 45,000 superficial feet, to make room for extra exhibitions.—The *Pearl*, from Canada, has arrived in England, with ninety packages of the productions of Canada for the Exhibition.—Mr. A. A. Applegarth, the eminent machinist, has received a commission to erect a great printing machine, on his latest principle, for the Exhibition of 1851. It is intended to be used to throw off copies of the *Illustrated London News*, in three languages, before the visitors.—Mr. Funnell, of Brighton, is constructing a watch smaller in circumference than a threepenny piece, for the Exhibition of 1851; Mr. John Burton, of Bradford, is also constructing a beautiful little tea-kettle, made from a fourpenny piece. This curiosity is complete in every particular, possessing spout, hanger, and lid with a hinge on, the whole fitting compactly into a common Brazilian nut, mounted with a single hinge.—Germany has lost one of her most popular poets, Gustavus Schwab, at the age of only 58. Schwab was the friend of Uhland.—*La Nacion* says that the tomb of the "Cid" has just been found at Burgos, in an antechamber of the *ayuntamiento*. The remains of Don Rodrigue Campeador and Chimene his wife, immortalised by ancient legend and the poem Guilhon de Castro and Corneille, were deposited in an old trunk. On this trunk, placed as rubbish, was the chair on which the ancient counts of Castile, Diego, Pannelo, Nuno, Rasura, and Lain Calvo rendered justice. The history of the two lovers has been greatly embellished by romancers. Chimene was the daughter of Don Diego Alvoras, and not of a count of Gormas who was killed in a duel by the Cid.—A good translation of the late Rev. Henry Coleman's book on Agriculture in France, Belgium, Holland, and Switzerland, has just been published in Brussels. It is from the pen of the Baron Hector le Bailly de Tillegem Mortier, who has added a great variety of interesting and useful notes.—An exposition of the products of national industry is now going on at Madrid.—The London *Athenæum* says, that all information from travellers in Africa affords reasonable grounds for believing that the interior of that continent consists of an immense table-land, extending from the mountains of Meridefy, south of Lake Tchad, as far as the Cape of Good Hope, and inhabited by nations less barbarous than the other Africans. It is more of a European than of a tropical country.

Canadian Antiquities.—A Quebec paper mentions that in laying bare the foundation of the old French Episcopal Palace, preparatory to the completion of the Legislative Assembly Buildings, the remains of human bones were discovered, as well as a tomb carefully built in masonry. More recently the workmen have come upon the corner stone of the Chapel attached to the palace, in which was found a leaden plate, bearing the inscription which appears below:—

ANNO DOMINI MDCXCIV INNOCENTII PAPÆ XII anno III. LUDO-VICI XIII Francorum Regis LI, primum palatii Sui Episcopalis lapidem posuit JOANNES de Cruce de St. Valliere Ecclesiæ, Québecensis Episcopus, Delpara Et Divo Ludovico Eiusdem Ecclesiæ patrono, auspiciis.