

Lochead, a grant of twenty dollars has been obtained from the Township Council for prize books.—*Citizen.*

— SOUTH WELLINGTON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The second regular quarterly meeting of this Association was held at the Centre Inn, Eramosa, on the 19th ult. Owing to the severity of the weather, not many teachers attended. Mr. Downy read his Essay, 'The Training of youth,' which he divided into three heads—Moral, Mental, and Physical. After the Essay, Mr. Hart proceeded to the discussion of History. Mr. Hart then illustrated his mode of teaching Long Division and Reduction before a class.—Most of the teachers confessed that it was one of the most difficult of the rules of Arithmetic to teach. Mr. Lowry led the discussion in School Organization, stating that it was as difficult as Long Division, &c. The meeting then appointed Messrs. McLaren, McCaig and Lowry essayists for next meeting; and Mr. McFarlane to lead in Grammar, Mr. Young in Writing, Mr. McCaig in the Text Books, and Mr. Hart in the Fractions. It was resolved that the next meeting should be held at the village of Erin on the 3rd Friday of May. The meeting then adjourned.—*Guelph Herald.*

### FOREIGN.

— PROGRESS OF EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN ITALY.—In 1861 there were in the Neapolitan provinces 1,746 schools for boys and 835 for girls, with 1,755 masters and 835 mistresses. The pupils were, boys, 34,198, and girls, 26,160. There were also 48 evening schools, with 1,002 pupils, and 5 infant asylums, with 358 inmates. There are now 2,367 schools for boys, 1,264 for girls, 2,488 masters and 1,479 mistresses, the pupils being 77,864 boys and 52,153 girls, as well as 677 evening schools with 14,342 pupils, and 29 asylums with 2,765 scholars. In Palermo there were, during the time of the Bourbons, only eight schools, there are now a hundred.

### XI. Departmental Notices.\*

#### NOTICE TO METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVERS.

The Grammar School Masters in charge of Meteorological Stations will please take notice that in (1) the column headed "clouds in motion," instead of describing the *class* of clouds they should enter the point of the compass *from* which the clouds are moving. If the clouds seem to be stationary, write "*calm*," if there be no clouds, write "*clear*." As in the case of the wind the direction will be indicated by the nearest of the *eight* principal points. (2) Attention is called to the fact that in many instances observers, instead of invariably entering the letters which indicate the winds' direction in the column headed "direction of the wind," have here and there supplied their places by a blank or stroke (—), thus leaving the direction uncertain. This substitution of a stroke for the proper letters should be avoided, and if the observation has been omitted the fact should be notified on the paper.

#### NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL MASTERSHIPS.

The Committee of Examiners appointed by the Council of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, meets in the Normal School Buildings, Toronto, on the last Monday in June and the first Monday in January of each year. Candidates are required to send in their names to the Chairman of the Committee one week previous to the day of examination.

#### SCHOOL REGISTERS SUPPLIED THROUGH LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

School Registers are supplied gratuitously, from the Department, to Common and Separate School Trustees in Cities, Towns, Villages and Townships by the County Clerk—through the local Superintendents. Application should therefore be made direct to the local Superintendents for them, and not to the Department. Those for Grammar Schools have also been sent to the County Clerk, and will be supplied direct to the head Masters, upon application to the Clerk.

\* Several communications addressed to the Editor will appear in the next Number.

#### NO PENSIONS TO COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS UNLESS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND.

Public notice is hereby given to all Teachers of Common Schools, or Teachers of the English branches in Grammar Schools, who are legally qualified Common School Teachers in Upper Canada, who may wish to avail themselves at any future time of the advantages of the Superannuated Common School Teachers' Fund, that it will be necessary for them to transmit to the Chief Superintendent, if they have not already done so, their subscriptions, at the rate of \$5 per annum for each preceding year, commencing with 1854, and at the rate of \$4 per annum for the current year's subscription. The law authorizing the establishment of this fund provides, "*That no teacher shall be entitled to share in the said fund who shall not contribute to such fund at least at the rate of one pound per annum.*" No pension will be granted to any teacher who has not subscribed to the fund, in accordance to the preceding regulations of the Council of Public Instruction.

#### POSTAGE REGULATION IN REGARD TO GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOL RETURNS.

All official returns which are required by law to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent, or a Local Superintendent, and which are made upon the printed blank forms furnished by the Educational Department, *must be pre-paid*, at the rate of one cent, *and be open to inspection*, so as to entitle them to pass through the post as printed papers. No letters should be enclosed with such returns. A neglect to observe this regulation has repeatedly subjected this Department to an unnecessary charge of 14 cts. and 21 cts. on each package, including the Post-office fine of nearly *fifty per cent.* for non-payment.

#### PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

According to the new Postage Law, the postage on all books, printed circulars, &c., sent through the post, *must be pre-paid by the sender*, at the rate of one cent per ounce. Local Superintendents and teachers ordering books from the Educational Depository, will therefore please send such an additional sum for the payment of this postage, at the rate specified, and the Customs duty on copyright books, as may be necessary.

#### INDISTINCT POST MARKS.

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