

GLEANINGS FROM FITCH.

Variety and versatility are of the very essence of successful teaching.

You teach, not only by what you say and do, but very largely by what you are.

No one can teach the whole, or even the half, of what he knows. If you want to teach well the half of a subject, know first for your self the whole, or nearly the whole, of it.

For all lessons which do not lie in the ordinary routine, the careful preparation of notes is indispensable. The moment any man ceases to be a systematic student, he ceases to be an effective teacher; he gets out of sympathy with learners, he loses sight of the process by which new truth enters the mind; he becomes unable to understand fully the difficulties experienced by others who are receiving knowledge for the first time.

When your strictly professional work is done, follow resolutely your own bent; cultivate that side of your intellectual life on which you feel that the most fruitful results are to be attained.

Notes and News.

ONTARIO.

Of the 44 candidates from the Seaforth high school who wrote at the recent examinations, 35 or 79 per cent. passed. The record stands 4 A's, 3 B's, 13 thirds, and 15 intermediates. The school is only five years and a half old.

Daniel Hetherington, of Fullarton, has been appointed principal of the St. Catharines public schools.

Listowel high school received \$311 government grant for the last half year.

In the Mitchell public school Miss E. Marty and Miss E. Hutchinson have been engaged for the fifth and sixth departments respectively at salaries of \$300 and \$270.

At the Goderich high school 32 out of 39 candidates were successful at the late examination.

Mr. F. W. Sellars, late principal of the Brucefield public school, has resigned, and Mr. Charles McKay has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Sellars is a graduate of Ann Arbor, and goes to Michigan to enter on the practice of medicine.

At the Clinton high school about 40 candidates wrote, and 34 were successful at the late examinations. The report gives 2 seconds, 15 thirds, and 17 intermediate.

Alex. Crichton, B.A., silver medallist in classics at Toronto University, has been appointed classical and English master in Seaforth high school at \$800.

Dr. Smith, late of the first Presbyterian church, New Carlisle, Ohio, has been appointed principal of Demill college, Oshawa. Dr. Smith was formerly pastor of St. Andrew's, Uxbridge.

Samuel Woods, M.A., formerly principal of Kingston collegiate institute, has been appointed principal of the Ottawa ladies' college.

Rev. J. May resigned his position as inspector of schools in the county of Carleton. He has subsequently been appointed immigration agent in the North-west.

Orillia can boast of a splendid school building, and the work carried on in it reflects much credit on the principal, Mr. Geo. McKee, and his assistants. In this school the half-time system is adopted in the primary class. Mr. G. McKinnel is second master, and he has been very successful in teaching bookkeeping to his class. The reading in Miss Lafferty's class is exemplary. The other teachers, namely, Misses Wainwright, Henderson, Cameron, Cooke, and Coleman, are earnest, effective teachers.

The Barrie separate school possesses a diligent and highly qualified head master in Mr. John Rogers. His class has been very successful in passing at the entrance examination, and the school is prospering under his care and the valuable assistance given by the Sisters who have charge of the junior departments.

A \$3,000 school-house is to be erected at Decewville.

As a class, school teachers are very little better remunerated than clergymen, although there is this in favor of teaching, that the time devoted to preparation can be utilized for other and more profitable occupations. But even this is no excuse for the low salaries paid in most cases. It would be to the advantage of the teachers as well as to the people to have trained and experienced hands remain in the profession. This, however, will never be the case so long as the remuneration is so inadequate as it now is. If, instead of rendering the examinations more stringent, and thus making it more difficult to gain admission to the profession, the educational department could devise some means of encouraging those who take to teaching as a life-work, much greater good would be accomplished. As it is, it is simply passing strange that the two professions which are of paramount importance to the well-being of society are the very ones which are the most poorly remunerated. This is an anomaly which should not exist, and which will, we hope, be very soon wiped out, as its existence is not creditable to us as a people.—*Huron Expositor*.

Ingersoll high school prospers under the head-mastership of F. W. Merchant, B.A. Full classes are formed for all grades of certificates, and for junior and senior matriculation. Miss Ella Gardner, a pupil of this school, passed with honors in French, German, English, and history at the recent second year examination of Toronto University. The name was first on the first-class honor list in English.

The several departments in the Barrie model school, under the experienced and skilful management of Mr. W. B. Harvey, head master, are in a highly creditable condition. In the primary class, which is under Miss Burd's care, the half-time system is adopted—one-half the room alternating with the other in lessons and play. In the second class, under Miss Eva Lee, the children, among other subjects, show a very intelligent knowledge of geography, and the filling in of blank maps. The discipline of the schools is remarkably good, and the wholesome manner in which it is exercised may be inferred from the fact that since Mr. Harvey's appointment not a single complaint was made to the School Board. The head master is fortunate in possessing an excellent staff, namely, Mr. R. R. Jennison, second master, and the Misses Lee, King, E. Lee, Boys, and Bird.

In the West Ward school, Barrie, Mr. J. B. Carruthers is doing excellent work. He is assisted by Misses Watson, Todd, and Olara King. The East Ward school is under the efficient control of Miss Applebee.

Industrial drawing is a special feature in the Nottawa public school, of which Mr. W. A. Furlong has been the respected teacher for 16 years. In addition to the instruction comprised in Walter Smith's Primary Manual, some of the pupils are taught sketching. The children in the primary class exhibit excellent specimens of figures copied from the drawing cards and blackboard, and seemed to take pride in their work.

Mr. R. H. Luck is making good progress as principal of Beeton public school. He is an energetic teacher, and has earned the esteem of the trustees.

Vocal music is cultivated very successfully in Ayr public school, which is under the principalship of Mr. G. D. Lewis. The school has improved in many respects lately, chiefly in attendance, which is due to the increasing prosperity of the village. The Misses Cameron, Renwick, and Crozier are very diligent teachers.

An improvement in the school building is much needed in Drumbo. Mr. A. S. Bueglass is principal, and is assisted by Miss Holmes. The attendance has increased lately, and is rather more than can be accommodated with convenience or good results.

It is expected that an improvement is about to be made in the high school building, Park Hill, which will give the head master, E. M. Bigg, M.A., better facilities for carrying on the excellent work he is engaged in. Twelve pupils were candidates for intermediate examination. Mr. Darrach is much appreciated as assistant. Mr. Bigg is also principal of the public schools; Mr. W. S. McBrain has the 4th class, Miss Spencer the 3rd, Miss Taylor the 2nd, and the primary classes are under the care of the Misses McLeod and Baxter.

The children of the Ancaster public school give an entertainment every year. The proceeds are devoted to supplying them each with a present, generally taking the form of a book. The school is in a very flourishing condition under the head-mastership of Mr. W. R. Manning, assisted by Misses Ryan and Taylor.