

Miss Keefer, Miss Watson, and Miss Palmer, have recently been appointed on the staff of teachers in Trenton.

Mr. Thomas T. Moore is doing good work in the public schools, Acton West, and enjoys the confidence of the trustees and the esteem of the inhabitants.

Good, steady work is being done at New Hamburg public schools, by the head master, Mr. Wm. Linton, and his assistants. Much satisfaction is expressed thereat in the locality.

Mr. Sellers, who is a very energetic teacher, is endeavoring to work up the schools at Brucefield, to which he has been lately appointed. We shall expect to hear of his success in due time.

Last year there were 50 pupils, children of non-resident parents, attending the high school, Port Hope. The total number of pupils on the roll was 146, with an average daily attendance of 98.

Mr. D. M. Malloch, head master, Clinton model school, has recently been laid up with an affection of the throat and chest, the result of a cold. We are glad to know he is again able to resume his onerous duties.

The Galt collegiate institute is making good progress under the able management of J. E. Bryant, M.A., principal, and the valuable assistance of Messrs. Brown and Carscadden. There are now over 90 pupils in attendance.

Mr. S. Nethercott, principal, Mitchell public schools, with the aid of his assistants, has organized a society among the pupils for the purpose of preventing improper language and discouraging the use of intoxicating drinks and tobacco. This is a step in the right direction.

In the Galt public schools, of which Mr. R. Alexander is principal, there is a want of more accommodation. The apartments in the central school are too small for the number of pupils in each class, and this contracted state of affairs is found to be extremely inconvenient.

The central school, Waterloo, is continuing to uphold its position in the county. A good record has been made by the principal, Mr. W. F. Chapman, in the work done in the school. Diligence and complete order are the characteristic features conspicuous to a visitor.

The appointment of W. Elliot, B.A., to the head mastership of Mitchell high school, last September, has given much satisfaction. Mr. Elliot is a graduate of Toronto university, and was assistant in Morrisburg high school. Mr. G. Malcolm, undergraduate of Edinburgh university, assists him. The average daily attendance is 60.

We understand that Mr. J. Groh is about to resign his position as assistant in Galt central school, through ill health. In this school the half-time system is adopted, and Mr. Groh has the management of the department in which amusement combined with instruction is carried on. The loss of a man so well adapted to this specialty will be greatly felt.

We regret to learn that Mr. A. Campbell, Kincardine, the efficient and courteous inspector of schools for West Bruce, has met with a painful accident. Falling off a ladder, while employed in some arrangements in connection with his removal to his new residence, he broke his left arm, quite close to the wrist. The limb is still almost useless, but is progressing favorably.

In Kincardine high school, which is under the head mastership of B. Freer, M.A., two pupils are being prepared for first class, nine for second, and thirty for third; one for senior and five for junior matriculation. The average daily attendance is about sixty. R. Moir, B.A. (Tor. Univ.), has lately been appointed as teacher of junior Latin and English.

The simplicity with which the motions of the earth can be illustrated, is well exemplified by Mr. Bowerman, of Napanee model school. A globe is suspended by a cord from the ceiling, which by the motions of a pulley can be lowered or raised according to pleasure; this can be made to show, not only the revolutions of the earth on its own axis, but also the motion of the earth around the sun.

Few villages have a better school than that at Blyth, which is under the head mastership of Mr. R. Henderson. This gentleman has won the thorough appreciation of the trustees by his faithful and diligent work. It is pleasant to note that the children under his care show evidence of careful tuition in polite and courteous behaviour—a branch of education which should not be neglected in any school.

The harmony of the Hamilton collegiate institute was broken last year by discord between Mr. Dixon and Mr. Vanslyke. The board saw fit to stand by the principal, Mr. Dixon. Mr. Vanslyke resigned in consequence and accepted a situation in London. In the latest phase of the matter, Mr. Vanslyke prefers charges, and a Masonic lodge censures Mr. Dixon.

The last session of the Kincardine model school, under the head mastership of Mr. T. C. Powell, was distinguished by the largest number of teachers in training that were ever present in it at one session. They numbered 37, of whom nearly all succeeded in passing.

Mr. James Brown, who was appointed head master of Whitby model school, in 1874, continues to give the very best satisfaction in his duties. The excellence of his work is indicated by the fact that Mr. J. McBrien, I. P. S., Ontario County, has spoken very highly of the efficiency of the teachers trained under Mr. Brown, who have taken schools in his inspectorate. It also is a point in favor of the model school system.

The duties of an inspector are often onerous and difficult, especially so in such counties as those of Lennox and Addington. A great deal of laborious work must be done both by travelling on roads which are almost impassable during a considerable portion of the year, and in office work necessary in the proper furnishing of reports, etc. We are sure that Mr. Barrows, and other inspectors similarly situated, have before them no easy task.

The report of Port Hope high school, given recently by Dr. J. A. McLellan, H. S. I., may be summarized as follows:—1. The school continues to do excellent work; all the classes examined gave evidence of careful teaching. 2. Drawing has been begun, and good progress made. Dr. Purshaw recognizes the value of the subject, and has made provision for carrying out the instructions of the department. 3. The tone of the school is excellent. I regard the school as amongst our very best institutions.

Mr. Johnston, inspector of schools for Belleville and South Hastings, has on his list of teachers over 100 in the county and 21 in the city. The recent vacancies have been filled by the Education Department granting certificates to applicants recommended by the inspector. Mr. Johnson has school matters well in hand, and is spoken of as one of the ablest and most popular inspectors in the Province.

The public school board in St. Marys recently established a fifth class. At a late meeting they appointed an additional assistant to aid in carrying out the work. The expense involved has produced a vigorous newspaper discussion between members of the institute board and those of the public school board, in which the two head masters have also participated. It seems that the school has ceased to send up its usual quota of thirty to fifty pupils annually to the institute.

Under the skilful management of Mr. D. J. Goggin, Port Hope public schools, have been brought to a remarkable state of efficiency. Few men in the Province have given so much attention as Mr. Goggin has to the study of methods of teaching. A visitor cannot help noticing the special attention that is given to literature and composition in the schools, and to the amount of interest manifested by the pupils in these subjects. Mr. Goggin is in the habit of selecting pictures—illustrations from the best magazines—and placing these before the class, requires a composition to be written descriptive of what appears to be conveyed by the designs. In each room a well-known author is selected, the children clubbing together to procure a handsome portrait of the same, such as Longfellow, Tennyson, Dickens, &c.; and the life and works of each author are so presented to the pupils that a lasting interest is at once excited, and the study is made pleasant and profitable.

High school matters are in good shape in Napanee. Mr. Fessenden, formerly head master of Brampton high school, has now charge; he is ably assisted by Mr. George Chase, M.A. and Mr. N. Wager, B.A. With such a staff the best results are insured. The average attendance at present is 90 with an intermediate class of 30. Mr. Fessenden, in being placed in charge of Napanee high school, has been fortunate in securing a most delightful home. The buildings now used for the high school were formerly a private mansion belonging to the Roblin estate—a magnificent structure with some six acres of grounds most tastefully laid out. The master's residence occupies a portion of the building. The estate, worth some thirty thousand dollars, was secured by the School Board for twenty-five hundred dollars. All the public school buildings in Napanee are of the very best character; fine large rooms, well ventilated and furnished with all the modern improvements. Mr. Bowerman, an experienced and thoroughly efficient teacher, still continues to have charge of the model school, assisted by an able and efficient staff. The visitor is pleased to find the walls attractively decorated with colored crayon sketches, finely executed by Miss Ballantine; these of themselves are conducive to an art education.