

Lardner, sisters of the late Dionysius Lardner (in equal proportions), in consideration of their late brother's labours in the cause of science, and of their scanty means, £125. Mrs. Helen Galloway (daughter of Hoppner, the painter) in consideration of the long services of her husband as British Consul at Naples, £100. Dr. Robert Blakey, in consideration of his exertions to aid and promote the study of philosophy, and of his straitened circumstances, £100. Mr. Edward Atherstone (in addition to the pension of £75 granted to him in 1858), in consideration of his great services to literature, and of his advanced age, £25. Miss Julia Pardee, in consideration of thirty years' toil in the field of literature, by which she has contributed both to cultivate the public taste, and to support a number of helpless relations, £100. Mrs. Ellen Beecroft, in consideration of the services of her late husband, Captain Beecroft, for the suppression of the slave trade, and the advancement of British interests and of science during 25 years on the coast of Africa, where he ultimately fell a victim to the climate, £50. Dr. Robert Bigsby, in consideration of his great services and contributions to the literature of his country, £100. The Rev. Henry Logan, in consideration of his contributions to mathematical and scientific literature, and his present state of destitution, in consequence of the loss of his eyesight, £100. Mrs. Catherine Liddon (daughter of the late Henry Cort), in consideration of the great benefits which have accrued to this country from her late father's inventions in the manufacture of iron, and of the large fortune which he expended in carrying them into execution, £50. Miss Caroline Cort (daughter of the late Henry Cort), the same observations apply to this as to the preceding pension to Catherine Liddon, £50. Mrs. Sarah Jane Le Blanc, in consideration of the great benefits conferred on naval science by her father, the late Sir Samuel Benthham, £100.—*English Journal of Education.*

#### XIV. Anecdotes of the Queen.

##### 1. THE QUEEN AS A SANITARY REFORMER.

At a meeting of the Aberdeen Ladies' Sanitary Association, held a short time ago, Dr. Kilgour, who presided, made the following remarks regarding the Queen at Balmoral:—"The highest lady in the land, or, if not she entirely, her highly talented and sensible husband, is an ardent sanitary reformer. Those who visited London during the season of the Great Exhibition will remember the two cottages which the Prince erected near the Exhibition buildings as models of dwellings for promoting the health and comfort of the humbler classes. Wherever the Queen or the Prince has erected cottages on the Scotch property, they may not have adhered to the style alluded to (which mainly contemplated the English style and mode of life) but they have built the cottages more in accordance with the taste and feelings of the Scottish peasantry, but yet with an undeviating eye to ventilation and pure air. They have never harshly interfered with the domestic habits of their tenantry by dictating to them that this or that change must be made, but they have given encouragement wherever improvements in sanitary arrangements were adopted. Last year scarlet fever broke out with great virulence in the district, and many lives were lost by the spreading of the infection. It became necessary to take measures to arrest the extension of the disease, and orders were given to sweep away every "boxed in" bed on the estates. An order was also given to substitute a sufficient number of iron bedsteads for each family at the cost of the Queen."

##### 2. THE QUEEN'S PORTRAIT FOR THE PEOPLE.

The following anecdote of the Queen illustrates her good sense and real desire to promote the welfare of her subjects. She had agreed to have her photograph taken for the gratification of such of her subjects as might desire to possess the counterfeit presentment of their ruler. She presented herself in a plain black silk, without a particle of ornament. The photographer ventured to suggest that she should send for some jewels. "No," said the Queen, "this photograph is to go among my people, and I wish to do all in my power to discourage extravagance." It is such little anecdotes as these that have secured the Queen a high place in the regard of the people.

##### 3. THE QUEEN AND THE PRESIDENT.

The Queen has written an autograph letter to the President of the United States, through Lord Lyons, expressing, in the strongest terms, her grateful acknowledgment of the cordial manner in which the Prince of Wales was received by the people of the United States.

#### XV. Short Critical Notices of Books.

— JOURNAL OF THE BOARD OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES.—We have received the first number of this valuable publication. It extends to 32 pages, and contains an editorial and a number of excellent selections, designed to promote the object of the publication. In the prospectus it is stated that each monthly number shall contain:—1. An original article on some subject connected with the Arts and Manufactures of Upper Canada. 2. Notices on subjects bearing upon the introduction into the Province of new branches of industry, and of the progress and improvement, both at home and abroad, of those already established. 3. Abstracts of reports and proceedings of the Board, and of the Mechanics' Institutes associated with it. 4. Notices of the Arts and Manufactures department of the Provincial Exhibition. 5. List of Patents issued in Canada, with remarks on such as are considered of general practical utility. 6. Correspondence on any of the foregoing subjects. 7. Selections from foreign scientific and mechanical journals. 8. Short notices of books suitable for Mechanics' Institute Libraries. Each monthly number of the Journal will consist of 32 closely-printed octavo pages, and will be supplied to Mechanics' Institutes, through their respective Secretaries or other officers, at the rate of 50 cents per annum for any number of copies, and to the general public for \$1 per annum, or to clubs of not less than ten at 75 cents per annum, in all cases payable in advance. The Journal is, we believe, edited by Professor Hind, M.A., of Trinity College University.

— ALIBONE'S DICTIONARY OF AUTHORS. Vol. 1. Philadelphia: Childs and Peterson. This invaluable work has already become a Standard Reference Book among scholars both in England and America. The first volume of the work has been published in Philadelphia and London. It contains the letters from A to J, both inclusive, 1005 pages, imperial double column, minion and nonpareil type, about 200 lines on each page on an average, the volume containing upwards of two millions of words. In bulk of typographical matter it is equal to about fourteen volumes (460 pages each) of Prescott, Bancroft, or Hallam's Histories, 8vo. The number of Authors whose works are noticed in the first volume is above 17,100; making in the forty indexes (to be inserted at end of volume ii.) about 24,100 names. It is expected that the second volume will contain about 26,000 authors' names, or 50,000 in all for the two volumes. The number of works recorded, and in very many cases criticized, both favourably and unfavourably, in the work, exceeds one hundred thousand. The best, because the briefest, description which can be given of the Critical Dictionary is, that it is intended to be to the literature of the language what a dictionary of words is to the language itself. We cordially recommend the work as a most valuable addition to our works of reference. The type, paper and typography are excellent.

— KRAPF'S TRAVELS AND RESEARCHES IN EASTERN AFRICA. Boston: Ticknor & Co. This is a valuable and interesting addition to the numerous books of travel which now issue from the Press. Rev. Dr. Krapf has long been favourably known for his missionary labours in eastern Africa, and in this book he gives the results of his eighteen years' residence and travels in that part of Africa, from the upper Nile to Cape Delgado. In the appendix is given a concise account of the geographical researches which have been made by Dr. Livingstone up to September last. The book is accompanied with a good map, and, like all of Messrs. Ticknor's books is beautifully printed.

— TODD'S ANGEL OF THE ICEBERG AND TRUTH MADE SIMPLE. London: James Hogg & Sons. This is one of Hogg's series of popular and attractive books. It is written by the Rev. Dr. Todd, so well known as the author of the "Students' Manual," and consists of a series of moral tales and stories for the young. It is illustrated with numerous engravings, and in style and typography is a handsome gift book.

#### XVI. Educational Intelligence.

##### CANADA.

— NORMAL SCHOOL.—The 24th Session of the Normal School closed on the 22nd ult. After some preliminary exercises Dr. Ryerson delivered a lecture to the Normal School Students, of about an hour in length. He pointed out to them the duties which would devolve on them as school