

The West Indies are again represented at Ontario Business College, Mr. S. D. Walker having arrived from Bermuda a few days ago to take a course. Mr. J. H. Watlington, a graduate of the college, who came from Bermuda, is now bookkeeper with Currie, Marshall & Co., wholesale jewellers, Toronto.

"I intend leaving home in summer, and I begin to value the JOURNAL now too much to let it go to waste. Yours truly, WILLIAM C. MORRISON."

"Shall do all in my power to extend the circulation of the JOURNAL. As for myself, as long as the teaching profession claims me as a member, so long shall my name be on your subscription books. I find the JOURNAL a professional necessity.—Yours very respectfully, J. H. W. SCHMIDT, of Kirkville Mercantile College."

The report of the inspector of public schools for the city of Ottawa for the year 1882 is very satisfactory in respect to attendance of pupils, increased school accommodation, and in the employment of teachers of a higher rank than at any previous time. The average attendance of pupils for the year was 1,663. The average attendance for each teacher, 44. The regular staff consisted of 30 teachers and a music master. Of these 6 hold first-class certificates Grade A; 2 others only one grade lower. The remaining 22 hold Provincial certificates of the second class; 8 of which are of grade A, 14 of grade B. The average salaries of the teachers is at the rate of \$512 per annum; average for males \$774, for females \$357. In all the schools a uniform revised hint table, which gives to each study its proper time and place, is in use, which during the three years of its existence has been found of great service and thoroughly workable. While Ottawa is supplied with an excellent staff of teachers, they are ably supported by an indefatigable and painstaking inspector, J. C. Glashan, to whom the success of the city schools is largely due.

The public school at Waterford loses two of its teachers on breaking up for the summer holidays: Mr. Russell Baldwin to continue his studies, and Miss Kate Oliver for an equally good reason—to get married. It is to be hoped that worthy successors to them may be found, and that the school may continue to flourish as it has been doing under the able head mastership of Mr. Geo. F. Chapman.

Dr. McLellan, Dr. Kinney, and Inspector Glashan, have been conducting the Ottawa normal school examinations.

The school building at Simcoe is one of the most beautiful specimens of school architecture in the province. The handsome building, surrounded by beautifully laid out and well-kept garden grounds, is quite an ornament to the town. Simcoe has good reason to be proud of the school itself as well as the building. Under its present indefatigable principal, Mr. H. Grant, B.A., it has attained a most honorable position amongst the scholastic institutions of our country. Its staff has recently been strengthened by the appointment of Mr. D. W. Simpson, B.A., as assistant in the high school department.

An error was made in our last month's issue in reference to Mr. A. N. Chadwick, of Alliston, which he wishes to have corrected. He was offered an assistantship in the Provincial Model School, Ottawa, instead of the head mastership as was reported.

From the report of Inspector Dewar, East Huron, we glean the following: Total receipts from all sources, \$51,417.82; total expenditure, \$45,330.34; number of pupils on the roll, 9,214; average attendance, 4,305.

Inspector Millar, of West Huron, in his report states: "The work in the school-rooms is being vigorously and successfully prosecuted in a very large majority of the sections. The decreased number of pupils is a great blessing, as the teachers have now more time to devote to the several classes. The mere hearing of lessons will not produce good scholarship. Time must be taken to draw forth the powers of the mind and teach the pupils to think. This must always be the chief aim in education. Taken as a whole our teachers are doing their work admirably, and the schools are in a very satisfactory condition."

From a return just published, it is shown that Huron has a larger school population than any other Ontario county, there being a total of 18,134, of which the average attendance at school was 8,329. This is considerably more than in any other county, and speaks well of educational progress. Goderich, with a school population of 1,250, records an average attendance of 579; Clinton, with 900, an average attendance of 360, and Seaforth, with 637, an average attendance of 333. With four separate schools in the county, the total attendance is only put at 282, of which 108 is in Goderich.—*Huron Examiner*.

Guelph separate school trustees purpose erecting a new boys' school to cost \$5,000.

We learn that Mr. D. B. Clapp, M.A., the indefatigable and successful public school inspector of North Wellington, has made a new departure in his arrangements. Instead of holding the customary semi-annual conventions, each township will have its own gathering where local school matters will be discussed. We wish him every success in his new undertaking. Below is given a programme which may be of advantage to others:

TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE.

A Township Institute of the Teachers in (and adjoining Towns and Villages) will be held at School House, in S. S. No. on the day of 188..... beginning at 8:45 a.m.

PROGRAMME.

1. Election of Officers.
2. Appointment of Committees.
3. Roll-Call.
4. Payment of Fees to North Wellington Teachers' Association.
5. Selection of Subjects for General Discussion.
6. Question Drawer.
7. Uniform Promotion Examination Reports and Suggestions from Teachers. Bring Regulations, etc., with you.
8. Critique
9. Critique
10. Critique
11. Critique
12. Critique
13. Critique
14. Critique
15. Critique
16. Critique
17. Critique
18. Critique

Teachers are requested to give their Trustees a special invitation to attend our Institute. Every Teacher in the Township is expected to be present and to do all he (or she) can to make our meeting a success. The Pupils shall be under the charge of the Master, who will open the School in the usual way. The time-table of the School is to be followed as closely as possible, and no Teacher can be allowed more than half an hour for each subject or class. Essays are to be within a twenty-minute limit in length. The Time Table of the School, General and Class Registers, with the Visitors' Book shall be open for the inspection of all visitors, to show how carefully, accurately, and neatly they are kept. The Master of the School is to make due provisions for the entertainment of the visiting teachers and their friends. You are requested to be punctual.

All the Schools of the Township of shall be closed during the meeting of the Institute.

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DAVID P. CLAPP, Inspector of Schools.

Wm. Collin, teacher at Shakespeare, died suddenly one morning last week. He retired to rest in good health, and by 1 o'clock in the morning was dead. Apoplexy was the cause.

The trustees of the Seaforth high school have engaged Prof. Jones to teach music, and have purchased a piano for the school. They have earned the gratitude of their constituents, and have set an excellent example to older institutions. Their school is not yet four years old, and has a staff of four teachers.

The high school literary society's exhibition in the Concert hall, Brampton, was one of the most interesting events of the season. There was a large attendance, and from the beginning to the close of the entertainment the audience was kept attentive and interested. The programme consisted of exercises in calisthenics, readings, and music, every part of which was well executed, and the community hope they will be favored with another exhibition of a similar character before the close of the year.

The highest salary paid a public school master in a city is \$1,200 and lowest \$400. In a town the highest is \$1,000 and the lowest \$275. The highest salary paid the head master of a collegiate institute is \$2,250 and the lowest \$1,200. The highest paid a high school master is \$1,400 and the lowest \$700.

There were only 258 first-class teachers in the public schools of Ontario in 1881.

The English literature for the intermediate for 1884 will be Goldsmith's "Traveller," Gray's "Elegy," and Burke's "Reflections." An admirable and noted edition of the above has been edited by J. Millar, B.A., head master of St. Thomas collegiate institute, whose former works on English Literature are recognized as the most valuable issued for Canadian schools.