

where the industrious and intelligent apprentice or journeyman is enabled to carry forward his education."

Your Committee need scarcely refer to the benefit to art manufactures and art workmen, secured by the active and liberal encouragement afforded by the British Government, during the last few years. When the first International Exhibition was held in London, in the year 1851, the art manufacturers and designers of Great Britain held but a very inferior position, as compared with France and some other continental countries; her statesmen, however, determined that this inferiority should not continue to exist, and at once established a SCIENCE AND ART Department, with affiliated schools, well supplied with models and examples, and competent certified teachers, in all the manufacturing centres of Great Britain, and what was the result? Why, at the next Industrial Exhibition, held in London, in 1862, the Commissioners representing the French Emperor reported to His Majesty that the art manufacturers of England were not only equal, but in many respects superior, to the French workmen. So much was accomplished in the short space of eleven years, by a judicious organization and expenditure of money, for that purpose; and what was done in Britain may be done here, with a proportionate success.

Having made these general remarks on the objects and aims of the Board, we now turn to its more immediate details.

The Library of Reference.

At last Report the Library contained in all 1273 volumes, and there has since been added 69 volumes, namely:—by purchase 36, Scientific and other journals bound up from the table 20, Parliamentary Publications and Transactions of Societies 19, making a total of 1342 volumes now on the shelves. These comprise Patent Publications 588 volumes; Statutes and other Parliamentary Publications 174; Transactions of Societies 37; Architecture and Building, Dictionaries, Decoration, Encyclopedias, Engineering and Mechanics, Manufactures and Trades, and General Science, 543 volumes. Of the donations your Committee desire to acknowledge 2 volumes from the Board of Agriculture of U. C.; 1 volume from the U. S. Commissioner of Patents; and Statutes and other Parliamentary publications from the respective heads of Departments of the Provincial Government.

The Library has been kept open FREE to the public, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., daily, and from 7 till 10 o'clock every Tuesday and Friday evening.

It is to be regretted that the funds of the Board

would not allow of a much larger addition to the number of volumes during the year; but, nevertheless, the collection is a most valuable one, and affords information on almost every practical question, as well as on general subjects.

Your Committee have reason to fear an early removal to Ottawa of the valuable Publications of the British Patent Office, placed in charge of this Board by the Bureau of Agriculture, at the time the seat of government was in the city. Should the removal take place, it is recommended that the Board take prompt action to procure another set, as the absence of a copy of this valuable work west of the city of Ottawa will be a public loss.

Annual Examinations.

Nine candidates only presented themselves for examination in the past year, in five different subjects of study; a full report of which, with the certificates awarded, was published in the August number of the *Journal*.

The various Institutes have already been notified of the Examinations for 1866.

The "Journal."

Your Committee continued to issue the same number of copies monthly as in the previous year, the funds of the Board not allowing of a larger issue. It is, however, gratifying to know that the annual loss on its publication for the past two years has been one-half less than in former years.

Your Committee have again to record their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the *Journal* has been conducted by your Secretary, Mr. Edwards; and as he has performed the duties of Editor so acceptably, have made a donation of \$100 to him, as a substantial approval of his successful labours, agreeably to the suggestion of last year's Report.

Amendments to Acts of Parliament.

Your Committee had hoped that the new bill, so long before Parliament, would have passed, during the last session; but owing to differences existing relative to the agricultural portion of it, it has again been passed by. A short bill of amendments was passed, principally affecting the Lower Canada Board, which will be found published in the *Journal* for the present month.

The amendments to our Patent Laws have been postponed, until such time as the proposed Confederation of the Provinces is settled one way or the other. Should confederation take place, the right of patentees will be much enhanced in value.

Dublin International Exhibition.

Your Committee have great pleasure in drawing attention to the success attending the representa-