

SERPENTS.—A correspondent sends us the following note—
“A portion, some two feet in length, of a large serpent perfectly petrified was dug out of the rock on Darche Island in Georgian Bay. The body was at least eight inches in diameter, and the rings and scales were plainly marked, beyond the possibility of a doubt. The head was unfortunately mutilated when the rock was blasted, but the shape was quite recognizable.” Not having seen the fossil, we cannot give an opinion; but we have our doubts as to its being a serpent. Fossils of the orthoceras and kindred tribes have been found varying from the size of a pencil to huge bulks one foot thick and thirty feet long. These animals, inhabiting at first a small cell, increased their house by the regular addition of chambers, increasing in size. They were the sea-rovers of ancient times. Serpents or snakes are not found in silurian rocks. We will at all times be glad to receive fossils and notes on interesting phenomena.

THE Methodist Missionary Society of Canada has determined to secure a site for a college in Japan. Other churches already have undertaken similar work, meeting with much success. This great Empire, great in its people, prosperity and possibilities will, ere long, amply repay the civilized world for these efforts at Christian civilization.

THE last report of the Minister of Education reveals the following facts concerning Head Masters of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes: Graduates of Toronto, 47; Victoria, 18; Queen's, 8; Albert, 5; McGill, 3; Trinity, 3; Dublin, 3; Aberdeen, 2; Queen's (Ireland), 2; Glasgow, 1; Mt. Alison, N.B., 1; Giessen (Germany), 1; Oxford, 1; Cambridge, 1; Certificate Holders, 8.

CO-EDUCATION in some respects has proved a success, but, in the study of medicine, experience has shown that if ladies wish to participate separate instruction is necessary in this country. The demand was made, ignored and refused for a time; but in the end was granted, as usual. As a result of