

SCHOOLS AMONG THE NESTORIANS.—There are about sixty or seventy village schools among this interesting people, there having been a larger increase in their number the past year than in any year previous. They are also constantly becoming more efficient and useful, as young men and women go out from the seminaries better qualified for their work as teachers. Every year the seminaries are brought under a closer discipline, and aim at a higher standard of scholarship.

Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

A LITERARY PENSION of £100 a year has recently been conferred upon Sir F. B. Head, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, in consideration of his having written many popular works.—A similar pension has been conferred upon Mrs. Moir, widow of the lamented "Delta," of *Blackwood's Magazine*; and one of £80 per annum upon the Rev. Wm. Hickey, who has written several valuable papers upon Agriculture, under the *nom de plume* of "Martin Doyle."—An Observatory is about to be built at Utrecht. The King of Holland laid the first stone last month.—Wm. Brown, Esq., M.P. for South Lancashire, England, has placed at the disposal of the Town Council of Liverpool the munificent sum of £6,000 for the erection of a free library.—It has been determined to erect a statue of the late Lord Belfast, to be placed in a suitable locality in that town, in order to perpetuate the memory of a nobleman who reflected honour upon his order, and who had made himself endeared to the people by the excellence of his life, and the earnestness which he manifested in the cause of education.

STATISTICS OF JOURNALISM.—The following account is given of the number of Newspapers in different parts of the world:—Austria, 10; Africa, 14; Spain, 24; Portugal, 20; Asia, 30; Belgium, 65; Denmark, 85; Russia and Poland, 90; Prussia, 300; other Germanic States, 320; Great Britain and Ireland, 500; United States, 1,800.

AN ACRE.—Many people are desirous of knowing its exact size. It is comprised within the distance of 220 feet length and 190 feet width. A square acre is a fraction less than 209 feet each way, being less than one inch too much on either side.

A *Journal of the Albert National Agricultural Training Establishment* at Glasnevin, near Dublin, has been established with the view of bringing prominently before the public, the details of the system of management pursued at Glasnevin; of affording an accurate account of the progress of industrial knowledge, as obtained from the published reports of agricultural meetings and exhibitions; of the publication of select essays on various agricultural and horticultural subjects; and of receiving and answering all agricultural queries of a useful and practical nature, &c.

COMPARATIVE SPEED.—The velocity of a ship is from eight to twelve miles an hour—of a race horse from twenty to thirty miles—of a bird, from fifty to sixty miles—of the clouds, in a violent hurricane, from 80 to 100 miles—of sound, 823 miles—of a cannon ball, as found by experiment, from 600 to 1000 miles (the common estimate is much too low)—of the earth, round the sun, 68,000 miles (more than a hundred times swifter than a cannon ball—of Mercury, 105,000 miles—of light, about 800,000,000 miles—passing from the sun to the earth, 95,000,000 miles, in about eight minutes, or about a million times faster than a cannon ball.

EXAMINATION OF COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

THE Board of Public Instruction for the United Counties of York, Ontario and Peel, hereby gives notice, that an Examination of Candidates to fill the offices of COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS, will take place on WEDNESDAY, the 21st of December, at 9, A. M., at the following named places:—

At the NEW COURT HOUSE, CITY OF TORONTO. Examining Committee: Revds. J. Jennings, H. J. Grasset, J. Barclay, and J. Roaf; Dr. Hayes, R. Cathcart, and J. B. Boyle, Esquires.

At DUFFIN'S CREEK. Examining Committee: The Rev. R. H. Thoruton, Dr. Foote; W. B. Warren, and E. Annis, Esquires.

At BRAMPTON, Chinguacousy. Examining Committee: Revds. J. Pringle, R. H. Osler, R. McGeorge; and T. Studdert, Esq., and Dr. Crombie.

At NEWMARKET. Examining Committee: Rev T. Baker; Joseph Hartman, T. Nixon, and R. H. Smith, Esquires.

At RICHMOND HILL. Examining Committee: Revds. J. Boyd, T. Wightman, Dr. Langstaff, A. Wright, G. P. Dickson, and T. C. Prosser, Esquires.

* * * All Teachers presenting themselves for Examination, will be required to select the particular Class in which they propose to pass, and previous to being admitted for examination, must furnish to the examining Committee satisfactory proof of good moral character, such proof to consist of the Certificate of the Clergymen whose ministrations the Candidate has attended, and in cases where the party has taught a Common School, the Certificate of the Trustees of the School Section. Each Candidate is required to attend the examination in his own School Circuit.

First Class Teachers not required to be re-examined.

The Board will meet at the Court House, on Tuesday, the 27th day of December, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the several examining Committees, licensing Teachers and for other business.

JOHN JENNINGS,
Chairman.

City of Toronto, }
November 17, 1853. }

WANTED a SCHOOL, on or about the 20th of January, by a Single Man, who holds a SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATE of Qualification from the Board of Public Instruction, in the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel; has attended the Provincial Normal School during one session; has had some experience in the improved methods of teaching. Apply by letter (post-paid) to S. M., Yorkville P. O., York Township, stating salary.

WANTED a situation in a good School, about the beginning of January next, by a Married Man, of several years experience in teaching.—has been in the Normal School, Toronto, for nine months—holds a FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE for the County of Carleton, &c. Reference kindly permitted to the Rev. Mr. Lochead, Superintendent of Schools, Osgoode, Address (stating salary) D. Robertson, Osgoode Post Office.

WANTED a TEACHER for School Section No. 2, Township of ETOBICOKE. Salary £70 per year; First or Second Class Certificate. None need apply without proper certificates of capacity and moral character. The School to be vacant in the fore part of January; the School has been free these three years. Application to be made to the Trustees, Joseph Ward, Peter Shaver, or George Jeffrey. Etobicoke, 6th December, 1853.

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