

Current Events.

THE *Canada Educational Monthly*, published at Toronto, says in its last issue:—"What with the assimilation of the matriculation examination, which is now one and the same for all colleges affiliated with McGill University, and the regulations of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, the union colleges of the Province of Quebec are likely to become extinct. The first to give way to the pressure is Stanstead College, and it is more than likely that St. Francis College will not be able to come up to the standard next year. The only institution of the kind left then will be Morrin College, and though the numbers attending the latter institution fall somewhat short of the requirements, this year, a generous consideration of its affairs may lead to its continuance."

—AN exchange says that in some parts of the United States, so general and profitable has become the use of pictures in class-rooms in teaching history, geography and other studies, that a library system of distributing lantern slides has been devised. There are few schools unequipped with either a stereopticon or a heliostat, and illustrated lessons are given frequently by means of these. Boxes containing about fifty views each, illustrating lands and their customs, and events of moment, are placed in the superintendent's library, and treated as are books. They are taken out and returned by principals under the same rules that govern the distribution of books.

—THE third annual meeting of the National Kindergarten Union, an association which was organized in 1892, and the first convention of which was held in New York in 1896, will be held in the Philadelphia Normal School on the 18th and 19th of February next. It is expected that between two hundred and three hundred kindergarten teachers will attend, and judging by the preliminary programme which has been prepared, the various sessions should be helpful and interesting.

—UNDER the educational system by which the schools of Greater New York are to be managed, each school board will divide its borough into inspectors' districts. These inspectors visit and inspect "at least once in every quarter all the schools in the district, in respect to punctual and regular attendance of the pupils and teachers, the number