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* Editorial Notes. *

THERE are, it is computed, in America, four hundred and eleven institutions with degree-conferring powers.

WE are glad to give space to the brief report of the first meeting of "The Hamilton Primary Teachers' Association." The list of subjects discussed shows that these teachers are doing their work intelligently and in the right spirit. We are glad to learn that they find our "Primary Department" so helpful. We shall strive to make it increasingly so, and shall always be glad of hints and helps which will aid the writers in that and other departments.

WE are sorry that we failed to note that Arbor Day would fall this year on the first day of the month, the day of publication for THE JOURNAL. We had intended to make our next number in part specially fitted to help in the observance of the day. We may still do this to some extent, though the paper will be too late to be so useful as we could wish. We will make a special effort to place it in the hands of our readers two or three days earlier than usual.

AN anonymous correspondent complains that our note in respect to the appointment of the Principal of the new city Collegiate Institute, did not correctly represent the facts as to the relative standings of the various competitors. We certainly gave the impression left upon our mind by the reading of the report of the discussion at the Board meeting, given in the morning

papers, though we did not minutely analyze the votes. We meant no disparagement of the claims of any applicant, and are sorry if the mention of but two names of Head Masters seemed to have that effect in regard to others.

MONTREAL is indebted to the enterprise of one of its citizens, Mr. John Lovell, for a very full and complete historic report and census. According to this the population of the city proper consists of 170,098 females and 101,204 males; total, 211,302. Of these, 155,511 are Catholics; 58,385 Protestants; 28 Chinese; 923 Jewesses; and 1,005 Jews. The towns of St. Henry, St. Cunegonde, St. Louis of Mile End, Coteau St. Louis, Notre Dame des Niegues and Outrement, all of which border on the city limits, contain respectively, 11,714, 8,159, 3,449, 2,853, 773 and 363 inhabitants; or a total of 27,311.

THERE is no wiser philanthropy than that which establishes and supports industrial schools for the training of destitute children. From the statements of a deputation which recently waited on the Ontario Government on behalf of the Mimico Industrial School, it appears that there are at present 145 boys in the school, and that 116 boys are seeking admission, but cannot be taken in for want of room. When we think of all that is involved for these 116 boys in the denial of such a training for citizenship, we can form some conception of the blindness of the penny-wise, pound-foolish policy which fails to provide ample means for such a purpose. We should be glad to hear of Industrial schools spring up all over the Dominion; teachers of all grades should be the best friends and helpers of such schools.

WE are requested by the Education Department to remind our readers that Arbor Day falls this year on Friday, the first day of May. We hope that arrangements will be made for carrying out the purpose of the day on the largest possible scale. We are glad to learn from the Report of the Minister of Education that during the five years which have elapsed since its establishment, the movement has been heartily supported by teachers and

trustees with excellent results. During these successive annual Arbor Days, commencing with 1885, the number of trees planted have been respectively, 38,940; 34,087; 28,057; 25,714; and 21,281. "In a very few years," it is predicted, "every rural school in the Province will have its pleasant, shady bower where the pupils can find shelter from the scorching sun during the summer months, and where their taste for the beautiful in nature will find some gratification." Nor are the good effects of the day confined wholly to tree-planting. In the clearing up and tidying of the school grounds, cultivation of grass and flowers, and so forth, much is done to develop the love of neatness and beauty which is, in itself, no unimportant part of education.

REPLYING to inquiries of correspondents, we said in an editorial note, in last number, that on any subjects prescribed in the University curriculum for Matriculation, which are not included in the Leaving Examination, the student will have to pass the University Supplementary Examination. In so saying we expressed ourselves very carelessly and our note is, consequently, misleading. We were not thinking at all of the "Supplementary Examinations," properly so called, of the University, which are held in September, but of the fact, that the Leaving Examination has to be supplemented for Junior Matriculation by the University Examination. The fact is, as all our readers are, we suppose, aware, that the regular Matriculation Examinations of the University are held at the same time as the Leaving Examinations, so that whatever University Examinations are needed to supplement the latter and admit the student to full Matriculation, may be taken at the same time, and presumably—though we have seen no distinct statement on this point—at the same place with the Leaving Examination. Judging from the inquiries sent to us, we think that a clear, simple explanation of the whole arrangement should be issued either by the Education Department or by the University. It seems to us, moreover, a great pity that an agreement could not be reached by which the Leaving Examinations could be accepted as a full equivalent for the Matriculation Examination.