

Mr. Harrington's bill, entitled "An Act to secure better attendance at school," passed the Legislative Assembly by a large majority, and the Legislative Council without opposition. In the former body it was amended by the provision that a two-thirds vote of the ratepayers is necessary to bring the Act into operation in any school section.

One hundred and fifty-six pupils were registered in the Pictou Academy during the term ended April 30th. These pupils represented thirteen out of the eighteen counties of the Province, the Province of New Brunswick, and the Islands of Bermuda and St. Pierre Miquelon. The public examinations were held on the 12th and 13th of April. They were attended by the superintendent of education, the mayor of the town, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the prosperity of this justly celebrated academy. H. McInnis, Esq., lately principal of Sydney Academy, takes the classical professorship rendered vacant by the resignation of Inspector McLellan.

The governors of Dalhousie College have appointed Messrs. Campbell and Trueman to the tutorships lately established by Mr. Munro, both graduates of the class of 1882. The former gentleman takes the mathematical, the latter the classical, tutorship. The tutorships are each worth \$1,000 per annum, and are tenable for two years. The *Dalhousie Gazette* epitomizes the college "record" as follows: Mr. Campbell—1st year: first Alumni Association prize; first class certificate of merit; first prizes in classics and mathematics; first class in Latin, Greek, and mathematics; second class in rhetoric. 2nd year: North British bursey; first class certificate of merit; prizes in mathematics and chemistry; first class in Latin, Greek, mathematics, chemistry, and Roman history. 3rd year: first class certificate of merit; prize in metaphysics; first class in Greek, metaphysics, French, and classical history. 4th year: Sir William Young's gold medal. B.A. honors of the second rank in mathematics and physics; prize in astronomy and optics; second class in Greek and French. Mr. Trueman—1st year: first Alumni Association prize; first class certificate of merit; first prizes in classics, rhetoric; professors scholarship. 2nd year: second class certificate of merit; second prize in classics; first class in Latin and Greek; second class in mathematics, logic, chemistry, and Roman history. 3rd year: first class certificate of merit; prize in classics; first class in Latin, Greek, metaphysics, and French. 4th year: Governor-General's gold medal; B.A. honors of the second rank in classics; first class certificates of merit; prize in classics; first class in Latin, Greek, and French; second class in ethics and political economy.

It is reported that A. J. Denton, Esq., A.M., late principal of the County Academy, Kentville, has accepted an appointment, from the governors of Acadia College, in the interests of the endowment fund of that institution. Mr. Denton's retirement, which we trust is not a permanent one—from the ranks of the teaching profession will leave a vacancy not easily filled. He proved himself a most enthusiastic and successful teacher.

QUEBEC.

"The article in January number of SCHOOL JOURNAL on "Whispering," is worth the year's subscription to me." Louis N. Thibault, Rydal Bank, Quebec.

UNITED STATES.

"The missing numbers of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL to March 1883, (inclusive) came duly to hand. Thanks! I have yet to see the school journal that excels it on this continent, and nine-tenths of the educational periodicals of the United States are not for a moment to be compared with it in depth or solidity of matter. I have most of the numbers from the beginning, bound up."—George Harper, M.A., Anchorage, Buffalo county, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

Teachers' Associations.

The publishers of the JOURNAL will be obliged to Inspectors and Secretaries of Teachers' Associations if they will send for publication programmes of meetings to be held, and brief accounts of meetings held.

DUFFERIN.—The fourth semi-annual meeting of the Dufferin Teachers Association will be held in the Public School, in the village of Shelburne, Thursday and Friday, May 17 and 18, 1883. Programme.—1. Opening Address, R. L. Mortimer, president. 2. Appointing Committees on Finance and Arranging Subjects for next Association. 3. Changes in School Law affecting the Profession since 1878, N. Gordon, P.S.I. 4. Roll Call. 5. Vulgar Fractions, Wm. A. McLim, Critics, Miss Mary Koss, Messrs. Buchanan and Bowerman. 6. Writing, W. G. W. Ormerod. Critics, Mr. J. Maxwell, Miss Nelly Mitchell, Mr. A. Farr, and Miss Tiny G. Head. 7. Object Lesson, Miss F. Shaw. Critics, Miss J. Holmes, Messrs. D. Reid and R. W. Rooney. 8. Librarian's Report. 9. Treasurer's Report. 10. Method—Reading Secs. 276 and 283 of Currie—Discussion; F. B. Denton in the chair. 11. Composition, J. J. Tilley, M.S.I. 12. How to Teach Least Common Multiple

and G. C. M., Samuel Acheson. Critics, Mr. H. Campbell, Miss Elliott, and Mr. A. Sproule. 13. Question Drawer Opened. 14. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting. 15. Temperance in School, A. L. McIntyre. Critics, Mr. F. B. Denton, Miss J. McNaughton, Miss G. McLeab, and Miss M. A. Head. 16. How Discount and Commission should be Taught, Miss P. Alexander. Critics, Messrs. S. S. McCormack, R. L. Mortimer, D. Stewart, and Miss Pilkington. 17. Grammar, J. J. Tilley, M.S.I. Critics, Association. 18. Roll Call. 19. Value of Written Examinations, A. Steele, B.A. Critics, Messrs. J. C. Reid, Thos. Allan, J. J. Jordan, and Miss A. Lawson. 20. Relation between Religion and Education, Rev. Mr. Straith, of Shelburne. 21. Geography, J. J. Tilley, M.S.I. Critics, Association. 22. Spelling, Miss E. Lawson. Critics, Miss M. Steele, Miss M. Reid, Miss C. West, and Mr. G. C. Patterson. 23. How to Teach Railroads of Ontario, W. L. Mackenzie. Critics, Messrs. D. Macaulay, Wm. Jamieson, and R. Wellwood. On the evening of Thursday, the 17th May, J. J. Tilley, M.S.I., will give his popular lecture on "Education," in the Town Hall. Terms of membership, \$1 per annum with CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, or 50 cents without the JOURNAL. Wm. A. McLim, sec. treasurer, Orangeville, Ont.; R. L. Mortimer, president, Shelburne, Ont.

NORTHMEERLAND.—The next regular semi-annual meeting of the Northumberland Teachers' Association will be held in the High School Building, Colborne, on Thursday and Friday, May 10th and 11th, 1883. PROGRAMME.—Thursday.—11.00 to 12.00—General Business. 1.30 to 1.40—Roll Call. 1.40 to 2.30—Uniform Promotions; Mr. D. Robertson. 2.30 to 3.30—Entrance Geography, with a Class; Mr. Geo. Kirk. 3.30 to 4.30—What should be Taught in Public Schools; Mr. J. E. Flewelling. Lecture, Thursday evening, 8 o'clock; Rev. J. Bredin, Brighton, subject, "Public Opinion," to take place in the Temperance Hall, admission free. Friday.—9.00 to 9.10—Roll Call. 9.10 to 10.00—Township versus County Association. 10.00 to 11.00—Percentage, with a Class; Mr. J. McColl. 11.00 to 12.00—Punctuality and Regularity of Attendance; Mr. G. Dowler. 1.30 to 2.30—Reading, with a Class; Mr. G. Cross. 2.30 to 3.00—Notation and Numeration, with a Class, Mr. W. McColl. 3.00 to 4.00—Mathematical Geography; Mr. H. M. Hicks, M.A. W. S. Ellis, B.A., B.Sc., president; D. E. Stephenson, secretary.

RENFREW.—A meeting of the Teachers' Association will be held in Arnprior High School, May 10 and 11, 1883. PROGRAMME.—Thursday.—9.00—Reading Minutes, &c. 10.30—President's Address. 11.00—How to Teach Spelling; N. S. Dunlop, Esq. 2.00—School Culture; H. L. Slack, M.A. 3.00—Remarks on Teaching in Public Schools; R. Geo. Scott, B.A., I.P.S. 4.00—Arithmetic; Charles McDowell, B.A., head master Renfrew high school. 8.00—Public Lecture; Prof. Dawson, head master Arnprior high school. Friday.—9.00—How to Teach History; L. C. Corbett, B.A. 10.00—Phrenology for Teachers; Wm. Alford, Esq. 11.00—Syntax; W. McKay, B.A., head master Renfrew model school. 2.00—How to Teach Reading, E. Odium, M.A., head master Pembroke high school. 3.00 to 3.30—The Relation between High and Public Schools; Prof. Dawson. 3.30—Election of Officers. A. McKillop, B.A., president; A. D. Campbell, secretary.

ONTARIO.—The regular meeting of the Teachers' Association will be held in the High School Building, Port Perry, on Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th, 1883. PROGRAMME.—Friday.—10.00 to 11.00—Bible in the Schools; D. McBride, M.A., Port Perry. 11.00 to 12.00—Arithmetic; Mr. Noble, Uxbridge. 1.30 to 2.30—Physiology and Hygiene; W. F. Eastwood, M.D., Zephyr. 2.30 to 4.00—Teachers' Literary Outfit; G. H. Robinson, M.A., Whitby. 5.00—Lecture, in Town Hall, by J. L. Hughes, Esq., inspector city schools, Toronto, subject, School Room Humour. Saturday.—9 to 9.30—School Discipline and Drawing; J. L. Hughes, Esq., Toronto. 10.30 to 12—Grammar; L. C. Smith, M.A., Oshawa. 1.30 to 3—Principles of Symmetry; J. J. McGee, B.A., Uxbridge. G. H. Robinson, M.A., President; A. G. Henderson, Sec.-Treas.

OXFORD.—The eleventh session of the Oxford Teachers' Association will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 10th and 11th, 1883, in the High School, Woodstock. Thursday.—9.00, Business. 9.30 to 10—President's Address. 10 to 10.45—Writing; Mr. Westervelt, Woodstock College. 10.55 to 11.15—Aesthetics; Mr. Bryden, B.A., H. S. Ingersoll. 11.15 to 12—Poetry and General Reading in Public Schools; Mr. J. P. Archibald, Beachville. 2 to 3—Practical Reading (Fourth Book); Mr. Burke, Ratho. 3 to 3.45—Surfaces and Solids, Mr. Deacon, M. S., Ingersoll. 3.45 to 4.45—History; Mr. Buchan, U. C. College, Toronto. 8 p.m.—Lecture (Poetry and Politics); Mr. Buchan, U. C. College, Toronto. 9 to 10 a.m.—Grammar; Mr. Buchan. 10 to 11:20 a.m.—Debate ("Resolved, that a Ministry of Education is Preferable to the Superintendency"), affirmative—Robinson (leader), Edgington, and Henderson, negative—Deacon (leader), Courtlandt, and Carlyle. 11.20 to 12 m.—Multiples and Measures (Ar.); Mr. McMillan, Norwich. 2 to 3 p.m.—Class Reading; Mr. Burke. 3 to 3.45 p.m.—Composition; Mr. Wilson, Master P.S., Tilsonburg.