

At the Pennsylvania Teachers' Association held at Allentown, Supt. J. W. Dowd, of Toronto, read a paper on the subject of "Industrial Education." He said: "The manual training school, properly organized, will hold the boys to the end of the high school course, and will fix the high school as firmly in the hearts of the people as the primary school is now established. When it is seen that hand work is really brain work, and the more brain there is in the hand the better it pays, then will come emancipation from the prejudice in favour of 'soft-handed' labour. Brain will tell under the greasy dress of the mechanic, as well as under the silken robes of minister or judge. Idle evenings, idle Sundays, idle vacations, are having a very bad effect on city boys; they do much to counteract the effect of earnest, honest work in school in the formation of habits of work. The country boy has his 'liberal education,' his manual training, in the way of chores. The city boy loafs, rides his bicycle, plays baseball, or yells himself hoarse at the match game. He is omnipresent upon the streets, and turns up in sudden and unexpected multitude to follow the band-wagon or witness a fire. His parents are led to believe that he requires several hours of rest and relaxation every day for the five or six hours he spends with his books. There is no work for him to do, and he must rest and relax. In his enforced idleness he is led into the way of all the evil there is in the cities. He is 'knowing' in all the ways of wickedness. He is wiser in his day and generation at fifteen than was his country brother of the last generation, now the prominent man of the day, at twenty. And all this because he has nothing to do."

MR. FRANK DAY has been appointed head master of the Lanark public school.

MR. McLELLAN has been re-engaged for the fourth year at \$575 in No. 1 Pelee Island.

MISS MARIE STRONG has succeeded her sister, Miss Kate Strong, as musical teacher in Mount Forest high school.

MISS LENA BAIRD has been engaged by the Paisley high school in room of Mr. John Keith, promoted to the position of Principal.

THE newly-appointed honorary commissioners for Canada at the Exhibition are the Hon. George Kirkpatrick and the Hon. George W. Ross, Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario.

IN connection with the recent elevation of the Archbishop of Quebec, Monseigneur Taschereau, to the Cardinalate, it may be of interest to point out that an excellent portrait of the Cardinal is shown in the Educational Court of the Canadian Section.

A TEACHERS' convention was held in Kowloon, Que., two weeks ago, at which a large number of young ladies were present. Dr. Robbins, Dr. McGregor, and Mr. Rexford, delivered interesting and instructive lectures to the teachers twice daily during the session.

IT is stated that Mr. F. Sherin, B.A., late science master at Oshawa, has received a similar position in the Mount Forest High School, in place of Mr. D. F. H. Wilkins, M.A., Bach.

App. Sci., who has obtained an appointment in Stratford High School.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Woodstock College the other day Dr. Rand reported that \$26,000 had been subscribed towards the proposed \$39,000; and it is also stated that the trustees have bought Mr. R. W. Sawtell's handsome residence for the use of Principal Rand.

A TEACHER'S class for the study of botany is now receiving instruction from Mr. S. J. J. J. J., principal of the Barrie Collegiate Institute, at the Education Department. Twenty-two teachers are in attendance. Besides class-room instruction, the members are taken out to the suburbs of the city for field work.

At Whitby seventeen candidates out of eighty-eight were successful at the high school entrance examinations, at Oshawa eighteen out of sixty-six passed, at Bowmanville eighteen, at Port Hope twenty-one, at Lindsay fourteen, at Port Perry seven out of fifty-two, at Campbellford seventeen out of seventy-seven, at Brighton thirteen out of forty-seven, at Colborne five out of forty-three, and at Cobourg twenty-four out of fifty-four.

"At a special meeting of the royal institution governors of McGill University, Montreal, held on the 10th ..., it was unanimously resolved that A. J. Eaton, M.A., Ph.D., (Leipzig) be appointed assistant professor of Classics, to enter upon his duties at the beginning of the ensuing session." Dr. Eaton had already accepted a department of modern languages in the city of Philadelphia at a large salary, but his predilection for his native country, led him to obtain a release in order to accept this call to McGill.

HELLMUTH LADIES' COLLEGE at London has recently completed another most successful session, the results of the year's work being eminently satisfactory to patrons, pupils, and faculty. The attendance includes young ladies from all parts of North America. We learn that the college authorities are arranging even greater facilities and completeness for the coming school year, which commences on September 7th. The addition of an elevator and a gymnasium will improve the conveniences of the college, and a brilliant staff will have charge of the various educational departments. A Leipzig Conservatory scholarship, offered by the Leipzig Conservatory and Hellmuth College, entitling the winner to a free year at Leipzig Conservatory (board, laundry, and tuition included) will be a valuable prize in the musical department.

THE Abbé Liszt, who has been lingering for several days at the dark portals of death, died at midnight at Bayreuth, on the 31st July. Frans Liszt was born in Szegszard, in Hungary, October 22, 1811, and made his first public appearance in a concert in his ninth year. He studied under Czerny and while still young produced two operas in succession, neither of which, however, attained any success. Having heard Paganini perform on the violin, he resolved to become the Paganini of the pianoforte, and was as successful as his ambition could dream. After a series of brilliant tours in England and various parts of Europe, he took orders and received the tonsure in 1865, and since that period he chiefly devoted his attention to religious music. He recently paid a visit to England, and was received with marked favour by royalty and the nobility.

As in many families in the inland parts of the Dominion there must be girls more or less delicate to whom sea air and a residence on the coast may be desirable, we venture to call attention to Girton House, at Halifax. The *St. John Telegraph* says of it: "This really excellent institution is located on Pleasant street, Halifax, and is under the direction of Mr. F. C. Sumichrast, principal. Mr. Sumichrast also devotes himself wholly to the care of the house and to the welfare of the boarders. The building is of stone and brick, with large, airy, and comfortable rooms, and every modern appliance for health and comfort. An efficient and accomplished staff of governesses and teachers furnish instruction in all branches of a thorough and finished education. The long list of references furnished by the principal includes the names of Lieutenant-Governor Richey, of Nova Scotia, the lord bishops of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, Provincial Secretary Fielding, the minister of justice, the chief justice of Nova Scotia, Rev. R. Mathers, and Dr. I. Allen Jack, of St. John, with many others."

## Table Talk.

IGNORANCE is the father of communism, education its executioner.

MANUAL training has been made part of the course of study in most of the public schools of Berne, Switzerland.

WHEN you hear that your neighbour has picked up a purse of gold in the street, never run out into the same street, looking about you, in order to pick up such another.—*Goldsmith.*

PROFESSOR BELL, the inventor of the telephone, has obtained a patent on an instrument he calls a graphophone, and which he says is an improvement of the phonograph. It is said to reproduce human speech very perfectly.

KANT'S idea of the work of the teacher was this: "To develop in each individual all the perfections of which he is susceptible." This, he said, "is the object of education." And his idea of the educator was certainly in harmony with his idea of education.

WHILE in the public schools of Germany a tuition fee is charged, instruction is free in the Swiss schools as it is with us. In most of the cantons, text-books and stationery are also furnished to the pupils at public expense. The teachers' association of Berne has lately recommended to the authorities, with but one dissenting vote, to furnish free text-books to the pupils in the city schools.

GENERAL GRANT, subsequent to his resignation from the army, before his venture on the Dent farm, took part of the territory of a general agent of Putnam's to dispose of Irving's "Columbus." Ex-President Hayes footed it all over southern Ohio, when a mere lad, getting subscriptions for Baxter's "Lives of the Saints." Blaine began life as an humble canvasser in Washington County, Pa., selling a "Life of Henry Clay, the Mill Boy of the Slashes." Bismarck, when at Heidelberg during a winter vacation, having had his allowance cut short by his father the Baron, canvassed for one of Blumenbach's hand-books.