

ers, informing them that at the end of the present term a series of gratuitous lessons would be given in the science of drawing and perspective, so as to prepare them for being able to pass an examination, the successful candidates at which will receive certificates of being competent to teach practical drawing. A school for art is to be established in connection with every mechanics' institute in the province, and teachers competent to instruct in drawing will receive an addition of at least \$300 yearly to their salary.—*News*, Toronto, May 27.

Mr. J. S. Tilley, inspector of Public Schools for the county of Durham, has been appointed one of the model school inspectors of Ontario.

**TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—The special recognition this well known school has received within the past year, from the several Royal Colleges in Great Britain and Ireland, is a feature we are pleased to notice in connection with it.

Mrs. J. A. Moore, wife of J. A. Moore, B.A., of Goderich high school, died after a lingering illness, at the early age of 36 years. The disease, consumption, had been steadily undermining her system for three years, and for the past year but little hope was had of her recovery. Her illness was borne with Christian patience. The deceased lady was held in high esteem for her gentleness of manner and her piety.

Mr. W. Stahlschmidt, Principal of Preston Public School since 1869, handed in his resignation in order to devote his whole time and attention to the manufacturing of school, church, office, and lodge furniture. He has opened a factory for this work.

The Toronto Public School Principal's Association thinking that an attempt will be made to abolish the Superannuation Fund in the Province of Ontario, has submitted the following questions for consideration to the different Teachers' Conventions of the Province:—

1. Was not the Fund established (1) to encourage teachers to remain in the profession; (2) to compensate teachers in some measure for the inadequate salaries they received, by making some provision for them when they became incapacitated for duty?

2. What effect will the abolition of the pension grants have on the educational interests of the Province?

3. As it is admitted that the labors of teachers are indispensable to the public good, are their claims for aid, in their declining years, unusual or are the derogatory to their dignity or self-respect, in view of the fact that Ministers of State, Judges, and other public functionaries receive similar compensation for their services, and that churches regard it as a sacred obligation to superannuate their clergymen, to whose duties, in their moral aspect and influences, those of the school teacher bear so close an analogy.

4. Is it probable that the existence of the teachers' pension grant tends to prevent an increase of salaries, and that its abolition would induce the public to compensate them adequately for the loss thus sustained?

5. Would it not be more just to act on the merits of the case by a consideration of the services and claims of those teachers who spend their lives in the profession, rather than be guided by the decision of those who engage in school teaching only until they can enter upon more lucrative employment?

6. Are any teachers, whether they remain in the profession or not, justified in objecting to pay the small amount levied, in view of the advantages they receive, and of the claims of those who remain until incapacitated by age or infirmity?

At the last meeting of the Ottawa Teachers' Association the following resolutions were adopted:

Moved by Mr. R. J. Tunner, seconded by Mr. R. H. Cowley, that we, the members of the Ottawa Teachers' Association, avail ourselves of this our first opportunity as a body of expressing our sincere regret for the loss sustained by the Teaching profession in the early demise of our late esteemed member Mr. Samuel N. McCready, Assistant Master of the Provincial Model School, Ottawa, who as a teacher was pre-eminently successful, as a friend warm-hearted and generous, and as a citizen respected by all, and that we hereby tender to his widow and family our earnest sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that the Secretary be and is hereby requested to forward to the widow and the mother of the deceased gentleman and to each of the School Journals a copy of this resolution.

Moved by Mr. John Munro, seconded by Mr. John McMillan, that whereas this Association has learned with profound regret of the death of the late James McNevin, Esq., Mathematical Master of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, who was in entire sympathy with this Association, and was ever ready to do his part in advancing the interests of Education, and who was a most successful and

faithful teacher, an earnest worker, and a refined Christian gentleman.

Therefore be it resolved, that this Association extend its sympathy to Mr. McNevin and family and also to the parents of the deceased.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. McNevin, to Mr. McNevin (father of deceased) and also to each of the School Journals.

At the invitation of the Grimsby Park Association the National School of Elocution and Oratory will conduct their next summer term upon the grounds of Grimsby Park, commencing July 7th. We think the authorities of this important school have acted wisely and judiciously in their selection of a place to hold their third season in Canada for it is convenient to the boarders of the two countries and is delightfully situated as regard beauty of location and salubrity of climate. The aim and object of the school are now so well known that it is needless to mention the decided advantage that a course of study is calculated to produce in the case of those who have occasion to read or speak in public. That the school is appreciated is apparent from the fact of its re-appearance at this season for the third time in Canada.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The annual Convention of Dalhousie College, closing the session of 1883-4 was held in the House of Assembly Chamber, Province Building, on the 23rd of April. The venerable principal, Dr. Ross, presided and opened the exercises with prayer. The following degrees were conferred:—*Bachelors of Arts*.—Henry Stanislaus Adams, Halifax; Edmund Munro Dill, Centre Rawdon, Hants Co.; Frank Jones, Digby; Donald McDonald, Cape North, Cape Breton; John Peter McLeod, Valleyfield, P.E.I.; Daniel Alexander Murray, Truro; William Bell Taylor, Halifax; Dawson Evers Duckworth Turner, Liverpool, G. B. *Bachelor of Science*.—Henry McNeil Smith, Halifax.

The University prizes were announced and presented as follows: *Classics*—Fourth year, McLeod, J. P. Third year, Aiton, W. Second year, Robinson, A. First year, Latin, Shaw, Shaw, J. C. Greek, Fraser, D. *Mathematics*—First year, McNeill, Charlotte M. Second year, Stewart, D. *Astronomy*—Murray, D. A. *Physics*—Mackenzie, A. S. *Ethics*—McDonald, D. *Political Economy*—Turner, D. F. D. *Metaphysics*—Ritchie, Eliza. *Logic and Psychology*—Cahan, C. H. *English Language and Literature*—First year, McNeil, Charlotte M. *Chemistry*—*Inorganic*—Second year, Robinson, A. First year, Morrison, A. M. *Organic*—Smith, H. M. *History*—Fourth year, McLeod, J. P. Third year, Gammell, I. *French*—Second class, Turner, D. F. D. First class, McKenzie, A. S. *German*—Second class, Saunders, Maria F. First class, Aiton, W. Then came the following statement and presentation of special prizes:—*The St. Andrew's Church Prize*—Nicholson, A. Presented by St. Andrew's Pastor, Rev. L. H. Jordan, B. D. *North British Society Bursary*.—By the Principal. *The Waverley Prize*—Stewart, D. By the Principal. *The Avery Prize*—Turner, D. F. D. By Mr. Peter Jack. *The New Shakespeare Society's Prize*—MacKnight, Catharine K. By Prof. Schurman. *The Jack Herbarium Prize*—Campbell, G. G. By Mr. Peter Jack.

An interesting feature of the Convocation was the presence of the recently organized Law Faculty and the announcement of passmen and prize-winners in that flourishing department of the University. The Law School prizes (as below) were distributed by Dean Meldon, Mr. Justice Thompson, and the other Professors:—*Hebrew*—Campbell, A. (New Glasgow.) Law School prize-winners were:—*Real Estate and Contracts*—W. W. Wells, Dorchester, N.B. *Torts and Crimes, and Contracts*—W. D. Carter, New Brunswick. *Construction of Statutes and Equity*—J. A. Sedgewick, Halifax. *Commercial Law*—P. C. C. Mooney, Halifax. *Constitutional Law, Evidence, &c.*—O. Morse, Liverpool, N. S.

The valedictory oration was pronounced by Mr. D. A. Murray of the graduating class. Mr. Murray's paper was conceived in excellent taste, and rose quite above the level of ordinary valedictory addresses. The more formal exercises were followed by brief and appropriate speeches from His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Ritchie, and Sir William Young. The Principal announced that the well-known benefactor of the University, George Munro, Esq., has placed at the disposal of the Governor funds for the endowment of a chair of English Literature, and had nominated as Professor, Dr. Alexander. The new Professor, having won the Gilchrist Scholarship for Canada, pursued a brilliant career at the University of London where he graduated B.A. He has since taken the degree