

— **AIR BREATHERS OF THE COAL PERIOD.** By J. W. DAWSON, LL.D., F.R.S., MONTREAL: DAWSON, BROS.—This highly interesting essay by the accomplished Principal of McGill University gives the result of his discoveries from fossil remains of animals belonging to the coal period in Nova Scotia. Most of the matter contained in the essay has already appeared in the pages of the Canadian Naturalist and Geologist, but we are sure there are none of the readers of that magazine but will be pleased to see these valuable papers collected into a separate publication. Photographs of a creditable kind, taken by Mr. G. R. Prowse, add to the value of the work.

IX. Educational Intelligence.

CANADA.

— **QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON.**—At a meeting of the trustees of Queen's University on Tuesday evening, Mr. Robert Bell, who has temporarily filled the chair vacated by Dr. Lawson, was unanimously elected to the Professorship of Chemistry and Natural History.—*Kingston News.*

— **THEOLOGICAL FELLOWSHIP IN QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**—A gentleman in Montreal has, with considerable liberality, put at the disposal of the Principal of Queen's College the sum of £50 for the benefit of the student who last year gained the Theological Fellowship. Four Fellowships were instituted—one in each of the four Faculties of Arts, Medicine, Theology, and Law. They were intended to be mere honorary at first, but it was hoped that they would be ultimately endowed, so that the holders after completing their studies in this country, might have the means of travelling or studying in Europe. The Rev. Donald Ross, M. A., B. D. is entitled to the munificent gift of the above enlightened patron of higher education.—*Kingston News.*

— **BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.**—Honor classes for the quarter ending Feb. 3rd, 1864.

Advanced Department.—First Class.

E. A. Angell, Forestville, N. Y. 5 51

Second Class.

S. S. Avery, Forestville, N. Y. 5 46 | G. R. Shepard, Belleville . . . 5 12

M. Danby, Concord 5 39 | Nellie Cowan, Belleville . . . 5 08

C. P. Kellog, Kent bridge . . . 5 29 | Freeman Lane, Augusta . . . 5 05

Primary Department.

Miss E. Farnham, Canifton . . . 5 14 | Albert Mallery, Cobourg . . . 5 07

There are some twelve students of the school prosecuting the University course in Arts: some are in the second year, some in the first, and the remainder about matriculating. Of the young ladies, some six are pursuing the course of study prescribed by the Faculty for young ladies, and of these three have the course nearly completed. There are likewise several students undergoing special preparation for Law Examinations.—*Intelligencer.*

— **PRESBYTERIAN FEMALE COLLEGE.**—The Canada Observer is agitating for a female college in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church. It says Presbyterians have only three choices at present: 1. To leave their daughters comparatively uneducated; 2. To send them at heavy expense to private boarding school; 3. To avail themselves of Wesleyan or Baptist female colleges.—*Kingston News.*

— **BARRIE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**—We learn that the Rev. William F. Checkley has been appointed Head Master of the Barrie Grammar School. Mr. Francis Checkley, whose name has already been mentioned in connection with the School, having, we believe, found some difficulty in the way of a change. The present appointment must give general satisfaction, as it will be remembered that Mr. Checkley has been for many years Master of the School, and that during his incumbency its reputation extended over this and the sister provinces. His pupils hailed from all parts of Canada, and some of them even from New Brunswick, and as far off as the Red River settlement. In fact the Barrie Grammar School, when he held it, was the best in the Province, it was a well known fact that the young men who studied there almost invariably obtained College or University honors when sought for, or passed the examinations required before studying for a profession in a highly creditable manner. Mr. Checkley's reputation obtained for him the unsolicited appointment of Rector to the Model Grammar School in Toronto, and his leaving Barrie was a matter of very general regret, not only to parents who had children to be educated, but to all who were interested in the prosperity of the town. The Model

Grammar School was closed by the present Government, and Mr. Checkley having property in Barrie, returned here to reside and by the death of Mr. Johnson, again resumes his former duties.—*Northern Advance.*

— **PRESBOTT SCHOOL.**—The pupils of the senior division of the Prescott Common School presented their teacher, Mr. Byrne, on the occasion of his leaving the school, for a new sphere of labor, as editor and publisher of the Prescott *Telegraph*, with an Address, and a copy of the "Encyclopaedia Americana."

— **SCHOOL LANDS OF CANADA.**—From the last report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands we learn that the receipts from Grammar School Lands were, altogether, \$7,887; and from Common School Lands, \$128,390. In each of these cases the receipts were below those of the previous year.

— **MORRIN COLLEGE, Quebec,** has become affiliated with McGill University of Montreal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

— **HONOURS AT CAMBRIDGE.**—It appears that 104 gentlemen took honours at Cambridge this year, of whom 43 were wranglers. In 1863 the number was 100, and there were 33 wranglers; in 1862 the number was 85, and there were 32 wranglers; in 1861 the number was 93, and there were 34 wranglers; and in 1860 the number was 121, and there were 33 wranglers. On the restrictions as to the classical tripos being removed, in 1861, the mathematical honour-list perceptibly diminished in honours. Trinity College, this year, in addition to the senior, second, and fourth wranglers, claims 13 other wranglers; seven representatives of this great college are among the first twelve wranglers.

— **A LADY ON EDUCATION.**—Lady Pigot made a speech on education at a public meeting in Cowlinge, England, a short time since. Her ladyship spoke at considerable length with much zeal and energy, and was loudly applauded.

— **SPURGEON'S COLLEGE.**—This is one of the remarkable institutions of the day. In 1856, feeling that none of the colleges were adapted to men utterly without education, and that most of them gave more prominence to scholarship than to fitness for the pulpit, Mr. Spurgeon engaged the services of Rev. George Rogers, of Camberwell, as a tutor by whom a few pious students might be prepared for the ministry, in a way consistent with his view of the needs of the churches. The college began in the house of the tutor, with one pupil. In 1861, there were sixteen students to remove to the new class-rooms of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, and now there are there sixty-six young men, receiving not only education, but board, books, and in some cases clothing, free of expense. There are also one hundred, and eighty-two young men receiving, from properly qualified tutors, a business and classical education on week-day evenings. And all this work has been done for seven years with no expense whatever for collecting agencies, the high spiritual tone of the institution being sustained through prayer and faith in God. At first the money expended was mostly from Mr. Spurgeon's private purse, but as the work enlarged, this became insufficient.—He then with prayers and tears communicated to his people the needy condition of the institution, and the Lord sent help. Contributions came in, not only from his own people, but from strangers and the good work was not suffered to fail or falter. Now the annual expenditure is £3000, and still larger accommodations are needed. Many pious students are begging admission, churches are importuning for pastors from thence, and a wide field of labor is opening before them. The number of pastors sent out from the institution already is thirty-eight, and marked success has attended their labors in England, Ireland, Scotland, Newfoundland, and Australia. One within one year had baptized seventy-six persons; and received in all one hundred and twenty-seven to the membership of his church. Another in three years had baptized one hundred and seventy-seven; another in two years and a half one hundred and ten, eighty of whom had found Christ under his preaching. And these are but a few of the results of this blessed work.—*London Morning Star.*

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