

## LOCAL ITEMS.

One of the pupils had the misfortune to sprain his arm severely at the gymnasium on Monday.

We understand that it is the intention to introduce some ornamental drill movements in addition to the ordinary marching exercises in the High School.

This term has brought us back a number of old pupils who have been teaching and are with us again for a "second."

Mr. Geo. Lawrence is working away vigorously at Latin and Greek in his course of preparation for the Methodist ministry.

Jas. Bowe is the best all round athlete in the school. He has taken the gymnastic option in preference to science or language.

There is a proposal to decorate the stage in the Assembly Hall by the addition of a handsome scene at the back, of a pillared hall in perspective.

We congratulate the town on the addition of Messrs. Tudhope and Mainer to the Public School Board. We believe that they will justify the confidence reposed in them by the public.

## OUR LITERARY SOCIETY.

In another column will be found an account of the re-organization of our Literary Society for the year 1891. This society has been in existence for the past five years, and the members of the new committee enter upon another term with the determination of making this one the best in its history.

On Monday evening, January 26, a public meeting was held for the purpose of discussing matters affecting the interests of the society. The President in a few preliminary remarks pointed out the necessity of devising some means by which the coming instalment on the piano should be paid. He mentioned the

fact that the Agnes Thomson Co. had offered to come and give a concert on condition that they should be given 70 per cent. of the proceeds. Various opinions were expressed as to the propriety of engaging this company. It was pointed out that at the highest estimate the society, by the terms of engagement offered, would not realize more than \$20 or \$25, and that it would be necessary to have another entertainment in the spring in order to liquidate the debt on the piano and that it would be better to defer the holding of a school entertainment until later in the year.

The next question that was brought forward and thoroughly discussed, was respecting those who should be asked to take part in the proposed entertainment. The objection that has been urged against past entertainments is that they attract the attention of those pupils who are preparing for examination from their studies.

In view of this objection it was moved by Mr. Huff, that no pupils proposing to go up for examination this year should take part in the entertainment.

Mr. Claxton pointed out that this would exclude the school calisthenics and gymnastics, and Mr. Huff with the consent of his seconder, Mr. Begg, framed an amendment to meet the case.

A spirited discussion then took place in which Mr. Calverley urged that some of the best talent was in the higher and certificate grades of the school. Cutting these classes out would depreciate the character of the entertainment; that such an entertainment would not properly represent the best efforts of the school; that the public were led to expect a high class entertainment in which the school pupils were to take part; that such an entertainment should be given; to select to any extent outside talent would be in a measure to break faith with the public. He did not believe that if a judicious selection were made

the chances of success at examination would be materially diminished. President referred to remarks made by the local press, which he said should be considered in voting on the present question.

The motion was then put to vote and declared lost almost unanimously.

## THE FLAG ON THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

The public schools are to have a grand gala day for the raising of the flag. A large number of pupils from Penetang, Midland, Barrie and other places are expected to come and witness the ceremony.

We have more than once expressed some little want of faith in this flag-on-the-school-house loyalty. To our mind it savors of spread-eagleism and a desire to ape our American neighbor.

Of course if this sort of thing will really conduce to the formation of a healthy national sentiment we shall have no objection to go the length of sending for a sample copy of the patriotic song book now in course of publication and shall even endeavor to commit a few of the simpler melodies to memory.

We have the less objection to this patriotic scheme as we understand that the architect has expressed the opinion that the flag will not materially impair the solidity of the masonry in the West ward school.

The clothes make the man, and we are the men that make the clothes. We have secured the services of a fashionable city tailor, who will be glad to show you our stock. 10 per cent. off for teachers.—E. F. COOKE & Co.

PROF. CHAMBERS, of the Women's Medical College, spent the afternoon of Friday with us at the High school.

If you have a difficult watch that needs repairing, take it to J. B. Thompson, the leading jeweller,