

says Matthew Arnold, have only an oral examination in divinity and are not examined in Hebrew, as those who are to give the religious instruction; but they must satisfy the Examining Commission as to their acquaintance with Scripture, and with the dogmatic and moral tenets of Christianity. Candidates weak in their divinity have this weakness noted in their certificate, and the Provincial School Boards are directed not to appoint any teacher weak in this particular, until he has been re-examined and has passed satisfactorily.

Prof. Francis W. Newman, arguing in the London *Examiner* in favour of free schools in England, says that their present system involves an immense waste of teaching power, a fact which appears also in Germany. A Professor of Natural History in University College, London, whose fame was European, for a series of years had classes which could always be counted on the fingers. Another bad result of the system which he notes is, the expense of highly educating a family, which he calls a "great moral mischief to the gentry." "On one side," he says, "it leads to delaying marriage too long, and on the other makes it harder to be content with comparative poverty, by which a father becomes incapable of fitly educating his children. Men's minds are hereby made less independent; on both sides the evil recoils on the public."

X. Departmental Notices.

ADMISSION TO COLLEGIATE INSTITUTES AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

Notice is hereby given, that the next Examinations for admission to Collegiate Institutes and High Schools will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 8th and 9th of June, 1875.

Any Candidate who fails at the above-mentioned, or at any subsequent Examination, to obtain one-third of the marks in any subject will not be considered by the High School Inspectors to have shown that "competent knowledge" of the subject which the law requires, notwithstanding his having gained fifty per cent of the *total*. (See Regulations for the Admission of Pupils).

In order to prevent any misunderstanding of the intention of the Regulations, Local Examiners are hereby reminded that the object of the Examinations is to prevent unqualified pupils from entering the High Schools, and that in fixing a minimum of *fifty per cent. of the total marks* assigned, it is not expected that the Local Boards will divest themselves of their judgment or of the power to exclude candidates who make a total failure in the fundamental subjects of primary Education.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL SESSION.

In future there will be but one Session of the Normal School instead of two.

The Session will commence on the 15th September, and will close on 15th July, with vacation from the third Wednesday in December to the second Tuesday in January; and from the Wednesday before, to the Tuesday after Easter, inclusive.

The School will consist of two Divisions. The work of the Second Division will be entirely with a view to Second Class Certificates, and the First Division will be prepared for First Class Certificates.

The Second Division will be divided into two sections. The Junior Section will comprise students who, having passed the entrance examination, are preparing for Second Class Certificates grade B. The Senior Section will comprise, (1) students who are preparing for Second Class Certificates, grade A, having already passed through the Junior Section and obtained grade B Certificates; (2) those who have obtained grade B, granted by County Boards, and passed a special examination in Arithmetic, Algebra and Natural Philosophy within certain limits; (3) lastly, those who have passed the entire entrance examination for this Section.

The First Division will contain (1) the students who have passed through the Second Division and obtained Second Class Certificates, grade A; and (2) those who hold Second Class, grade A certificates granted by County Boards, provided they can pass in certain specified subjects.

These regulations will go into effect on the 15th of next September.

ERRATA.—On the second column of page 30 of the last *Journal*, fourth line from the top, for "The Books," read "The English Books," &c.; from the list in the same column omit the words "Tales of Martyr Times," inserted by mistake.

NORMAL, PUBLIC AND HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION PAPERS.

The sets of Examination Papers used in the Normal School during the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th sessions can be sent free of postage on receipt of 30 cents each. Those of the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 31st, 33rd, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, and 44th sessions, at 40 cents each, and those of the 45th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th and 51st sessions, at 50 cents each.

The entire sets of Examination Papers for First, Second and Third Class Teachers for July, 1873, December, 1873, or July, 1874, neatly stitched, can be sent free of postage on receipt of 55 cents per set. Those used at the County Examination for Second and Third Class Teachers for July, 1871, July, 1872, or December, 1873, can be sent, free of postage, on receipt of 50 cents per set.

The Entrance Examination Papers for High Schools and Collegiate Institutes used at the Autumn Term, 1873, January, 1874, or June, 1874, can be supplied free of postage at 15 cents per set.

PRICES OF PRIZE AND LIBRARY BOOKS REVISED.

After the First of March, and until further notice, it has been decided.

TO SUPPLY ALL THE BOOKS.

enumerated in the two Official Catalogues of Prize and Library Books issued last year by the Education Department at the rate of EIGHTEEN CENTS on the shilling sterling of retail cost (being also at the rate of NINETY CENTS for a five shilling sterling book, at retail cost), instead of the rate of Nineteen and Ninety-five cents respectively, as mentioned in these Catalogues.

After that date, therefore (1st March, 1875), and until further notice, the Books enumerated in the two Catalogues named will be supplied from the

PEOPLE'S DEPOSITORY OF ONTARIO.

to Municipal and School Corporations at the revised official prices name above.

100 PER CENT ALLOWED ON REGISTERS.

The Chief Superintendent will allow the 100 per cent. on all remittances of \$5 and upwards, which may be sent to the People's Depository for Maps, Charts, Apparatus, General and Daily Registers, Pupils' Monthly Reports and Merit Cards. Trustees who have, during the present year, paid the full net price for Registers, will, until the 1st of July next, have the 100 per cent. allowed on such purchases, in any remittances up to the minimum amount (\$5) which they may send in to the People's Depository up to that date, for Maps, Charts, Object Lessons, Apparatus, Monthly Reports and Merit Cards, but the Registers cannot be sent (or allowed) with Prize or Library Books. Parties will please be particular to give date of remittance for Registers since the 1st of January, and Post Office.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LAW FULLY EXPLAINED.

BLANK SCHOOL FORMS.

Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co. have just published an Exposition of the new School Law relating to Rural Schools of this Province, the Official Regulations and Decisions of the Superior Courts, by Dr. Hodgins, Deputy Superintendent of Education, sent free on receipt of 55 cents.

The same publishers have also recently issued blanks of the official forms used under the Public School Laws, such as School Deeds, Forms of Agreements with Teachers, School Rate, Rolls, &c. Lists with prices may be obtained.