

Miss Langford, of Hyde Park, took charge of the public school S. S. No. 14, Westminster, for the present year, and Miss Eagan, of St. Mary's, of the R. C. Separate school, at Glauwerth.

Mr. Wm. Anthony, who has been teaching as principal in the Forest public school for the last three months, has been successful in obtaining a situation in S. S. No. 12, Plympton.

Mr. Butchart, formerly teacher of the Kingsmill public school, has been engaged as teacher of the senior department of New Sarum school, at a salary of over \$400.

Mr. Ward, B.A., gold medalist in classics, of McGill University, and late headmaster of Brighton High School, has been appointed to the vacant classical mastership in Brampton High School.

It is "a sign of the times" when we see "The American Teacher" printing the music of songs for the school-room in both Staff and Tonic Sol-fa notations.

Mr. W. H. Liddicatt has been re-engaged for the third year as teacher of the Thorndale Public School, at a salary of \$600. Mr. Liddicatt is an excellent teacher.—*St. Mary's Argus*.

James E. Glenn has re-engaged in S. S. No. 13, Ameliasburgh, making the tenth consecutive year for him in that school section. He has also been elected 1st Deputy Reeve for the Township of Ameliasburgh for the year 1886.

At a meeting of the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute Board held on Tuesday night, Mr. Wallace A. Macpherson, of Warkworth, was appointed assistant master for the first half of 1886, at the rate of \$500 per annum.—*London Advertiser*.

County Norfolk Teachers' Association meets at Simcoe, Feb. 4th and 5th. South Essex Teachers' Association is announced for Feb. 18th and 19th, place not determined. It will be either Kingsville or Essex Centre.

The following changes have been made in the teaching staff of the Orillia Public School:—Miss Cooke, promoted to Grade V.; Miss Green, to Grade VI.; Miss Pitt appointed to Grade VII.; and Miss E. Chase, to Grade VIII. Others as before.—*Orillia Packet*.

At a meeting of the High School Board of that place, Mr. N. Kellet, of Vigs, County of Simcoe, holding a first class grade B certificate, was engaged as second assistant teacher of the Petrolia High School. Mr. Brebner was appointed first assistant.

Miss Annie Bush re-opened the Arden school on Monday. She is well liked by her scholars and the residents of the section; her quiet and ladylike manner have, as well as her efficiency as a teacher, made her very popular, and she has hosts of friends.—*Napanee Standard*.

A meeting of the (St. Mary's) Collegiate Institute Board was held on Monday evening last. Applications were received for the position of classical master. Mr. F. P. Riddell, B.A., of Port Dover, received the appointment at a salary of \$800 per annum.—*St. Mary's Argus*.

Dr. Forrest, head master of the Bradford High School, has been re-engaged for the incoming year, at an increase in salary of \$100 per annum. Mr. Bean has also been retained for another year, salary \$800. The tuition fee in futuro will be \$3 instead of \$2 as formerly.—*Dufferin Advertiser*.

Miss McKay, teacher, S. S. No. 7, Lobo, was presented by her pupils and other young people in the locality with a silver cake basket and gold ring as a token of the good will and kind remembrance of her friends in that section. The recipient cannot but feel gratified with such a magnificent gift.

Reading circles have been organized in Prince Edward, and Essex counties. Hopkins' "Outlines of the study of Man," Fitch's "Lectures on Teaching" are the works that will be discussed at the forthcoming conventions of these Associations.

Last September a kindergarten was opened in connection with the Toronto Normal School, under the management of Miss Hallmann, an eminent kindergartner. A similar department will be opened next summer in connection with the Ottawa Normal School, under the charge of Miss Bolton.

Neil McEachern Esq., B.A., of Argyle, Victoria Co., late Fellow in Toronto University, has accepted the position of Science Master in Toronto Collegiate Institute. Mr. McEachern has by his own indomitable pluck and energy, pushed his way through the University, and now fills a position on the staff of an Institute of which he was once a pupil. His younger brother, Mr. Peter McEachern has for some years, been on the staff of the same school as teacher.

The Stratford Model School made an excellent record this last term, under the management of Mr. Chadwick. Every scholar in attendance (with the exception of one who had not a non-professional certificate) was successful in passing the final examination. The list is an unusually large one, and reflects much credit on all parties concerned.—*St. Mary's Argus*.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education, Carleton Place, the following teachers were engaged: Miss McCallum, Miss Empey, Miss Sinclair, and Miss Wilson. These with those previously engaged, viz.:—Mr. J. A. Goth, Principal; Mr. McDonald, Miss Burke, Miss Girouard, and Miss Drynan, will comprise the staff for this year.—*Carleton Place Herald*.

Teach the pupils to think. That is the great point. Any system or method that neglects the proper development of the reasoning faculties—that neglects to get at the why, and how, of every lesson, is a poor one. We have erred too much in this direction. Spend less time in cultivating the memory and more in developing the reasoning powers.—*Central School Journal*.

Mr. John McDonald, principal teacher in the Eganville public school, was on Tuesday last made the recipient of a handsome dressing case by the pupils of the school previous to his departure for Embro, where he has received the Principalship of the Embro public school. Mr. McDonald was universally liked and respected by all who knew him, and his absence from Eganville will be sadly missed. The progress made by the pupils under the tuition of Mr. McDonald is astonishing, inasmuch as several of them have passed the necessary examinations to entitle them to teacher's certificates. We join with his many friends here in wishing him abundant success in his new quarters.—*Eganville Enterprise*.

## For Friday Afternoon.

### THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

Full knee-deep lies the winter snow,  
And the winter winds are wearily sighing;  
Toll ye the church bell sad and slow,  
And tread softly and speak low,  
For the old year lies a-dying.  
Old year, you must not die;  
You came to us so readily,  
You lived with us so steadily,  
Old year, you shall not die!

He lieth still; he doeth not move;  
He will not see the dawn of day;  
He hath no other life above,  
He gave me a friend, and a true, true love.  
And the new year will take them away.  
Old year, you must not go;  
So long as you have been with us,  
Such joy as you have given with us,  
Old year, you shall not go!

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He was so full of joke and jest;  
But all his merry quips are o'er,  
To see him die, across the waste  
His son and heir doth ride post haste;  
But he'll be dead before.  
Everyone for his own;  
The night is starry and cold, my friend,  
And the New Year blithe and bold, my friend,  
Come up to take his own.

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His face is growing sharp and thin;  
Alack! our friend is gone!  
Close up his eyes; tie up his chin;  
Step from the corpse, and let him in  
That standeth there alone,  
And waiteth at the door.  
There is a new foot on the floor, my friend,  
And a new face at the door, my friend,  
A new face at the door.

—*Alfred Tennyson*.