

Institutes. Students who have passed in Grade B, can attend classes in shading from flat examples. Industrial Design, Machine Drawing, and Drawing from Dictation, for which Certificates will be given.

The following resolution was adopted at the recent Educational Congress at New Orleans, and a committee appointed to prepare a memorial in accordance therewith:—

Resolved, That the National Educational Association petition Johns Hopkins University to open its doors to women, giving to them all of its privileges, opportunities, incentives, and honors, on the same conditions that these now are, or may be, given to men.

The measles have appeared in the Morrisburg High School, and have for the present considerably decreased its daily attendance, which had reached eighty-eight.

According to the annual returns showing the expenditure on elementary education in Scotland for the year ending September 30th, 1884, the total grant amounted to £475,363. The Public Schools got £24,759, an increase on the year of £10,940. The grants to denominational schools have all decreased in amount except the Roman Catholics. Accommodation is now provided for 655,672 scholars, with an actual average attendance of 448,242 scholars. The full income of all the schools from all sources was £942,376, nearly five millions of scholars.

Professor David Swing has been secured by the Chicago Current, as a special editorial contributor. He is to contribute a special article each week in addition to his quota of general editorial matter. In the issue of March 28th he furnishes paper No. 10 of "The American Type."

Personal.

Mr. Chas. B. Rae, Principal of Cass Bridge Public School, has resumed teaching after a short illness, during which his duties were performed by his sister, Miss Rae, formerly third teacher in the Chesterville Public School.

The Dundas Teachers' Association, in all probability, will meet on the 22nd of May at Morrisburgh.

Iroquois Public School has a full staff of Normal trained teachers. Misses Sharpe and Ballard, the third and fourth teachers, are at present unable to attend to their duties on account of sickness. These departments of the school are therefore closed.

Messrs. A. B. Gillis and A. W. Whitney, on their return from the Medical College, Kingston, resumed teaching: the former at S. S. No. 6, Matilda; the latter at No. 18 (the Boyne) Winchester. For more than twenty years Iroquois High School has been under the charge of W. A. Whitney, M.A.; Chas. Potter, B. A. is his assistant.

Mr. John Graham Harkness, late Principal of the Chesterville Public School is reading the Senior Matriculation (Toronto University) work at Iroquois High School.

Mr. F. B. Harkness, who secured a non-professional 2nd B at Iroquois High School in 1881, is now a teacher in Prince Edward County.

Mr. Wm. Anderson, First year undergraduate (Toronto) has charge this year of the Hanesville Public School.

Literary Chit-Chat.

The title of F. Marion Crawford's next novel is to be "Zoroaster, the Prophet," and the scene will be laid in Persia.

Houghton Mifflin & Co., of Boston, have just given to the public new editions of two very readable works, "Marjorie Daw and other Stories," by T. B. Aldrich, and "My Summer in a Garden," by Charles Dudley Warner.

The managers of the Concord, N. H. library, have refused to admit Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," on the ground that it is irreverent and trashy.

The educational report in England shows that the attendance at the public schools has, within a few years, risen from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000. This statement agrees with that of the London police that there is a marked decrease in juvenile crime.

"The Invisible Empire" is the title of a paper on the Ku Klux Klan in this week's issue of the Chicago Current, by C. E. Merrill,

whose personal efforts as a newspaper commissioner had much to do with the suppression of that organization.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., are about publishing a new edition of Harriet Martineau's autobiography.

The love letters of Keats to Fanny Browne were recently sold at auction by a London firm. They were knocked down at prices ranging from £6/10 to £27, the latter price being paid by C. Wilde for one of four pages 4to.

The *Literary World* proposes the new word "literarian" to denote a person devoted to literary pursuits. It says:—"Litterateur is foreign; literary men is awkward, besides being restricted in gender; literarian following the analogy of parliamentarian, is natural; it is also sensible, euphonious and convenient."

George Macdonald declares Hamlet "the grandest hero in fiction—absolutely human—so troubled, yet so true."

The Chicago Current learns on authority that Patti has determined to write for publication in book form a series of memoirs and personal recollections, detailing not so much her own career as giving her studies, in a semi-historical way, of the great personages of the world with whom she has been brought into contact, and important social and political events, in various lands, which she has had, during her long career, such rare opportunity of observing.

Miscellaneous.

THE POWER OF SPEECH.

Everything that belongs to humanity is capable of yielding hidden meanings to any one who will bring a penetrating eye and an interpreting mind to the study. No man can wear a hat or a pair of slippers for a month or two without putting some of his individuality into his garments. "The apparel oft proclaims the man." You may gain plenty of hints concerning character by looking keenly at a man's surroundings—the quality and arrangement of his furniture, books, pictures, ornaments. Without even going into a house, you may often give a shrewd guess at the character of the inmates by a rapid glance at the windows, garden, fences, walls, doors, etc. There is expression in the way any one shakes hands with his friends, in the style in which a smoker holds his pipe or cigar, or puffs out its fumes, in the mode in which a pedestrian wields his stick or umbrella, in the manner of taking food, playing musical instruments or singing songs. Some secret may be let out by the attitude a man takes when he is talking in a parlor or shop, the chair he selects, and the mode in which he sits upon it. The tones of the voice are full of meaning; the selection of phrases, the structure of sentences, everything that a man does, almost everything that he touches may bear the stamp of his individuality.

And in this connection we may say there is no power of love so hard to get as a sweet voice. A kind hand is deaf and dumb. It may be rough in flesh and blood, yet do the work of a soft heart, and do it with a soft touch. But there is no one thing that love so much needs as a sweet voice to tell what it means, and it is hard to get it and keep it in the right tone. One must start in youth, and be on the watch night and day, at work and play, to get a voice that shall at all times speak the thoughts of a kind heart. But this is the time when a sharp voice is apt to be got. You often hear children at play speak with a sharp tone, as if it were the snap of a whip. When one of them gets vexed you will hear a voice that sounds as if it were made of a snarl, a whine and bark. Such a voice often speaks worse than the heart feels. It shows more ill-will in the tone than in the words. It is often in the mirth that one gets a voice or tone that is sharp, and that worst of all discords sticks to him through life, and stirs up ill will and grief, and falls like a drop of gall on the sweet joys at home. Such as these get a sharp home voice for use, and keep their best voice for those they