

Notes and News.

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A new business college under the management of Bannister's management has been opened in Brockville.

The gentlemen who have been appointed to the Fellowships in University College have entered upon their duties. They are:— Classics, J. C. Robertson and H. R. Faircloth; mathematics, J. W. Reid; physics, T. G. Campbell; mental science, A. S. Johnston; French and German, J. S. Squair; biology, F. McKenzie; chemistry, F. P. Hall. These gentlemen are, of course, all graduates of the University.

The friends of the young ladies who have made application to the Council of University College for permission to attend lectures in the college have submitted the matter to a leading solicitor, with the object of ascertaining whether or not it would be possible to obtain a mandamus compelling the Council to admit the ladies. A decision will probably be arrived at shortly. In case it be not favorable an application for relief will be made at the coming session of the Legislature.

The *St. Hyacinthe Courier* of a recent date says:—"We learn with pleasure that a Commercial College has just been started at Sorel. It is this kind of college that is needed in our sister town (Sorel), for we certainly have in our province classical colleges enough to answer the wants of our population for a long time to come. It would be a mistake to multiply them further, as our people justly complain that the liberal professions are overcrowded, whilst persons desiring to go into trade or manufacturing industries here have not sufficient facilities to acquire the necessary education."

In February last the authorities of the Kingston Collegiate Institute engaged Mr. R. Meek, a phonographer, to give lessons in shorthand, and a class of twenty-six was very shortly after formed. So successful was this new departure that it was determined to add telegraphy to the studies of those who wished to obtain a purely commercial education. This has been done, and a room has been fitted up with all the apparatus necessary for teaching the art in a thoroughly practical manner. In Toronto these most necessary arts can only be learned at considerable expense, and at independent places of instruction having no connection with the Public Schools or Collegiate Institute.

On Friday, 21st September, the pupils of Rockville Public School received their first visit from their new inspector, Mr. Smirle. He spent the forenoon in examining the classes present on the various subjects taught, and the pupils were highly pleased with the kind, winning, searching tact he displayed in finding out what they understood of their studies and what progress they had made. At the close of the examination he expressed himself satisfied with the pupils' attainments, especially as many of them present were very young; he was pleased with their appearance of neatness and general good behavior. He expressed a hope that they would so persevere in their studies as to show good improvements on his next visit about the first part of the New Year. He commended the intelligent zeal shown by the people of the section in having erected and so well furnished so good a school house, and he hoped that the pupils would show their high appreciation of the privileges they enjoyed by working hard to obtain a good education.

The numerous friends of G. A. Chase, M.A., formerly of Galt Collegiate Institute, will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed head master of the new High School recently founded at Ridgetown. The building is a very good one, the school begins under the most favorable auspices, and is located in the midst of a rich district, well supplied with efficient public schools; and with such a master as Mr. Chase and Mr. Sinclair, an experienced teacher, as assistant, it is not risking very much to predict a prosperous career for this new High School.

The friends of secondary education at Petrolia are marching on in the direction of a new High School. The preliminary steps have been taken, and we understand that the department looks favorably on the project. The probabilities are that the school will be in full working order before many months elapse.

The new professors of chemistry and apologetics and New Testament criticism in Queen's University, Kingston—Messrs. Goodwin and Ross—were duly installed on the 16th ult. Prof. Ross delivered the inaugural. Subject—"Physical Science and the Possibility of Miracles."

The Ottawa papers give an account of Dr. McLellan's official visit to that city as Director of Normal Schools. The address to the students was in the learned doctor's best style, deeply interesting and thoroughly practical. In forcible language he pointed out the importance and dignity of the teacher's calling. The benefits arising from the professional training received in our Normal Schools were dwelt on in his usual impressive manner, and his whole visit was a stimulus and an encouragement to the students.

A St. Thomas paper has the following sensible remark:—"The demand for good teachers is scarcely met by the supply. One would suppose the large number of candidates would render the profession crowded. It is not overstocked, and the prospects indicate that next year will see a scarcity in this part of the country. In Elgin several teachers intend, we understand, to give up the business at the close of this year and turn their attention to other lines. Trustees, who desire to get good teachers would be wise in engaging in time. By putting off the matter too long last winter some schools in parts of the Province were vacant quite a while. It is not hard to find in what the difficulty consists. The remuneration, though sufficient to induce many to enter the profession, is not high enough to make many make it their life-work. There is not a fair discrimination made between the experienced and the inexperienced teacher. Under such circumstances we may expect young men to make teaching a stepping-stone to other professions. The desire for economy in public expenditure is highly commendable. The desire for so-called cheap teachers results very often in extravagance of the worst kind. The poor teacher is dear at any price; the one who has already earned a character for efficiency should, if possible, be retained by the section."

Wellesley School, Toronto, was the scene of some disturbance on the morning of Oct. 8th. It appears that some of the chimney flues became stopped up, and the school-rooms were filled with smoke so densely that some of the children were much frightened. Mr. McDonell, the head master, found it necessary to dismiss some of the rooms, and he had considerable difficulty in preventing a panic and general stampede among the children. This was, however, averted, and no evil result followed. The cause of the disturbance will be at once removed.

The *Globe* recently published four columns reporting the views of leading educationists on the higher education of women and on the co-education of the sexes. Very little difference of opinion is expressed on the first question. Opinion seems more divided on the second; many of those favoring separate education for ladies point out the advantage of utilising Upper Canada College as an equivalent to University College, in which ladies may pursue higher studies and have all the advantages of university training.

Mr. Joseph Latter, teacher of Elmesmere Public School, in the County of York, has just engaged for the twelfth year of service with his Board of Trustees. Such instances are so rare that we are pleased to make a note of this one. We congratulate both trustees and teacher, and only wish that this case was the rule instead of the exception in Ontario.

The Lambton Teachers' Association was disappointed of the services of Prof. DeGraff of New York. The effort to secure a good conductor was laudable, but it costs less and produces more tangible results to employ home talent, of which there is a fair supply.

Mr. Charles Peets is teaching at Clearville.

Rev. Robert Torrance, of Guelph, has given a scholarship of \$50 to Knox College.

John Bothwell has engaged to teach the school at Mount Pleasant next year.

East Middlesex Teachers' Association meets on the 16th and 17th of November.

D. S. Skinner, B.A., of Blanshard, has assumed the position of assistant master in the Walkerton High School at a salary of \$750.

In the Kingston Commercial College the lectures on Political Economy, Physiology and Hygiene, and Commercial Law are open to the public.

The next entrance examination to Collegiate Institutes and High Schools will be held Thursday and Friday, the 20th and 21st days of December.

Corinth Public School, under Mr. A. Moss, assisted by Miss Louie Lane, is prospering. A literary and musical entertainment is spoken of.