

A CORRESPONDENT of an exchange contrasts the liberality for the care of horses, cows, sheep and pigs, and that for the minds, souls and bodies of children, as shown by the following advertisements which appeared side by side in a country paper —

"Wanted, immediately, a general farm servant, well accustomed to horses. A cottage found; wages \$5 per week. Comfortable situation for a steady, reliable man."

"Wanted, a Teacher; salary \$200 a year; a knowledge of music required. Address testimonials of character and teaching service to —"

THE LONDON (Eng.) School Board has sent a message to the Provincial Boards asking them to join in trying to induce the Government to issue a Royal Commission to make people spell the Lord's Prayer something in the following manner —

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom cum, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptashun, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever.

FROM the last issue of the report published by the Department of Education, we find that the rate or cost per pupil of each of the High Schools in Ontario is quoted thus:—

Barrie.....	\$4 00	Owen Sound	\$4 21
Berlin.....	4 76	Pictou.....	5 12
Brockville.....	3 80	Port Hope.....	5 00
Chatham.....	4 83	Sarnia.....	3 75
Cobourg.....	6 88	St. Mary's.....	3 94
Dundas.....	4 06	St. Thomas.....	3 92
Galt.....	8 52	Stratford.....	4 00
Goderich.....	4 58	Strathroy.....	4 85
Ingersoll.....	3 87	Wentby.....	5 20
Lindsay.....	4 06	Windsor.....	5 27
Napance.....	5 78	Woodstock.....	5 00

Is a neighboring County the I. P. S. is charged with neglecting to perform his duty in the matter of visiting schools, &c., &c. An explanation is made, but the charges are reiterated in the local press. Why cannot such charges be laid before the County Council for investigation? It is surely unwise to destroy any Inspector's power and influence by parading gross charges in the public press. Even if guilty, the cause of education will suffer more if his acts are made known to the public before he is dismissed than if the charges are held in abeyance until they can be presented to the proper tribunal. Let these things be done wisely and in order.

WE congratulate the friends of education in the West upon the establishment of the *Educational Weekly* in Chicago, a powerful journal formed by the union of *The School Bulletin*, Wisconsin; *Michigan Teacher*, Michigan; *Illinois Schoolmaster*, Illinois; *Nebraska Teacher*, Nebraska; *The School*, Michigan; *Home and School*, Kentucky, and *The School Reporter*, Indiana. Edited by thirteen of the leading educationalists of the West, this journal cannot fail to accomplish much good; indeed, in the short time that has elapsed since its inception, beneficial results have attended its perusal by the many thousand readers into whose hands it falls. We bespeak for the *Weekly* a useful career, and hope its present circulation and influence may be increased ten-fold.

SOUTH-ESSEX TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION held its first meeting for 1877 in Kingsville on February 23rd and 24th, the attendance of teachers and visi-

tors being very large. A good programme had been provided, and the discussions engaged in by most of the teachers made this the most interesting and instructive meeting that has yet been held. The visitors expressed themselves well pleased with the genial and spirited manner in which the subjects were discussed. "Music in Schools" was regarded, 1st, as an important means of recreation; 2nd, as a valuable aid to elevate the mind; 3rd, as conducive to good order; and 4th, as an accomplishment. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Leamington during the month of May.

WHEN the Trustee Board and Town Council in Barrie visit the Public Schools they procure livery rigs and visit the different ward schools in town, completing the round in half a day. During their visits on Friday, 23rd ult., they are reported to have acted so rulerly that their example has had a mischievous effect upon the children. In anticipation of the visit (and the usual half-holiday) the children had donned their best clothes; but no examination was made, no word of encouragement given to the teachers, nor of sympathy and kindness to the pupils, and the half holiday was enjoyed only by the visitors, who in one school took possession of an empty room and kept up such a continuous uproar that for the time being the business in the school had to be suspended. According to a correspondent of the *Gazette*, the order of the day was "laughing, jumping, prancing, cutting up pup, and such other little tricks."

THE Commissioner of Agriculture, in submitting the report of the Advisory Board representing Ontario at the International Exhibition at Philadelphia, to the Honorable, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, says:—

"I cannot refrain from acknowledging my indebtedness to Dr. S. P. May, for his assistance in the preparation of my report. The position held by him as representative of the Education Department of this Province, afforded him special advantage for minutely examining the various exhibits, and enabled him to gather a large amount of useful information on our products, manufactures, &c. I therefore requested him, in addition to writing the descriptive part of this report, to prepare a special report on the Ontario Exhibition as a whole, together with a short historical sketch of former exhibitions, and a brief description of the geographical features, natural productions, imports and exports, railways, educational institutions, agricultural societies, mechanics' institutes, manufactures, &c., of this Province."

IN 1872 the Brantford Institute for the Blind was opened with an attendance of 11 pupils. It has now an attendance of 120, the total number of blind children of school age in Ontario being 280. It is, therefore, proposed to increase the accommodation, and to make the accommodation free and compulsory. With regard to the working of the Institute the Dundas *Standard* says:—

"The course of instruction given at this Institute is fast overtaking the ordinary programme of a first-class common school, and is already ahead of some country schools in the range of subjects. When the blind were first taught to read, it was considered a wonderful stride; but here they are taught to write, to take notes of lectures, to cipher by an invention of Mr. Hunter's fertile brain, and to discourse sweet music with surprising efficiency. While the boys acquire the art of willow-making