

bishops of four distant dioceses are natives of Lower-Canada, Mgr. Norbert Blanchet, Archbishop of Oregon-City, Mgr. Blanchet, (brother to the former,) Bishop of Nesqually, Mgr. Demers, Bishop of Vancouver, and Mgr. Taché, Bishop of St. Boniface, (Red River settlement.) The Archbishop, in returning to the shores of the Pacific, besides several priests, takes with him no less than eighteen teachers, for the three first named dioceses; the greater part of them belong to the order of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and to that of St. Anne. Among the former are two sisters who studied, at the *Salle d'Asile* of Montreal, the French Infant School system, which is now fully carried out in that institution, and which it is intended to introduce in the remote countries they are going to.

— The distribution of prizes to the successful candidates at a competition open to all the pupils of the Colleges of the French University took place, in Paris, the day previous to the great festival, made in honor of the army of Italy. Mr. Rouland announced, on that occasion, the abandonment by the government of the system introduced by his predecessor, Mr. Fortoul, which was called *bifurcation*. This system consisted in dividing, at a certain period, the course of studies in the college into two parts, one called scientific, and the other literary. The pupil according to his inclination and the calling which he intended to follow, had, when arrived at the stated period, to choose either the scientific or the literary department. Mr. Fortoul's system was however in his opinion and in that of his friends supposed to be so framed as to meet these objections. It was ably discussed in the educational and scientific reviews, and appeared to answer some of the many new educational views put forth by modern theorists. Its rejection after so short a trial shows how guarded we must be against innovations.

Notwithstanding the all absorbing excitement which had been created by the preparations for the triumphal entry of the army, the literary solemnity of the University attracted even a larger share of public attention than usual. When Mr. Rouland, in his address to the students, called upon them to give cheers in honor of the army, a most formidable explosion of juvenile enthusiasm is said to have followed. In the same manner when the conquerors of science and literature were proclaimed, the public seemed by the vigor of their plaudits to put them on the same level with the heroic legions covered with glory at Magenta and at Solferino. The names of the successful students are published with that of their native place, and there is hardly a nation in the world which is not represented in that great institution. The Colleges of Paris train pupils coming from almost every country, who are received there at the most liberal terms and treated with especial consideration and kindness.

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The members of the Bookselling Trade, and the public of Canada in general, are respectfully informed that it is intended to publish, by subscription, a **NEW HISTORY OF CANADA** (founded on that of Mr. F. X. GARNEAU), as soon as an encouraging number of Subscribers can be obtained.

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Last year the French reading part of the Canadian people were edified and delighted by the publication of the original Narratives of the Jesuit Fathers, who were the pioneers of religion and its attendant civilization in Canada. This work, important as it is to the French Canadian, is not less so to the English-speaking part of the population of North America. All inhabitants of this great continent, especially all Canadians, will assign it an honored place on the shelves which bear the stirring narratives of the first English and Dutch adventurers.

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