

Editorial Notices.

THE TRUSTEES AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' BLANK SCHOOL REPORTS, for the current year, have been printed, and will be transmitted to the District Superintendents from the Education Office immediately. On their receipt, these officers will please lose no time in furnishing each Corporation of School Trustees in their respective jurisdictions with a copy of the Blank Report for their Section, so that no inconvenience or delay may be experienced at the end of the year, in not receiving the necessary information from the Trustees to complete the Annual Report of the District Superintendent to the Chief Superintendent. Trustees will bear in mind that the District Superintendent is not required to pay the *last instalment* of the School Fund, until they shall have transmitted to him their Annual School Report; nor even then, unless their Report is satisfactory to that officer.

In compiling their Annual Report from the Reports of the Local Trustees, these Superintendents which have been lately appointed will find a number of valuable suggestions on the subject in the Circular addressed by the Chief Superintendent to District Superintendents in December, 1848. This Circular will be found in the Appendix to the Provincial School Report for the year 1848, page 32; and in the 1st Volume of this *Journal*, pp. 353-355.

The Blank School Reports for the Boards of Trustees in Cities and Towns to the Chief Superintendent have also been prepared, and will be forwarded in due time, accompanied by blank Reports for the Committee appointed for each School by the Board of Trustees.

These blank Reports for the Local Trustees are furnished with ample "Directions and Remarks" for filling them up correctly—upon due attention to which must depend the completeness, the comprehensiveness and correctness of the General Provincial Report of our Schools—their progress and efficiency during the year 1849.

THE MAGNIFICENT PROPOSAL FROM ENGLAND.—We have received several letters responding to our call for suggestions on this subject. They shall receive our careful consideration. In the next number of the *Journal* we hope to be able to submit a satisfactory and comprehensive scheme, to give effect to the noble and benevolent intentions of our munificent correspondent in England.

The Summer Session of the Normal School will close on the 15th October with a Public Examination. The Winter Session commences on the 15th of November. Candidates for admission must present themselves during the week of opening, otherwise they cannot be admitted.

FREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF NEW ENGLAND—THEIR CONNEXION.—We select the following characteristic remarks from a pamphlet recently received. They were uttered by two prominent official persons in Massachusetts, on an occasion of much interest to the parties themselves, and also to that State—the Inauguration of the President of Harvard University. His Excellency Mr. BRIGGS, in investing the Rev. Dr. SPARKS (an accomplished Biographer and Historian) with the government of that Institution, "in accordance with ancient usage," expressed himself in regard to the connexion between their Free Schools and Colleges as follows:—"Our system of Free Schools is one of the richest fruits of the Gospel. They are the natural nurseries of the Colleges. The interests of

the two institutions are identical. Both should be ardently loved and cherished by all who love their country, their liberty, and their race." The response of President SPARKS is beautiful and striking. He observes:—"Your Excellency has referred to the Common Schools, and the intimate relation between them and the Colleges. Here, permit me to say, you have touched a chord, whose vibrations I would neither resist nor disguise. Many of my earliest and dearest associations are centred within the narrow walls of the School-room. Nurtured during my childhood and youth in the Common Schools of New England, and for six winters a Teacher of a Common School, I have reason to be grateful for the benefits derived from them in forming both my mind and character. Nor is it too much to say, that for such of the qualifications as I may possess for understanding and discharging some of the most important duties of the station in which I am now placed, I have been more indebted to the seeds planted in the Common Schools, and to the experience which strengthened their growth, than to the later instruction and discipline of a College. But both are necessary—columns of the same temple, administering mutual and needful support. They claim the fostering care of every patriot who would see the glory and happiness of his country resting upon the durable foundations of virtue upheld by knowledge, high intellectual culture, and a wide-spread intelligence."

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Want of space prevents us from making farther allusion to these works at present; but we will be happy to permit persons to inspect the specimens sent us. They can be procured direct from the Publishers, or through Mr. HOYT, or Mr. D. M. DEWEY, our American Book Agent, Rochester.

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