

ment of the above institution: The college appears to be quite a favorite among the people of the county, as is evinced by the very liberal manner in which the required subscription has been so far met. We understand that the college committee, in return for the above grant, offers to receive a pupil, free of charge of tuition, for twenty years—said pupil to be a native of the county, to be a deserving youth of indigent parents, and the choice of pupil to be left in the hands of the council. At a meeting of the committee on Thursday last, the following resolution was moved by the Rev. Mr. Smythe, and seconded by Mr. Striker: "That the thanks of the committee of Ontario College are respectfully presented to the County Council, for their generous donation of \$500 towards said college; and also respectfully offer, in consideration of said grant, to receive a scholar, on the foundation—a native of the county, a deserving child—free of charge of tuition, for twenty years. The choice of the said scholar to be left to the council.—*Kingston News.*

— **GEN. DIX AT MONTREAL.**—General Dix, recently visited the Montreal Seminary, where he was formerly a pupil, and was presented with an address by the students. In his reply he said:—"It is now more than fifty years since I was a pupil in this institution, and the pleasure of my visit to it, after the lapse of so long a period of time, gratifying as it is, is painfully alloyed by finding that not a single one of the distinguished scholars from whom I received so much valuable instruction, is among the living. Mons. Roque, the principal, and Messrs. Hondet, Riviere, and Richards, all alike eminent for their learning and piety, are slumbering in their tombs. I can never forget how much I owe those exemplary men. To their scholarship, the purity of their lives, the influence of their example in all things, and their wise and parental counsels, I am indebted for much of my success in life; and although their trust has passed into other hands, it is most gratifying to me, as one of the pupils of this institution, to see it prospering under the guardianship of worthy successors, and still devoted to the preparation of the young for the active business of the world."

— **MCGILL UNIVERSITY.**—At the recent convocation of the McGill University, it was stated that 177 students had attended the medical department during the past season. The distribution of these students was given as follows:—From Canada East, 90; Canada West, 72; Nova Scotia, 3; New Brunswick, 1; Prince Edward Island, 4; Newfoundland, 1; United States, 6. Total, 177.

## VIII. Departmental Notices.

### THANKSGIVING DAY A SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

A recent official *Gazette* contains the following proclamation: "Know ye, that taking into consideration the duty which our loving subjects of our Province of Canada owe to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which they have received at his hands, and especially for the abundant harvest with which he has blessed our said Province during the present year, we have thought fit, by the advice of our Executive Council for our said Province, to appoint, and we do, by this our Royal Proclamation, appoint Wednesday, the 18th day of October next, as a day of general thanksgiving to, Almighty God for these His mercies; and we do earnestly exhort all our loving subjects in our said Province to observe reverentially and devoutly the said day of thanksgiving."

According to the Public School Regulations, the day named above (18th October) will be observed as a public holiday in all the Grammar and Common Schools of Upper Canada.

### EXAMINATION OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERS.

As the 10th Section of the New Grammar School Act (which will be found on page 132) supersedes the necessity of obtaining a certificate of qualification from the Board of Examiners of candidates for grammar school masterhips, attendance before the Board will not be necessary hereafter.

### TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS BY COUNTY BOARDS.

It has been intimated to the Department that the same printed questions which are used by some County Boards in the examination of common school teachers, are sometimes changed only once

in two years. We regret to hear that such a practice has been followed in any instance, and would desire to call attention to it in order to suggest its discontinuance. To use the same questions at two different examinations, would be exceedingly unfair to the first candidates who might attend the Board, as in the long intervals of the sittings of the Board the succeeding candidates could prepare answers at their leisure, and thus apparently pass a much more creditable examination than their predecessors, although, in point of fact, their attainments might be decidedly inferior.

### SCHOOL PRIZES IN THE TRENT DIVISION.

We had expected, ere this, to have received from Thomas S. Agar, Esq., Local Superintendent of the North Riding of the County of Hastings, an account of the recent series of school celebrations and competitions for prizes in the several townships in the county. These prizes have been procured from the Department through the public spirited liberality of the Honourable Billa Flint, member for the division, who has evinced the greatest possible interest in the success of this admirable plan of promoting a healthy emulation among the schools in his division, and of gratifying and rewarding the successful pupils of each township.

### TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION FOR UPPER CANADA.

We regret being unable to insert, in this number of the *Journal*, an account of the proceedings of the late meeting of the Teachers' Association for Upper Canada, which is in type—together with some papers on kindred subjects.

### USE OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHIES ILLEGAL.

According to previous notice, the Council of Public Instruction has withdrawn its sanction to the use of Morse's Geography in any of the public schools of Upper Canada. Hereafter it will not be lawful (after the copies now in actual use in any school are worn out) to use either Morse's or any other American geography in either the Grammar or Common Schools of Upper Canada. A violation of this order in any case will render liable the school concerned to the loss of its share in the Grammar School Fund or Legislative School grant, as the case may be.

### BOOKS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR USE IN THE SCHOOLS OF UPPER CANADA.

The following books, published in Canada, have been approved and recommended by the Council of Public Instruction for use in the Grammar and Common Schools of Upper Canada:—

Sangster's National Arithmetic, in Theory and Practice, adapted to the Decimal Currency.

Sangster's Elementary Arithmetic, in Decimal Currency.

Sangster's Elementary Treatise on Algebra.

Lovell's General Geography; by J. George Hodgins, LL.B.

Easy Lessons in General Geography; by ditto.

School History of Canada and the other British North American Provinces; by ditto.

### ADAM MILLER'S CHEAP SCHOOL BOOKS.

**B**ULLION'S Analytical and Practical English Grammar, 50 cents. Introduction to ditto, 25 cents. Stoddard's Juvenile Mental Arithmetic, 18 cents. Stoddard's American Intellectual Arithmetic, 20 cents. Lovell's Series of School Books. The National Series. Stationery of every description. A liberal discount allowed to teachers.

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