

The question of Separate Schools was agitated some five or six years ago in Cincinnati by the Catholic Clergy; but, though some few Separate Schools have been established, they receive no portion of the public funds. In the colored schools there are some white teachers employed, and to a Canadian visitor there appear to be some *white* pupils. An excellent rule prevails here—as the children in the colored schools mostly belong to the working classes—of allowing those whose fathers work at a distance from home to leave the schools half an hour before noon to carry their dinners.

— **SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN WISCONSIN.**—The last Legislature of Wisconsin, by a vote of nineteen to thirteen in the Senate, and fifty-one to ten in the Assembly, has enacted a *School Library Law*, with four prominent provisions: 1. It provides a permanent Town School Library Fund, by setting apart for this purpose ten per cent. of the School Fund, subject to apportionment in 1860, and annually thereafter, together with the proceeds of a special State tax, to be levied each year, of one-tenth of a mill on the dollar valuation of taxable property. 2. It provides that this fund shall be set apart specifically for the establishing and replenishing *Town School-Libraries*. 3. It provides that the books for these libraries shall be purchased by public authority, and not by the local School-Boards, as heretofore. 4. It provides that an extra number of the State Laws, Journals, and Documents, sufficient to supply each town and city school-library in the State with a set, shall be printed by the State Printer, and delivered to the State Superintendent; and that these shall be substantially bound, under the direction of the State Superintendent, with the approval of the Governor, at a cost not exceeding thirty cents per volume, to be paid out of the School Library Fund.—*Mass. Teacher*.

— **YALE COLLEGE.**—We acknowledge the receipt of the catalogue for the year 1859-60, which presents the following results: Professional students—Theology 27, Law 28, Medicine 45, Philosophy and the Arts 40, deduct for name inserted twice 1. Total 139. Academical students—Seniors 111, Juniors 101, Sophomores 117, Freshmen 173. Total 502. Total in all departments 641.

— **HARVARD COLLEGE.**—The same paper says: "It is announced that Dr. Walker has resigned his office as President of Harvard College. Among the prominent names mentioned as successors, we find that of Professor C. C. Felton. Should the college authorities present his name, it would give general satisfaction among the best friends of the institution."

IX. Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

— **TO PUBLISHERS.**—With the first number of the thirteenth volume of this Journal, it is intended to add to its other departments a new one, specially devoted to *critical notices* of such books as may be sent to the Journal for that purpose. It is designed to confine these notices exclusively to such works as may be suitable for general reading, as public library or school prize books. They will not extend to *school text-books*, as the series of text-books for the use of schools in Upper Canada have already been adopted by the Council of Public Instruction; and the multiplication of text-books is a needless expense to parents, and a great evil in schools. Improved editions of the Canadian series, or modifications of some of them, may be introduced from time to time, as the wants of the schools may require, and as may be prepared for them, and approved by the Council of Public Instruction.

— **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA.**—The last number of the *Westminster Review* says "We are glad to receive from Sir William Logan, the energetic and accomplished Director of the Geological survey of Canada, further report of the progress of his great and important undertaking; and we trust that no niggard economy will be allowed to interfere with the continuation and completion of a work so sure to conduce to the development of the resources of the country, and so creditable alike to the Government which supports it, and to the scientific men by whom it is carried on."

— **REPORT ON THE SYLVA OF CANADA, &c.**—In Dr. Cowper's report, upon the sylvia of North America, prepared for the Smithsonian Institute, there is a map of this continent divided into districts. The first of these districts, the Algonquin, includes the eastern part of British America, Labrador, &c., and contains five species of trees.—We live in the Canadian region, which possesses seventeen characteristics and one peculiar species of tree. The Tennessean district is the richest in sylvan treasures, possessing thirty-four characteristic and seven peculiar species, while the Mississippian and Floridian regions are not far behind, each containing thirty-two characteristic and the latter seventeen peculiar species.

— A PENSION of £70 a year for literary services has been awarded by the British Government to Mr. Charles Duke Yonge, author of several Greek and Latin school books, among others of the "English-Greek Lexicon," and the "Phraseological English Latin Dictionary."

X. Departmental Notices.

CANDIDATES FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERSHIPS.

The next examination of candidates for Grammar School masterships, will take place in the Normal School Buildings, Toronto, on the first Monday in January.

NORMAL SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The present session of the Normal School closes on the 22nd December. Application for teachers should be made without delay. The next session of the school will commence on the 8th January. Application for admission should be made in person *not later* than the first week of the session.

UNAUTHORIZED TEXT-BOOKS IN THE SCHOOLS.

In reply to several inquiries in regard to the use of unauthorized text-books in the schools, we refer the reader to the law on this subject, as quoted on page 180.

BLANK HALF-YEARLY RETURNS AND REPORTS.

The blank forms for Half-yearly Returns and Annual Reports have been sent out to Local Superintendents for distribution to the Trustees of rural School Sections. Those for Roman Catholic Separate Schools and Grammar Schools will be sent out before the end of the month.

POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, or a Local Superintendent, and which are made upon the printed blank forms furnished by the Educational Department, *must be pre-paid*, at the rate of one cent per oz. and be open at each end, so as to entitle them to pass through the post as printed papers. No letters should be enclosed with such returns.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

"Township and County Libraries are becoming the crown and glory of the Institutions of the Province."—*Lord Elgin at the Upper Canada Provincial Exhibition, September, 1854.*

The Chief Superintendent of Education is prepared to apportion *one hundred per cent.* upon all sums which shall be raised from local sources by Municipal Councils and School Corporations, for the establishment or increase of Public Libraries in Upper Canada, under the regulations provided according to law. Prison Libraries, and Teachers' County Association Libraries, may, under these regulations, be established by County Councils, as branch libraries.

PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the new Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will, therefore, please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, as may be necessary.

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