

plains that on a board of twenty-one members the Methodists have now no representation, and names a number of resident Methodists who are ominently qualified to fill the position vacated by Mr. Young. The *Winnipeg Standard*, in reply, says that wire-pulling and cheek secures such positions in that young province, and that had the gentlemen named by the *Guardian* "magnified their experience in the older provinces and exerted themselves directly or indirectly to bring ecclesiastical, parliamentary, journalistic, and other influences to bear upon the Government, one of them would have, in all probability, been appointed to fill the vacancy." Oh!

We notice in an exchange from Monckton, (N. B.) that at the annual school meeting held in one of the school districts "\$170 was voted, which, with a balance of over \$100 on hand, was deemed sufficient to meet all current expenses for another year." Also that "the system adopted here is worthy of imitation in other places. From the previous year the trustees have the means to meet their liabilities for the winter term, there being no time to collect the rates in the same year by the end of that term." It would, therefore, appear that according to the "system adopted" there that a proportion of the above amount is intended to be held over to provide for the winter term of next year, so that the current expenses of the year would probably be less than \$200. If the teacher is not to be pitied there the Government surely makes a liberal provision for the schools.

The Executive Committee have reported to the Board of Education in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a draft of a School Bill embodying the following principles:—

- (1) The establishment of a purely non-sectarian system of public schools.
- (2) The appointment of one or more Inspectors of said schools.
- (3) The compulsory use of English text-books in all public schools.
- (4) All public schools to be subject to the same rules and regulations.
- (5) The establishment, as soon as practicable, of a training school for teachers.
- (6) The examining, grading and licensing of all public school teachers by one Board of Examiners, and subject to the same rules and regulations.

We are pained to notice that the York County Council have felt it their duty to recommend the resignation of the Inspector of Schools for North York. Since Mr. Fotheringham's appointment he has been one of the most diligent and painstaking inspectors and under his charge the character and efficiency of the schools have been greatly improved. No legal offence is charged against him: his sole offence having been that he has so earnestly endeavored to do his duty "without fear or favor." We had hoped that the County Council would have supported the Inspectors in case when the law, as enforced by the Inspectors, was opposed by those who cared not whether the schools in their sections were advanced or not; but in this it seems we are to be disappointed. As, however, the appointment of a successor to Mr. F. cannot be made until the next meeting of the Council in June, we trust wiser counsels will prevail, and that Mr. F. will be allowed to retain the position he has filled with so much credit to himself and benefit to the schools under his Inspectorship.

The minutes of the Provincial Teachers' Associ-

ation are ready for distribution. They contain the minutes of the general meeting as well as the minutes of each of the sections of the Association, also Dr. Ryerson's Presidential address; an excellent paper on the Examination of Public School Teachers, by M. Lewis, elocutionist, Toronto; a comprehensive paper on the High School System, by Mr. John Leath, B.A., Head Master, St. Catharines Collegiate Institute. But what will be of most general interest is the instructive, interesting and striking new and original paper on, we may say, the new science of chemistry, by Dr. Haanel, of Victoria College. Every student of chemistry should secure a copy of these minutes for the sake of Dr. Haanel's paper. Copies are obtained on application to the Secretary of the Association, Mr. A. McMurchy, M.A., Collegiate Institute, Toronto. The East Middlesex Teachers' Association has taken 100 copies. Write to the secretary of your local association to be sure to have them on hand for your next meeting.

At midsummer, 1875, Geo. Edgecumb, B.A., of Victoria University, received the appointment of head master of the Elora High School, which, under his management, has become one of the most popular in Ontario. Until recently Mr. Edgecumb was a general favorite among all classes, his many excellent qualities, his temperate habits, and his position as teacher of the Bible class in connection with the Methodist Church, causing him to be generally regarded as "a model man." While still in his teens he was married to an American lady, whose retiring and modest disposition on her visit to Elora last summer, made her many warm friends. Unfortunately, however, they were not happily mated, and, unknown to outsiders, an agreement of separation was signed, by which she was to receive \$200 per annum. She accordingly returned to the United States. Some time afterwards, a Miss Boister, from Cobourg, went to Elora, and while attending the High School as a pupil, was given a home with the family of Mr. Cobb, by whom she was treated very kindly. No undue familiarity existed between master and pupil, and the most watchful could find no cause for complaint. At Christmas, however, they left together to spend the holidays, but instead of going to Cobourg, went to Niagara and were married. Mr. Edgecumb having previously obtained a divorce from his wife in the State of New York. There are many who will not condemn the action taken by Mr. Edgecumb thus far. Subsequently, however, Miss Boister, now Mrs. Edgecumb, made a visit to her friends in Cobourg alone, and on the re-opening of the school in Elora, she again appeared as a pupil, no one suspecting what had happened. But a few weeks made the secret known, and she went to live with Mr. Edgecumb, great excitement existing among the people. A meeting of the Board of Trustees was called, and it was resolved to accept the resignation of Mr. Edgecumb, which he had already tendered, the same to take effect as soon as a suitable successor could be provided. And thus ends another chapter in human life, as we must now draw a veil over the future, and leave our readers and all those concerned to their own reflections.

The committee of sub-examiners appointed to assist in examining the papers of candidates at the late International Examination, reported as follows:—

"Although the total number of candidates was