

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT for July-August, published at No. 9 Toronto Street, Toronto, is embellished with two fine portraits of Queen Victoria, also with a portrait of J. Greenleaf Whittier, and of Will Carlton.

THE PRIZE LIST of the Industrial Fair and Semi-Centennial Exposition to be held in Toronto, September 10th to 20th, 1884, is received. Entries close Saturday, August 23rd. Forms and information can be obtained of the Manager and Secretary, H. J. Hill, Esq., Toronto.

SETTLER'S POCKET GUIDE to Homesteads in the Canadian North-west, by John T. Moore, Toronto, gives a description of the lands at Crescent Lake, Assiniboia; North Elbow, in Saskatchewan; and Red Deer, in Alberta, with special reference to those offered by the Saskatchewan Land and Homestead Company.

ANNUAL REPORT of Nebraska State Horticultural Society for 1881, but, however, just issued in 1884, is an interesting pamphlet of 166 pages, for which we are indebted to Mr. Daniel H. Wheeler, as also for a copy of the PRIZE LIST of the Nebraska State Fair to be held in Omaha, September 5th to 12th, 1884.

PRIZE LIST of the Thirty-ninth Provincial Exhibition to be held at the City of Ottawa, under the auspices of the Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario, September 22nd to 27th, 1884. Entries of horticultural products, ladies' work, and fine arts must be made on or before Saturday, August 30th. All information relating thereto will be furnished by Henry Wade, Esq., Sec., Toronto.

A BASKET OF CHERRIES was received, for which the kind sender will please to accept our thanks. It contained fine

specimens of American Heart, Black Tartarian, Tradescant's Black Heart, Reine Hortense, May Duke, Governor Wood, Black Eagle, Butner's Yellow, and of a seedling, which latter was of good quality, excellent flavour, and seemed to bear carriage remarkably well. Judging from these samples we conclude that the cherry crop in the vicinity of Hamilton is very good.

THE MISSIONARY PROBLEM, a compendious history of Protestant missions in the more important missionary fields, by James Croil, Montreal, published by Win. Briggs, 78 King Street East, Toronto. From it we learn that the average contribution per communicant throughout christendom for this work is less than fifty cents a year; that a thousand millions of people are yet heathen; that there are in the United States and Great Britain one hundred and fourteen thousand ministers preaching to about seventy millions, but only two thousand two hundred and ninety-three preaching to this thousand millions of heathen. There is need of ten thousand more missionaries and fifty millions of dollars a year to prosecute this work, which might well be spared from the fourteen hundred millions of dollars annually spent in the United States and Great Britain upon liquors, to the manifest benefit of all concerned.

THE HURLBURT APPLE.—I consider it the most profitable apple we raise, as it is a vigorous grower and an early annual, and heavy bearer, the apples being mostly fair and saleable and free from the ravages of the codlin moth, and they cling well to the tree. Although not so good a keeper as the Baldwin it is far superior in quality, and always sells well in our home markets. It is a November and December apple. One of our best orchardists told the writer that if he were going to set out another orchard he would set one-half Hurlburts.—H. J. A. SIMMONS, in *Country Gentleman*.