

The Board of Education of New Haven, Conn., has abolished religious exercises in the public schools of that city.

Nebraska has a population of about 350,000 and enrolls 96,000 school children between five and twenty. What State can beat this?

The expenditure by the English government for education, science and art has increased from £26,750 in 1835 to £3,972,008 in 1875.

Total annual expenditure in the United States for public schools in 1876 was \$81,932,984. The total valuation of school property was \$173,853,454.

The wives of Secretary Evarts, Hon. Geo. P. Marsh, and Mr Baird, United States Commissioner of Fisheries, were Classmates at Burlington, Vt.

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#### SCIENTIFIC NOTFS.

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Prof. Church, a distinguished English chemist, has demonstrated that leather-bound books are injured by being kept in rooms lighted with coal gas. Russia leather is injured most, calf next, and morocco least. Vellum is not effected.

Ex-Governor C. C. Washburn intends, during the next year, to erect and equip an astronomical observatory for the University of Wisconsin. This gift will be rendered available by an annual appropriation from the State for its support.

Mr. Clark Mills has taken, under the joint auspices of Smithsonian Institution and the Peabody Museum, plaster casts of sixty-two Indians belonging to ten different tribes. These men are confined as prisoners of war at the old Spanish fort of St. Augustine in Florida.

The perceptive organs, Causality, Constructiveness and Ideality, are among the parts of the brain which are exercised by the study of the classics. When you read the Greek or Latin poets, Destructiveness, Combativeness, Amativeness and Friendship and other organs will come in for

their share of attention, according to the subject matter.

Dr. John Cook, of Kentucky, proposes the following simple remedy for securing prompt and refreshing sleep without the aid of drugs. Take deep and slow inspirations—say twelve or fifteen a minute. By this a portion of the blood is drawn from the head and a slower and feebler action of the heart is induced. We recommend the remedy to those who are prone to imagine themselves a "surd under the radical," or dream of "sin. *a plus b.*"

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#### EDITOR'S TABLE.

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It has been said that "reading maketh a full man." If true we would be very full were we to read all the weeklies, monthlies, semi-monthlies and quarterlies that have visited us the past month. But it is in reading as in writing, not the amount consumed but the amount digested benefits us. So we look carefully over the large and varied bill of fare and find substantial articles of diet in essays on science, religion, politics, history, biography and metaphysics. We have for sauce wit and humor, college gossip, and exchange notes; for desert we find rich editorials, dainty poems, skillfully prepared locals, and some wonderful preparation of pastry called mathematics which looks indigestible. Some of all these we devour greedily, others taste sparingly and others pass with a glance.

In obedience to the command "rejoice with those who rejoice" we tender our congratulations to the *Central Collegian* for the prosperous condition which it now boasts.

The *Trinity Tablet* does not contain much to recommend it in any of its departments. A new corps of editors takes possession this month and we hope there will be an improvement.

The *Packer* girls give us such a combination of fun and wisdom in their quarterly as only wide-awake intelligent girls