

most of the increase arose from private schools receiving grants according to results. Of the 115,212 scholars, 548 were Europeans, 4,244 East Indians, 12,276 Native Christians, 93,830 Hindoos, 4,301 Mahommedans, and 13 Parsees. More noticeable than all, 10,185 were girls.

Area and Population of the Provinces of British India.—

PROVINCE.	Area in Sq. miles.	Population.
Bengal	239,591	40,352,960
Madras.....	141,746	26,539,052
Bombay and Scinde.....	142,074	12,889,106
Northwestern Provinces.....	83,785	30,086,898
Punjab	102,001	17,596,752
Central Provinces.....	84,162	7,985,411
Oude.....	24,060	11,220,747
British Burmah.....	98,881	2,463,484
The Berass.....	16,960	2,220,074
Coorg.....	2,400	112,952
	935,660	151,467,436

School Superintendence British India.—Each province has a director of public instruction, inspectors of circles or divisions, and sub-inspectors. These visit all schools and report. Each director makes an annual report to the chief civil officer of the government under which he acts. One inspector of female schools is a Christian woman.

The directors are gentlemen of high qualifications and well paid. Their remarks and those of the inspectors, are very severe and personal. There does not seem to be any desire to make a good report when it is not deserved, and the semi-despotic system which prevails is highly favourable to honesty in this respect. *Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education, Washington.*

Preparation Necessary.—It is the teacher's duty to make the best preparation possible on the subject of the lesson. One who would teach others must previously instruct himself. He who would be fruitful in his class, must be diligent in closet-study. A young man in one of our theological seminaries went to his professor, and said, "I have been trying very hard to write a sermon, and I find it the most difficult thing in the world to do." The professor said to him, "My dear young friend, were you ever at a mill?" "Yes, sir," replied the young man. "Do you know what the hopper and the bin are for?" "I do. But what has that to do with the preparation of a sermon?" "I will tell you. Suppose the miller should call his hands, set the stones agoing, hang his bags on the hooks at the bin, and then stand wondering why he does not get any meal! Some one says to him, 'Why, you have forgotten to put any corn in the hopper.' My dear young man, you cannot get meal at the bin until you put corn in the hopper." So teacher, you cannot be otherwise than barren before your class unless by previous study and reflection you have stored your own mind with suitable knowledge. It is a mistake to suppose that you can substitute a gift of gab for a thoroughly furnished mind.

Correction.

We have been reminded that due credit was not given to the *International Review* for an extract from the pen of "Dr. McCosh on American Colleges" which appeared in our last number.

If our readers will refer to the pages of the *Journal* for March last they will find two extracts—"Dr. McCosh on School Inspectors" and "Dr. McCosh on American Colleges"—the latter of which is said to be not duly credited.

To our mind and reading nothing could be clearer than that the latter extract is a continuation of the former—acknowledged to be duly credited. We never meant to disguise the source of the article.

We cannot comply with the second part of the request,—namely, to notice the *Review*,—as we have never seen it. The two extracts were sent us by a friend.

Official Notice.

DISSOLUTION OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Notice is hereby given that the Dissentients of St. Pie, in the County of Bagot, having had no School in operation for more than a year, either in their own Municipality or conjointly with other Trustees in a neighboring Municipality, and that they are not taking any steps to carry out the school law, I shall recommend the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to order that the Board of Trustees for the Dissident Schools of said Municipality shall be declared dissolved after the expiration of three months from the date of the present notice, in conformity with Sec. 16, Cap. 16, 32 Vic.

(Signed) G. OUMET,
Minister of Public Instruction.

Quebec, February 16, 1874.

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