

stant of French origin, and held the appointment of Superintendent for many years, being at the same time a professor in Fredericton College, an institution which, under the provisions of the new law will only continue in operation until the end of the present year. The new Superintendent has just visited the Educational Institutions at Toronto and Montreal.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

—A new literary institution has just been established in Montreal, under the name of the "Institut Canadien Français." At a meeting of the new institution recently held, the following gentlemen were elected office bearers:—President: the Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau; 1st Vice-President, L. Labrèche Viger; 2nd Vice-President, F. Pominville; Recording Secretary, A. Mousseau; Assistant, G. F. Deschambault; Corresponding, Med. Marchand; Treasurer, R. Trudeau; Assistant, H. Murphy; Librarian, Hector Fabre; Assistant, S. Hudon; Committee on debates, Messrs. Beaudry, Jetté, Harwood, D. Sénécal and P. Denis; Library committee: Messrs. P. Garnot, L. Girard, J. U. Beaudry, J. A. Gravel and L. W. Marchand.

—An association, under the name of "Société Historique" has just been organized in Montreal; its object is to extend a taste for the acquirement of a knowledge in history and archeology, particularly of such as relates to Canada, to abide strictly by the truth, in historical facts and to combat those errors which have unavoidably crept in, and which are so easily promulgated and believed. For this purpose it is the intention of the society to publish periodically, the notes of their sessions, and will therefore accept most thankfully all documents, curiosities, old specimens, books, &c., which may be addressed to them. The following gentlemen were at the first election chosen as office bearers:—President, Mr. le commandeur Viger; Vice-President, Mr. R. Bellemare; Secretary, Mr. George Baby, and Librarian, Mr. L. A. H. Latour.

—Mr. Kiernan, teacher at Lochaber, has sent us the following solution of a riddle which appeared in our last under the title: "Curious inscription." The letter needed is the vowel e. The inscription will then read thus:

Persevere ye perfect men,
Ever keep these precepts ten.

SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE.

—The catalogue of fossils of the Provincial Geological Museum, mentions several new specimens. One of them is named after Bishop Horan, who discovered it when he was a professor at the Quebec Seminary. This fossil belongs to the silurian strata in Canada, below the old red sand stone, belongs to the class crustacites and to the genus acidaspis of Murchison. Mr. Billings has named it *Acidaspis Horani*.

—Montreal has just experienced a severe loss by the death of Doctor Barnston, professor of Botany in the McGill University, universally beloved and regretted as well for his mental qualities as for his modest and amiable demeanour; he was one of the most active members of the Natural History Society of this city, and was also one of the editors of the *Canadian Naturalist and Geologist*, a most excellent scientific review, from which the *Journal of Education* has borrowed on several occasions, articles and fine wood cuts. Dr. Barnston contributed largely in forming the museum of the Natural History Society of which he was for several years the custodian. All who can appreciate the patient researches and labor of a scientific man, in a country, where they were for such a length of time looked upon with indifference, and who had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the late Dr. Barnston, cannot but profoundly regret his premature loss; he was only 26 years of age.

—The French Government has decided on purchasing the collection of fossils made by Mr. d'Orbigny, as also the ornithological collection, the books, notes and manuscripts left by the late Prince Charles Bonaparte. This species of expense is well understood and approved of by the public, because it prevents the dispersion of so many scientific treasures and will preserve them for their general benefit.—*Union*.

—Mr. Edouard Glackmeyer of Quebec, who has for several years devoted much of his time to the study of Botany, has presented to the Laval University a portfolio containing a collection of plants, gathered by him in the vicinity of Quebec, which will hold a conspicuous place in the extensive and valuable museum of this Institution.

—The description of the disk of the moon, called selenography has become a subject of much interest in the different observatories. Mr. de La Rue who has made most minute photographic observations in an observatory near London, states that the action of the plains considered as seas, is much slower on the photographic paper, than that of the mountainous regions called after the celebrated astronomer Tycho-Brahé, from which he infers: 1stly. That the moon possesses an atmosphere relatively dense, but of little extent above its surface. 2ndly. That vegetation exists on the surface of our satellite, particularly in the pretended seas just alluded to.—(*L'ami des Sciences*.)

ARTISTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

—However great the centralization of Paris, it would be an error to imagine that the cities and towns in the different departments take no

part in the intellectual movements of the present day. Several of them hold annual exhibitions to which the most celebrated artists do not disdain to send their pictures. In the exhibition just opened at Bordeaux, under the patronage of the Society of "Les Amis des Arts," besides the paintings of Messrs. Drouyn, de Guernon and other artists of Bordeaux of superior merit, there are also exhibited paintings by Eugène Delacroix, Decamps, Isabey, Gudin, Diaz, Rosa Bonheur, &c. Belgium and Holland are also both well represented. Another universal exhibition will be opened at Dijon, on the 20th of June next. Every thing connected with the fine arts will be placed in a separate apartment, and at the close of the exhibition will be disposed of by lottery. With the approbation of the King of Holland, a great exhibition of works of art and industry will be held at the Hague.

—The annual Lower Canada agricultural exhibition, also for works of art and industry, will be held in Montreal, on the 29th and 30th September and on the 1st of October next. The local committee, after examining and discussing the many offers made for the place of meeting, finally decided upon the grounds and station house at the Point St. Charles, where the exhibition was held last year. The difficulty in finding a suitable building for the exhibition of works of art, &c., and at the same time grounds sufficiently extensive for the agricultural exhibition caused them to decide as above mentioned.

—Listz, the celebrated pianist, has just been solemnly received a member of the brotherhood of the order of St. François d'Assises. Vicuxtemps, the violinist, and Thalberg, who disputed the palm as a pianist, with Listz are now giving concerts in Toronto and draw crowded houses. They are both expected shortly in Montreal where Thalberg, last year, gave several public concerts.

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