

and that beautiful little hymn—

"Oh welcome, welcome, festal day."

with which they appeared, themselves, as much delighted as their audience certainly was. Miss Wardrope with Miss Emily Dyde, Miss Langrell, and Miss Sarah Wardrope also sung, in a very beautiful style—

"Be kind to thy Father, for when thou wert young."

accompanied by Miss Robertson, on the melodeon. The juveniles closed the day's exercises by singing—

"Lord dismiss us with thy blessing."

After the singing of this hymn the children were appropriately addressed by Mr. Alderman Langrell and the Rev. Mr. Wardrope.

—BARTON SCHOOL OPENING.—We had lately the pleasure of witnessing the opening of a new School room in Section No. 4, Township of Barton. The building is very commodious and convenient for School purposes, and reflects great credit on the Trustees and the School section generally. The Rev. Mr. Bull, Incumbent of St. Peter's, Barton, and Local Superintendent of Schools for the Township, delivered a very interesting address on the occasion, to a numerous and intelligent audience. After making a few preliminary observations upon the general acquirements of School, in the shape of teaching apparatus and other conveniences, he proceeded to describe the duties of parents in connection with the education of children; he strongly recommended the co-operation of parent and teacher, and in a few plain, but forcible remarks, pointed out the folly of School Trustees aiming at cheapness, rather than excellency in choosing a teacher, and clearly proved to them that the cheap article was invariably the dearest. He then went on to explain, at some length, the habits that parents should endeavour to cultivate in their children—such as filial obedience, and a becoming obedience to established authority. While in some degree admiring the present school system, he could but regret the almost entire absence of all religious instruction and proceeded to shew, that, without proper religious training, all secular knowledge was utterly powerless to bring forth the nobler traits of man's nature. The audience was very attentive to the Rev. gentleman's lecture, which certainly displayed much thought, and patient investigation; and his clear sound, and practical remarks were well calculated to bring parents to a sense of the duty they owed to their children in having them properly educated. The thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to the Rev. gentleman for his lecture, and the proceedings terminated.—*Hamilton Spectator*,

UNITED STATES.

—HARVARD UNIVERSITY.—We have been favoured with a copy of the "Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Harvard University for the academic year 1858-59."—From it we learn that, at this famous seat of learning, the number of undergraduates is 409, and the number of volumes in the various libraries is 123,400.

IX. Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

—LOVELL'S CANADA DIRECTORY.—We perceive that proposals are out for preparing another edition of the Canada Directory corrected down to the latest possible period, with a view to a repetition of this proceeding every two years. The steps required for bringing it out in September next will have to be commenced on the opening of next year. The former edition has given so much satisfaction to those who have used it, and amongst British and American merchants and Journalists, excited so much admiration of Canadian progress, enterprise and skill, and may be of so much service to tourists, emigrants, writers, and officials, as to demand a new attempt to continue the publication; and Mr. Lovell, notwithstanding a most serious loss and grievous disappointment in his former speculation, has the energy and generosity to offer another effort if a "moderate support" be accorded him in the form of orders for the next volume. Without that aid and sign of public interest he cannot again proceed. The work will consist of about 1,400 pages, containing complete Directories of Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Kingston, Hamilton, London, Ottawa, &c., and the names of the business and professional people in over 1,300 different localities. There will also be miscellaneous contents, which, judging from the past, will make the book an Encyclopædia of Canada. There is also a Map of Upper and Lower Canada. The price will be £2, payable on delivery of the work. Large as this sum seems, it is as small as the expenses of getting up such a work, and the moderate number that can be sold, will allow. Subscrip-

tions for the work should be made as to aid an enterprise connected with the honour and progress of the Province, and as a participation in the public-spirited undertaking of a large-hearted citizen. But the work is capable of being made eminently serviceable to most persons in business; but none but those who have for some time had such a book at hand, can be aware of the prevention of trouble, increased ability, and profitable guidance for which it may be used. It is in fact a mercantile library. The experience gained by the compiler of the former edition, and the large establishment organized for carrying on his work, will greatly improve the new issue, and should be now secure for the future prosecution of the work. It ought to be the effort of every man of large business, every person of competence, every head of an institution, to find out not how he can dispense with this volume but how he can get another copy of it taken. Orders will be received by Mr. John Lovell, either in Montreal or Toronto.—*Colonist*.

—THE NEW CANADIAN COINS consist of twenty, ten, and five cent pieces in silver, and a one cent in bronze. The last mentioned is somewhat smaller than a British half-penny, and of a brighter colour, some white metal having been mixed with it, in order to bring it up to the required value. On the one side is a beautifully-executed medallion of the Queen; an exact copy of that which appears upon the English shilling. Between two rows of beading, the words, "Victoria Dei Gratia Regina. Canada," are placed round the circumference of the coin. The obverse is ornamented with a wreath of maple leaves, and the words "One cent, 1858." The silver coins are alike in design. The twenty cent piece is a little smaller than the English shilling, and the ten and five cent pieces the same size as the American coins of like value. The silver differs from the copper coin in design. The former has only one row of beading, and the maple leaves instead of running all round are arranged in the same way as the rose, shamrock and thistle upon British money, with a crown dividing the one branch from the other. The letters and figure used are plain, being proportioned to the size of the coin. The edges are not milled. In design and execution the coins are unexceptionable; the minutest line being brought out with the greatest clearness and precision. The wreath of maple leaves is in exceedingly good taste, as well as the beautiful profile portrait of Her Majesty.

—HAYTIAN STUDENTS IN PARIS.—We see it stated in the London *Athenæum* that the Haytian students in the Paris colleges have this year carried off their full share of honors, and the occasion has been celebrated by the men of color by a banquet. It is hoped by these gentlemen, who consider themselves of the same hue as Hannibal, Terence, and, perhaps, some of the African Bishops, that similar banquets may yearly celebrate similar triumphs.

—RUSSIAN LITERATURE.—RUSSIA is slowly but gradually awakening to intellectual life. In the course of last year, 16 new journals were started, and 1,425 original and 201 translated works were published. In addition, 1,613,000 foreign books—330,000 more than in the preceding year—were imported.

—POPULATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND.—The population of Newfoundland, as shown by the census of 1858, is 119,336. Of these, 55,152 are Catholics, 42,859 Episcopalians, 20,142 Methodists, 302 Presbyterians, 520 Scotch Free Church, 347 Congregationalists, 44 Baptists.

—MRS. GORE, the novelist, who has recently become afflicted with partial blindness, is about to submit to an operation for cataract. This lady's loss of sight is attributed to protracted anxiety for the fate of an only son, who has been serving with much distinction on the staff at Lucknow and in the Rohilcund campaign.

—DEATH OF M. SURENNE.—The Scotsman announces the death, in Edinburgh, of M. Gabriel Jacques Surenné, the author of a much esteemed French and English Dictionary. His age was 80. M. Surenné was a native, of Compiègne, was educated in the Ecclesiastical College of St. Cornéli, and entered the army of Napoleon in 1793, serving through the Italian campaigns. In 1816, he became a teacher of the French language at Edinburgh; and continued in that city until his death. His contributions to educational literature were numerous.

—DEATH OF IDA PREIFFER, THE CELEBRATED TRAVELLER.—She expired at Vienna on the 27th ult., after a long illness, induced by privations and hardships endured during a toilsome journey in Madagascar. Her age was 61.

—THE DEATH OF JACKSON THE INVENTOR.—The New York Times says that Mr. Timothy D. Jackson, who was accidentally run over and killed on one of the city railroads on the 31st ult., "was distinguished as an inventor. The celebrated hotel annunciator, the heavy ordnance by which the walls of the Malakoff and Redan were battered down and a breach made for the