

IN CONCERT.

In the great world, for good or ill,
 All have a mission to fulfill.
 Is work degrading? No! Take hold;
 Be not by vulgar pride controlled,
 Be not ashamed of honest toil,
 For labor bears away the spoil.
 Toil on with willing hand and brain,
 Nor waste God's fleeting years in vain;
 Oh, make the best of it!

—Eugene J. Hall.

Educational Notes and News.

Georgetown High School will be formally opened on 10th January.

The Ridge school house, about half a mile from Sunderland, has been destroyed by fire.

Mr. Brown, Principal of the Whitby Model School, is slowly recovering from his serious illness.

Mr. Bewell has been engaged by the Whitby School Board to assist Mr. Henderson in Model School work.

Miss Stork, Brampton High School, has removed to Almonte High School, and Mr. Lees, of Lindsay, has been elected to her post.

A candidate for a teacher's certificate in Michigan the other day in a school examination wrote that there were two kinds of gender, "lady and gentleman."

Dr. Jex-Blake, the head master of Rugby School, has accepted the living of Alvechurch, in Worcestershire, which is of the value of £1,200 a year. He will leave Rugby at Easter.

The Trustees of Selkirk School No. 17, Walpole, have engaged Mr. S. A. Thompson, who has been engaged as Headmaster of the Selkirk Public School for the past two years, for the ensuing year.

Amongst other requests made by the North-West Council in the memorial to the Dominion Government adopted at its late session, was one for the establishment of one or more public High Schools.

Mr. D. J. McKinnon, Public School Inspector of Peel, has decided not to extend any third-class certificates for next year. He says he is aware there are legally qualified teachers enough to fill all the positions.

Mr. J. C. Harstone, who has been headmaster of the Seaforth school for several years past, has resigned that position to accept the head membership of the Lindsay High School, to which is attached a salary of \$1,400.

Mr. William Burns, B.A., of Brampton High School, has been appointed to the Science Mastership at St. Catharines Collegiate Institute. Mr. W. J. Galbraith, of Streetsville High School, will fill Mr. Burns' place at Brampton.

Miss Jennie Whitelaw, Woodstock, one of the teachers of the Central School, and who holds a certificate from the Toronto Art School, has been chosen to conduct an evening class in the Mechanics' Institute of that town.

At a largely attended meeting of the "old boys" of Trinity College School, Port Hope, held at the Rossin House on Tuesday night, it was decided to band into an association, and inaugurate the event by a dinner on December 16.

Both Toronto and Ottawa Normal Schools have their full complement of students for the term commencing in January next. Those teachers desirous of being admitted to the fall term of 1887 should make application about it not later than the 1st of April.

The Mikado of Japan has ordered that the English language be taught in all the schools of the Empire, and high court officials have recently completed a tour of the United States, during which arrangements were made for publishing text-books for that purpose.

The Woodstock High School has been raised to the status of a Collegiate Institute. The following is the staff of teachers:—D. H. Hunter, B.A. (Tor.), Principal; Geo. Strachan, B.A. (Edm.), A. D. Griffin, 1st Prov. A.; T. H. Lennox, B.A. (Tor.), G. R. Watson, B.A. (Vic.), Ph.D.

Principal Merchant, of the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, has organized, in connection with the school, a society for the cultiva-

tion of flowers. Each member is to place one plant in the school and care for it while he is in attendance. Already many of the pupils have joined the new organization, and the rooms present quite a new and attractive appearance.

Examinations for entrance to the High Schools will be held 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, commencing the first day at 9 a.m. Candidates must notify the Inspector at once, if they have not already done so, of their intention to write. Drawing book No. 4 or 5, containing candidate's work, must be presented.

A meeting of the School Board was held on Tuesday evening, when the resignations of Misses Jarvis, Andrews, and Curtis were accepted. Miss Pattinson was engaged to take charge of Miss Jarvis's room, at a salary of \$350; Mr. H. W. Bell, at a salary of \$310; and Miss B. Maclean, at a salary of \$200.—*Milton Champion*.

Public object lessons on dirt are to be established in Paris. The lessons will be given in a hygienic museum, and they will present in a graphic form the dangers to health from dirt of all kinds. It would be a good idea to send the street-cleaning bureaus of some American cities over to Paris to attend these object lessons.—*N. Y. School Journal*.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Teachers' Association was held at the Education Department on Friday. It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Association next August, when papers will be read by Messrs. Tilley, J. L. Hughes, Dr. McLellan, and J. C. Morgan, and addresses be delivered by Dr. Potts and Prof. Clark.

Ex-President Noah Porter, of Yale, has just returned from a three months' sojourn in Germany and England, and enters upon his college work at once. He retains his chair of Clark Professor of Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics, and will room in the "Lawrence," the new hall. While at the Edinburgh University the ex-President received the degree of LL.D.

Mr. Farewell gave the first of his series of addresses on "How we are Governed" to the teachers of the Model School on Tuesday last. The address was quite short, but full of sound advice, which, if followed, will prove of much service to them. Mr. Farewell has consented to deliver a series of short addresses to the teachers on "How we are Governed." Mr. Henderson occupied the chair.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

Genuine dignity and genuine fun are not at all incompatible. Pupils love a teacher who has the element of humor. But woe be unto him who, lacking this fine sense, puts on a make-believe of nonsense to win a ready smile from his class. The most absolutely deplorable High School master we ever knew was a man who took occasion, now and then, to speak of Shakespeare as "W. S.," or of Victor Hugo as "Vic." Cheap wit cheapens personal influence.—*N. E. Journal of Education*.

Inspector McBrien has been inspecting the town schools during the week, and reports everything working to his entire satisfaction. Accompanied by Mr. G. Y. Smith, one of the County Board of Examiners, he visited the Model School on Wednesday, and examined the teachers most minutely in the practical work of their profession. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the teaching ability shown, and hoped that all would find schools in his inspectorate. He gave the teachers many valuable hints and suggestions and pointed out to them many of the pitfalls that beset the path of the young teacher.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

Teacher—"The class in ancient history will please stand up. Miss White, what was Ceres god of?"

Miss White—"God of Matrimony."

Teacher (sarcastically)—"I am surprised at your ignorance, Miss White. Where did you learn that?"

Miss White—"From the book. It is printed there as plainly as can be."

Teacher—"What does it say?"

Miss White—"Ceres, God of Husbandry."—*The Rambler*.

Mr. Matthew Arnold, who has been Inspector of Schools for the Westminster district of London during the last 35 years, has just resigned. Last Friday evening he bade farewell to the teachers with whom he has been so long associated. The occasion was celebrated by the presentation to Mr. Arnold of a silver claret jug and salver by the teachers. He made a speech in response, from which the following is an extract:—"Though I am a school-master's son, I confess that school teaching or inspecting is not the line of life I should naturally have chosen. I adopted it in order to marry a lady who is here to-night, and who feels your kindness as warmly