

Mr. A. D. Campbell, as Principal, and an address recently presented to the Principal shows the high esteem in which the School is held by the students.

—Mr. John Lovell has issued a circular calling on teachers and others to send in any suggestions they may have to make for the improvement of his "General Geography," and "Easy Lessons in General Geography," as he is about issuing revised editions of these works.

—We are pleased to learn that Professor Goldwin Smith, M. A., the Public School Teachers' representative in the Council of Public Instruction, proposes visiting as many of his constituents as he possibly can, in May and the early part of June. He has frequently been asked to be present at meetings of the Teachers' Associations, but in consequence of other demands on his time has been compelled to decline. It gives us much pleasure to know that a gentleman of Mr. Smith's high character and standing is about to give the teachers whose representative he is, the benefit of his ripe scholarship, and great ability, while at the same time he will be in a position to become better acquainted with their wants and interests, and the practical working of our educational system, and thus be better able to fill wisely and well the important position which he occupies. As Mr. Smith can spend only a limited time, those wanting his presence at their Associations should communicate without delay with himself, or with Mr. Samuel McAllister, Toronto.

—The following from the *Independence Belge*, will be of interest to our readers: "One of the best managed countries in Europe is Belgium. The teachers in the primary schools, according to a law passed in 1842, receive their salary from the municipal council, under the approval of a permanent committee. They may, however, appeal to the Government when claiming larger amounts. Their average pay in 1843 amounted to 447.49 francs, in 1853, to 551.59 francs; in 1860, to 744.49 francs; in 1866, to 1,097 francs; in 1872, to 1,201.50 francs. The increase since 1853 equals 168.40 per cent. The teachers receiving above 1,000 francs per year in 1843 amounted to 4.89 per cent.; in 1853, to

9.89 per cent.; in 1872, to 72.28 per cent. The ladies in 1843 had 442 francs on the average; in 1860, as much as 702.20 francs, and in 1872 the amount of 1,162 francs. The increase since 1843 is 162.88 per cent. Two features in this are of interest: the rapid increase in the salaries of the primary teachers, and the substantial equality of the amounts received by both sexes."

PERSEVERANCE.

(The following from Whyte Medville's story "Uncle John" has been sent to us by a correspondent, and will be found worthy of the attention of every teacher.)

"Have you never seen a fellow climb a greased pole for a leg of mutton? He always fails within six feet of the top, and then down he comes with a run. It's the same with the prizes of life. There's a slippery place to be passed somewhere. Hold on by your teeth and eyelids when you get to it; harden your heart; make one more effort and you win!

Never believe in happy thoughts, inspirations, flashes of genius—what I call the romance of intellect. Nothing good was ever yet accomplished but by plodding. Native talent stands a poor chance against hard work. When you come to a difficulty off with your coat, and hammer at it like a blacksmith at a horse-shoe. Even if it beats you, look at the strength and practice you have attained in the very defeat. Work by the clock! Don't be afraid of leaving off in the middle of a difficult passage or a happy vein of thought. Train your mind as you would your muscles. To-morrow it will serve you as well as to-day—perhaps better. Leave off fresh, but never let twenty-four hours elapse without making some progress, if it be only an inch or two towards the top of the pole.

When you have won the leg of mutton, don't be disappointed to find it Leicester instead of Southdown. The Victoria cross is only a bit of bronze after all; but honor lies in success, not in reward; and whether gold, or mutton, or parsley, depend upon it the struggle is of more value than the prize."