

saying 'Samuel Short and Sophia Sophronia Spriggs stroll serenely, and seek some sequestered spot, some sylvan sport. Some sparkling spring shall sing, soul-soothing strains; sweet songsters shall silence secret sighing; super-angelic sylphs shall—

Sophia snickered; so Sam stopped.

"Sophia," said Sam, solemnly.

"Sam," said Sophia.

"Sophia, stop smiling. Sam Short's sincere."

Sam's seeking some sweet spouse, Sophia, speak Sophia, speak! such suspense speeds sorrow.

"Seek sire, Sam, seek sire."

So Sam sought sire Spriggs. Sire Spriggs said "sartin."

Seven short sabbaths later saw Sophia Sophronia Spriggs the smiling spouse of Simon Short's son Samuel.—*Shoemaker's Practical Elocution.*

The following answer was lately given at an examination in drawing. The question was, "How would you begin to teach Inventive Drawing?"

"I would cause the pupils to draw some familiar animal, say the mule, the picture of which I would show them, thus making it an exercise in object drawing. Then I would ask them to draw the picture of say a horse; now they have before them the picture of the mule, and they will, from being thoroughly acquainted with the horse, draw a picture of that animal." The answerer will make a strange teacher!"

#### PERSONALS.

We regret that Mr. McCallum, P. S. Inspector, of Hamilton, has been compelled to rest a while on account of ill health.

Mr. Thomas O'Hagan, President of the Catholic Teachers' Association, has received the position of Principal of Belleville Separate schools.

The pupils of Napanee Model School presented Mr. Osborne with a writing desk, on his retiring from the position of Principal of that Institution.

The following candidates obtained second-class certificates at the recent professional examinations at Toronto and Ottawa:—

#### TORONTO NORMAL SCHOOL.

**GENTLEMEN.**—Messrs. Baskin, Callaghan, Campbell, Clubine, Cosgrove, Dickie, Elliott, Fraser, Gibson, Holmes, Hunt, Jenkins, Killman, Lannin, Laycock, Munro, Newman, Rogers, Spence, Thompson, Turner, Watts, Whyte.

**LADIES.**—Misses Alexander, Armstrong, Barclay, Baxter, Blair, M. S.; Blair, M.; Brown, Burrows, Butters, Calder, Cameron, Davidson, Dick, Ellis, Hoskins, Langton, Lawson, Long, McCool, Main, Smith, Strang.

Seventeen candidates were rejected.

#### OTTAWA NORMAL SCHOOL.

**GENTLEMEN.**—Messrs. Balfour, James; Haight, Milton; Holman, G. W.; Hutchinson, James; Jacques, Marcus; Kniewasser, Andrew; Dangford, William E.; Odell, Albert; Ptolemy, Henry; Ross, George; Smith, Allan C.; Spafford, Thomas F.; Watson, R. H.; Weeks, H. A.

**LADIES.**—Misses Brown, Sarah A.; Fair, Carrie; Foley, Mary C.; Fortune, Jacqueline L.; Haggart, Elizabeth A.; Hetherington, Edith E.; McKean, Sara; McKee, Arabella; McKee, Frances; McKinnon, Mary A.; Murphy, Kate A.; Phillips, Phoebe, Z.; Ross, Jennie; Sang, Isabella; Sang, Mary J.; Shannon, Kate F.

Twelve candidates were rejected.

#### Notes and News.

##### ONTARIO.

The London School Board having made a slight movement towards suspending the teaching of music in the Public Schools, a workingman on behalf of his fellow-laborers strongly objects in the *Free Press* to the proposal.

Twenty-nine out of 104 candidates failed at the recent professional examinations for second-class certificates.

The village of Markham is discussing the question of erecting a new High School building.

Ingersoll High School Board proposes to establish a library in connection with the High School.

There were 36 applicants, several of whom were University graduates, for the position of Assistant English Master in the Stratford High School. The salary attached to the position is \$500 per annum.

The attendance at the Ingersoll Public Schools is 628, and at the High School 87.

The Sarnia Public Schools have 693 pupils in attendance, and the High School has 81.

Bowmanville Public School Board is about to plant trees around its school premises. Trees, flowers, &c., are appropriate for school grounds.

London High School has been recognized by the Government as a Collegiate Institute.

We are pleased to note that several of the Institutes and High Schools have lively literary associations. Those in Brantford, St. Thomas, Whitby, Oshawa, and Hamilton are reported as doing excellent work.

The new High School Building at Barrie has been opened.

The medals in connection with the Competitive Examination for the County of Durham have been awarded as follows: Special Class, Herbert Barber, Orono School, Clarke; Senior Class, Annie Carveth, Leskard School, Clarke; Intermediate Class, Harry Needler, Millbrook School, Cavan; Junior Class, Wm. Muldrew, Newtonville School, Clarke.

We clip the following from the annual report of Mr. G. D. Platt, Public School Inspector, Prince Edward:—"Eighty-five teachers were employed, 50 males and 35 females, at an average salary of \$311. The salaries of male teachers averaged \$390, and of females \$250. Nineteen of the teachers had attended a Normal School—17 held provincial certificates of the second class, 7 first class (old county board), 56 third class, and 5 special or interim certificates. There were 18 changes of teachers during the year, four less than the previous year. It is only fair to state, however, that though there were changes of teachers in only 18 sections during the past year, there were no less than 45 changes at the end of the year. We cannot offer any congratulations upon this state of affairs. \* \* \* The beautifying of school grounds has not received that attention from trustees generally that is desirable. Shade trees are convenient and abundant in this County, and there is nothing but the want of disposition to prevent trustees, by this means, from adding greatly to the appearance of school premises. It is only fair, however, to give full credit in this connection to the great improvement made in school yards and buildings during the past few years, but I would be very glad if trustees will make an effort to complete the work so well begun, by making their respective school premises as pleasant and attractive as possible."

A highly successful literary and musical entertainment was given on April 18th by the pupils of the High School, Weston. Eagle's Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity by an appreciative audience. G. Wallace, B. A., Head Master, presided, and opened the proceedings with an address on education. Dr. Bull, President of the Board, was present, and complimented the Master on the condition of the school and the prominent place it occupies among the Educational Institutions of the Province.

**CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL.**—This school is in a more efficient state than ever before, the average daily attendance exceeding a hundred. Military drill, under the command of the Mathematical Master, Mr. D. F. H. Wilkins, B.A., B.A.S., has been introduced. Mr. W. is well qualified for this purpose, having been attached to the volunteer force for over sixteen years. Until lately he held a captain's commission in H. M. 49th Hastings Rifles, having raised and drilled the company in January, 1878—a position he resigned on receiving his appointment here. Music and drawing have also been added to the catalogue of studies, and a large number of the students are preparing for third-class and intermediate certificates.