

— **LADIES' COLLEGIATE SEMINARY.**—The very Rev. Dean Hellmuth, of London, has just issued the following circular on this subject. He says: 'For the last three years, since the successful completion of the Collegiate Institute, (now Hellmuth College), I have been constantly urged by very many to make efforts for the establishment of a Young Ladies' School. In a congratulatory address presented to me by the leading citizens here, as far back as the 6th November, 1865, the want of such an Institution in this Western section of our country has been thus expressed: 'While we feel that by your energy and zeal we have in our midst an Institution adequate to meet the wants of our rising male population who may avail themselves of it, there is a desideratum still remaining, and that is, the establishment of a Seminary for the education of Young Ladies, corresponding in its character, objects and principles of management, with the Collegiate School. May we be permitted to hope, that from the patronage that has been extended to this Institution—a patronage which we doubt not would be equally given to a Female Seminary—that you will feel justified in undertaking this additional work.' I admit that I share in the feeling of this need, and never have I felt more strongly than now, the urgent necessity of such an Institution, where our daughters may receive the highest education, based upon sound Protestant Principles, without fear or apprehension that their faith will be tampered with, directly or indirectly. Indeed, in whatever light we view the matter, we can not over estimate the importance of such a School. I have therefore resolved, God willing, should I meet the encouragement held out, speedily to supply this need and, if possible, to have the buildings ready for the reception of Pupils on the 1st September, 1869. It would be impossible, in a Circular like the present, to furnish a clear view of the many details of arrangement by which the intended object is to be accomplished—in due time a formal Prospectus will be issued, containing all necessary particulars, respecting terms, regulations and courses of instruction. The efficient and prosperous condition of the Hellmuth College is the best guarantee as to the character of the Ladies' Seminary will be. For the present, it will suffice to state that the contemplated Seminary will be upon a scale that shall comprehend the best attainable means of tuition and useful training, based upon the soundest Christian principles. Suitable buildings will be erected on a beautiful site—in large grounds tastefully laid out—constructed with an especial view to the convenience, comfort and health of their occupants, and in accordance with the most modern improvements, &c. The Seminary will be presided over by an English Lady of established character and experience, who will be assisted by an efficient staff of Teachers in the various Departments. The Modern Languages will be taught by natives of the different countries; while singing, music, drawing, and every other branch calculated to aid in training young ladies for their future position in life, will be adequately provided for. The erection of the necessary buildings, &c., to be provided for in Scholarships of \$200 each, payable in four quarterly instalments of \$50 each. Each Scholarship entitles the holder to one nomination of a course of three years' tuition in every department of the School, including the modern languages, except in music, drawing and calisthenics. Should you wish to encourage this undertaking, please signify without delay the number of Scholarships you are prepared to take."

— **KNOX COLLEGE.**—The closing services of the session took place in presence of a very numerous audience. The closing lecture was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, of London, who has acted for some months as Professor of Pastoral Theology. Principal Willis, in introducing the lecturer, gave a very favorable account of the proceedings of the session, and mentioned that at least nine students were likely to be immediately available in the service of the church. The present year, too, Dr. Willis mentioned, had been unusually marked by liberal donations placed in the hands of the Senate for encouraging competition among the students in the various departments of Theological Literature. These appropriations had come from friends of the college in Quebec as well as Ontario, and from Great Britain also—evidences of interest in, the Seminary and of public confidence which, to him and his colleagues could not but be gratifying. The lecture by Mr. Proudfoot was full of valuable suggestions on the art of preaching, and was listened to with deep interest and warmly applauded. Dr. Burns led the prayers, and Dr. Willis, after announcing the names of the successful candidates for distinction, concluded with the benediction, the audience rising first and joining in a few lines of praise.—*Leader.*

## IX. Departmental Notices.\*

### NOTICE TO COUNTY CLERKS.

The 55th section of the Consolidated Common School Act enacts, that, "The County Clerk shall forthwith notify the Chief Superintendent of Education of the appointment and address of each such Local Superintendent, and of the County Treasurer; and shall, likewise, furnish him with a copy of all proceedings of the Council relating to school assessments, and other educational matters."

It is essential, for the effective working of the system of Education, that the duty here assigned to County Clerks should be promptly and regularly performed, and we regret to have to remind some of those officers that their neglect in this matter has, in several cases, occasioned much inconvenience.

### POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR

#### AND COMMON SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, or a Local Superintendent, and which are made upon the printed blank forms furnished by the Educational Department, *must be pre-paid*, at the rate of one cent, and *be open to inspection*, so as to entitle them to pass through the post as printed papers. No letters should be enclosed with such returns. A neglect to observe this regulation has repeatedly subjected this Department to an unnecessary charge of 14 cts. and 21 cts. on each package, including the Post-office fine of nearly *fifty per cent.* for non-payment.

### NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

In future none but Postage Stamps of the present legal denominations can be received in letters, (in sums less than a dollar,) at the Educational Department.

### FOUR KINDS OF LIBRARIES WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS.

Under the regulations of the Department, each County Council can establish *four classes* of libraries in their Municipality, as follows. City, Town, Village, and Township Councils can establish the first three classes, and school trustees either of the first and third classes.

1. An ordinary *Common School Library* in each school house for the use of the children and rate payers.
2. A *General Public Lending Library*, available to all the rate payers of the Municipality.
3. A *Professional Library* of books on teaching, school organization, language and kindred subjects, available to teachers alone.
4. A Library in any *Public Institution*, under control of the Municipality, for the use of the inmates, or in the *County Jail* for the use of the prisoners.

We cannot too strongly urge upon School Trustees the importance and even necessity of providing, (especially during the autumn and winter months,) suitable reading books for the pupils in their school, either as prizes or in libraries. Having given the pupils a taste for reading and general knowledge, they should provide some agreeable and practical means of gratifying it.

### CONFEDERATION MAP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

New Map of British North America, including Nova Scotia New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Red River, Swan River, Saskatchewan; showing at one view (without any dividing boundaries,) the Provinces embraced in the proposed new Dominion of Canada, &c., with a Map of Steamship Routes between Europe and America, &c. &c. 7ft. 9in. by 3ft. 9in. Constructed and lately published under the supervision of the Educational Department for Upper Canada. Price \$6.

\* See notice relating to Statutory Holidays on page 61.