

eight or nine years. The instruction in this Form is only so far Classical as the rudiments of Latin are concerned, more than two-thirds of the time being devoted to the elements of an English education. In the *First*, or next higher Form, a little more time is given to Latin; and in the *Second*, the elements of Greek and of Algebra are commenced. In the *Third*, and the forms above it, Classics and Mathematics are gradually brought into more and more prominence, while the branches constituting an English education are advanced with equally careful precision. In the *Fifth*, *Sixth* and *Seventh* Forms German forms a part of the regular course.—*Brockville Recorder*.

—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—At the recent examination the following Scholarships were awarded in the various departments: Faculty of Arts, Greek and Latin, (with History).—Wright; do Mathematics, 1 Lafferty; do 2 Frisby; General Proficiency, 1 Ledyard; do 2 Gibson; do 3 Thompson, W.; Faculty of Medicine, Kilpatrick; Department of Civil Engineering, Gaviller; Department of Agriculture, Forneri.—*Leader*.

—KNOX'S COLLEGE.—At the recent opening of the session of 1859-60 the company which assembled was very large, as upon these occasions it generally is. The Professors attended in their robes of office. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Willis, President of the College. Proceedings having been commenced by prayer and the singing of a hymn, Professor Young delivered the opening lecture, in which he ably discussed and severely criticised the views of Dr. Mansell, as contained in his recent Bampton lectures on "The limits of religious thought." He was followed by the Chairman, who congratulated the students upon their return, after the recess, under very encouraging circumstances. On their behalf, he also thanked the ladies for the successful efforts they had made to render the College more comfortable to its inmates. The Rev. Dr. Burns then engaged in prayer, and the benediction having been pronounced, the proceedings were terminated. It may be remarked, that during the past year seventeen students have been ordained, and that their places will be filled by others who are desirous of being educated for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.—*Globe*.

—KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—On Monday, the 19th ult., a few gentlemen, natives of Kingston, formerly pupils at the County Grammar School, presented W. J. Irwin, Esq., A.M., (for the last ten years master of the school) with an elegant snuff-box, accompanied by a complimentary address.

—THE COURTS AND THE COMMON SCHOOLS.—On the 22nd ult., the Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions in their presentment to Judge Harrison "urge upon all parents and guardians the great desirableness of giving to each child in Canada that amount of Common School education which will, at least, fit them for the duties of life, and teach them the great principle of 'doing unto others as they wish to be done to.' For we are of opinion that had those four boys, whom your honor justly sentenced to serve three years in the Provincial Penitentiary on account of their crime, been sent regularly to school, and had that parental control exercised over them which is absolutely necessary, they never would have been convicted, so early in life (if at all) of the heinous crimes of larceny and burglary. We, therefore, suggest the opening of our Common Schools to the children of all as Free Schools, so that no one can be found to complain of their want preventing them from giving the blessings of education to their offspring."

The Hon. Chief Justice Draper in his charge at the present Assizes, stated that he would leave to the Grand Jury "to consider whether they could make any suggestion whereby education would be made a duty, not simply a boon to society. They all must be painfully alive to the fact that although we have numerous common schools, our streets were nevertheless filled with children who did not take advantage of them; and whether any measures could be resorted to by which children could be prevented from wandering about as common vagabonds, a pest to society, and placed under control, was a question well worthy of careful consideration."

—COLBORNE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—"A Member" writes to state that this association, with 40 members, has been in successful operation for a year, and that its average attendance is about 25. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10 to 4 o'clock, in the new Grammar School building. From 10 to 3½ o'clock is faithfully devoted to the various classes which have been formed, and the last half hour to general business. E. Scarlett, Esq., Local Superintendent, is usually in attendance. The example of the association is respectfully urged upon other teachers.

—TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The anonymous communications from Streetsville and Pakenham School Section No. 2, can receive no attention. That from Streetsville is scarcely suitable for the *Journal of Education*.—*Ed.*

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—The town Council of Edinburgh has unanimously elected Sir David Brewster to the Vacant Principalship of Edinburgh University. If Sir David accepts, this will create a vacancy in the Principalship of St. Andrew's University.

—HARROW SCHOOL.—Rev. Dr. Vaughan has resigned the head mastership of this school after fifteen years service.

—VISIT OF THE LORD LIEUTENANT TO THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.—The Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by Mr. Cardwell, Solicitor-General of Ireland, and by the Hon. Mr. Ellis, M.P., lately visited the National Schools, Marlborough-street. His Excellency first visited the infant school, in which 300 children were present. The children received his Excellency by singing the National Anthem, and two other hymns. They were examined by Mr. Young in elementary arithmetic and geography. From the infant school his Excellency proceeded to the boys' school, containing about 440 boys. Here the classes were all in operation. The boys sang several of Hullah's songs, and "The meeting of the waters." Entering a class-room, a class of sixty boys was carefully examined in algebra, and compound proportion, in their acquaintance with the steam-engine, theoretically and practically; in geography and scripture History. In the girls' school there were fully 400 girls of all ages. They sang with marked sweetness and taste several of Hullah's songs, and at the close, "Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing." At the close of the inspection, the Vice-regal party examined various specimens of the pupils' work. His Excellency arrived at the institution at twelve o'clock, and remained until a quarter to two. On his departure, he was greeted with hearty cheers from the children, who were drawn up in three lines, according to age, on the lawn. Mr. Cardwell seemed to enjoy the warmth and heartiness of this unexpected greeting.

## UNITED STATES.

—THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AT ROME is rapidly progressing. The Bishops of the United States, who are about fifty in number, have recently sent thirty thousand dollars to the Pope for the necessary works: and before the end of the year the College will be able to receive one hundred students.

—WM. AND MARY'S COLLEGE. The new building for William and Mary College, at Williamsburg, Va., now in process of construction, to replace the venerable pile destroyed by fire last Winter, will be completed by the close of the present month. The architectural style and general convenience of the building have been greatly modernized and improved as compared with the old structure.

## VIII. Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

—NARRATIVES OF THE JESUIT FATHERS.—Last year the French reading part of the Canadian people were edified and delighted by the publication of the original narratives of the Jesuit Fathers. The narratives now sought to be presented to the public are of great value to all classes. The ethnologist will find in them faithful descriptions of a race now much degenerated and rapidly approaching to extinction, written amongst them as they lived and moved, hunted and fought, married and died, received baptism or ferociously murdered the men who sought to bestow it on them. Ordinary readers, from the intelligent scholar to the untaught peasant, will peruse with interest an account of men who trod the soil on which they now move,—who were the lords of the forest and the river, now smiling with the rich harvest or glittering with the vessels of commerce,—and will learn with some emotion that they live and sleep in security on the self-same spot which has been often drenched with the blood shed in warfare or massacre. The publication of so voluminous a work will depend entirely upon the support received from the public. The first volume has been translated by one of the best translators in the Province; and it will be put to press by the publisher, John Lovell, Esq., of Montreal, as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers is obtained to defray the cost of translation and publishing. The work will make 3 Volumes, Royal 8vo., of about 750 pages each, in Long Primer type. Subscription lists will be found at the Book-stores in the various Cities, and at the Offices of the Publisher, in St. Nicholas Street, Montreal, and Ste. Anne Street, Quebec; also at Lovell and Gibson's, Toronto. Price in paper covers per volume, \$2.75, or for the set, \$8.25. Price in half calf per volume, \$3.50, or for the set, \$10.50.