

Education.

BACK again! This time with the prospect of "four months' hard labor," and exams at the end of it. One of the first things to confront us even on our return last week was an examination, which had been held over from before Christmas.

We are pleased to welcome back among us Miss Reta Hiscock and Mr. W. A. Skirrow. Miss Hiscock has been teaching in the High School in Killarney, Man., and Mr. Skirrow in Listowel Collegiate Institute.

The following poem was composed on the occasion of the absence of many girls from the class at the Collegiate on Thursday, Dec. 9th, at 8 a.m.

Fact and Exhortation.

With due respect
We recollect
A singular occurrence,
Which all agree
Posterity
Shall have some slight preference.

'Twas Thursday morn
When hearts were torn,
To note the vacant place
Of damsels fair
Who did not care
The Principal to face.

And as for "why's"—
The exercise
Of last week was undone,
And, since unsolved,
They have resolved
To ne'er reveal their fun.

Oh! absentees,
If you would please
At present, the powers that be,
Each do your work,
And do not shirk
The task assigned to thee.