

The parting address was delivered by Professor Bibaud, Dena of the Law School of St. Mary's College, Montreal.

At the Joliette College, under the management of the Order *Clères de St. Viateur*, several dramatic pieces, and a discourse on the *Vocation of Canada*, formed conspicuous features in the examination held in this establishment.

The exhibitions at the Boarding-School of the Ursulines, Quebec, were, as usual, very interesting. Rev. Mr. Cazeau, G. V., presided, and after some appropriate remarks, returned thanks, in the name of the assembly, to the directresses of this school and the young ladies in attendance, for the pleasure afforded those present on the occasion.

Many other educational institutions deserve to be mentioned here, as having held very creditable examinations, but we have neither time nor space left to add further details.

A report of the proceedings which took place at the close of the sessions of the McGill University, Bishop's College, and St. Francis College, will be found in our last numbers.

Notices of Books and Recent Publications.

GRAHAM.—Letters on Public Education in Canada. By J. A. Graham, A. M. A Pamphlet.—8vo; pp. 28. Montreal; Lovell.

This series of Letters is a reprint of allegations which have already been refuted, accompanied with certain additional assertions, which are likewise without foundation. Mr. Graham gravely proposes to impeach the members of the Council of Public Instruction for having approved the book entitled: *The Duty of the Christian*, and also decidedly objects to the series known as the *Metropolitan Readers*, although he endeavors to justify his objections chiefly by means of extracts made from the old edition of these books, which has not been approved. The same may be said with regard to Garneau's abridged *History of Canada* for the use of schools, most of the objections raised against it being based on no better grounds than quotations from the large work in three volumes. We regret that want of space will not permit us to give further specimens of the author's ingenuity in the premises, and can only refer our readers to the pamphlet; we would call their attention more particularly to page 10, where they will be informed that the bishop and the priests of the Seminary of Quebec belong to the order of St. Francis and possess 693,291 acres of the public lands, of which the author proposes to sequester at least a part!

JOSSELYN.—Elements of Pronunciation containing many important Orthoëpic Discoveries; By Caleb Bates Josselyn; Boston, 1866.—64 pp. Price, 35 cts. Walker, Fuller & Co.

We give the concluding chapter of this little work:

"ERRORS IN PRONUNCIATION.—1. The most gigantic error in pronunciation is the enclisis, or sinking of a vowel before a liquid in an unaccented syllable, as in *nation*, *pleasant*, etc., abbreviated *na-shn*, *pleas-nt*, etc. (See page 57.) This is so common in animated discourse, even among the best of speakers, that the question is raised whether it should not be regarded a license in certain circumstances of speech, as it is in poetry, where we find *flowery*, *ecry*, etc., contracted into *flow'ry*, *ec'ry*, etc., in which meter unequivocally recognizes the natural tendency to the enclisis.

"2. The substitution of *n* for *ng* in the participial ending *ing* requires on the part of the teacher the most persistent vigilance to suppress it. There is no more doubt about this corruption now than there was in Walker's time, and if orthoëpists will only agree to brand as vulgar the pronunciation of every person who does not pronounce the *ng* in this ending, thus distinctly drawing the line, by this test, between an educated and an uneducated pronunciation, they will accomplish for English Orthoëpy what has never been accomplished before.

"3. Next to this in importance is the sinking of *r* after a vowel, as in *far*, *farm*, *for*, *liar*, etc., mispronounced *fah*, *fahm*, *fah*, *li-ah*, etc. This fault is peculiar to New England. In the West the *r* is habitually articulated.

"4. The unaccented vowel in *often*, *open*, *beacon*, *heaven*, *Millon*, etc., is often pronounced, whereas it should be silent. It is singularly illustrative of the law of compensation that this error prevails most extensively where the enclisis is found.

"5. In like manner, as *r* is often lost in *far*, *farm*, etc., many

make amends therefor by adding an *r* to *saw*, *law*, *awc*, etc., mispronounced *sar*, *lor*, *or*, etc.

"6. *Elm*, *helm*, *chasm*, etc., are often exaggerated into *el-lum*, *hel-lum*, *kaz-zum*, etc., thereby improperly supplying a vowel sound.

"7. Long *o* in *force*, *course*, etc., is sometimes heard mispronounced *aw*, as *fawrs*, *kawrs*, etc., for *fo-urs*, *ko-urs*.

"8. The last syllable of *window*, *pillow*, *borrow*, *harrow*, etc., should receive its plenary sound, that of long *o*. Teachers should guard against its obscuration, as these words are all established pluriverbs."

McCORD.—Synopsis of the Changes in the Law effected by the Civil Code of Lower Canada; By T. McCord, Advocate, Secretary to the Codification Commission. Ottawa, 1866.—39 pp. 80. Desbarats.

SMALL.—The Canadian Handbook and Tourist's Guide, compiled by H. R. Small, S. C. L. Edited by J. Taylor. Montreal, 1866.—196 pp. 8vo. Longmoore.

The author of this new hand-book seems to be well informed on the subject of Canadian legends and historical reminiscences, which gives great interest to his work. The addition of maps and engravings would be a desirable improvement.

CALENDAR OF THE MCGILL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY. Session of 1866-7. Montreal. 86 pages without the examination papers. Becket. We extract the following summary:

Students in the several faculties of McGill, Morrin, and St. Francis Colleges.....	349
Students in Normal School.....	66
" in High School.....	250
" in Model Schools.....	314

Total under the University..... 979

BULLION.—Revised Edition of Bullion's Analytical and Practical Grammar of the English Language; 12mo. 324 pp.—Toronto, 1866. Miles.

This is a very complete school book. It contains, besides the Grammar, rules on versification, selections in prose and poetry to be used as exercises in analysis and parsing, a vocabulary and a brief exposition of the principles of English composition.

CÔTÉ.—Political Appointments and Elections in the Province of Canada, 1841 to 1865. Edited by J. O. Côté, N. P., and Clerk in the Executive Council Office. Second edition enlarged. Ottawa, 1866.—130 pp. 8vo. Desbarats.

This is a compilation which has been most carefully prepared. It is only to be regretted that the publication of this edition was not delayed for a few months. It might then have been made to embrace the whole period of the union between Upper and Lower Canada under the constitution of 1840. The work is well arranged and does credit to Mr. Côté's industry, each subject being presented in various ways so as to facilitate research either alphabetically or according to date, precedence, &c. For instance, we have under the heading Executive Council, an alphabetical list, a chronological list, names of presidents, Council as periodically constituted, offices held by members, &c. The book is published under the high patronage of H. E. the Governor General.

CREVIER.—*Études sur le Choléra asiatique*. By J. A. Crevier, M. D., St. Césaire. Montreal; 16 pp.

After long and laborious researches, with the aid of the microscope, the author is convinced that Asiatic Cholera is produced by the absorption into the system of an enormous quantity of infusories of the family *vibriones*. The remedy which he recommends consists of a substance that instantaneously destroys these animalcules and acts as a stimulant to restore the strength of the system exhausted by this terrible disease.

REVUE CANADIENNE.—Montreal.

The numbers of this publication for April, May, June and July contain the continuation of an Acadian tale, by Mr. Bourassa; an article on the dismemberment of the parish of Montreal, by Mr. de Bellefeuille; an article on British Canadian poetry, by Mr. Lanigan; notes of travel, by Mr. Faucher; bibliographical notices, by Messrs. LeMoine, de Bellefeuille, Royal, and Lemay, and a monthly summary, by Mr. Lesage.

PLINGUET.—*Souvenirs sur les commencements de l'Union St. Joseph de Montréal*. Par J. A. Plinguet, président de la société. Montreal, 1866; Plinguet & Laplante.—8vo; 72 pp.

L'Union St. Joseph, founded by the working classes fifteen years ago, is the oldest of the French Canadian benevolent societies in Canada. In 1851, its funds amounted to \$450, and much uneasiness was caused at the time by the departure of the treasurer for the United