

## Educational Intelligence.

A \$3,500 addition is to be made to Strathroy Collegiate Institute.

A FLORAL society, composed of girls at the London Central school, has been formed under the direction of Miss Coyne.

REV. W. E. KERR, formerly a teacher in London township, passed his first ministerial examination at Stratford, taking a first-class certificate.

At a late meeting of the London Board of Education, Mr. Sanderson, B.A., was chosen assistant English master of the collegiate institute.

THE College for the Higher Education of Women at Egham, raised by the munificence of the late Mr. Holloway, is to be opened by the Queen on the 26th of June. Little short of £500,000 has been spent on its erection.

At the last meeting of the Oshawa Board of Education a letter was read from Mr. L. C. Smith, Head Master of the High School, which announced the gift to the Board of a piano and \$50 in cash, from the High School Literary Society.

THERE are now four of the United States which have passed the Act requiring morphine and its salts to be put up in scarlet labels and wrappers. They are Georgia, Florida, Kentucky and Virginia.

PROF. MEACHAM, principal of the Centreville schools, Michigan, will retire from educational work after the close of the present term. Prof. Munson, of Lima, Ind., will succeed him in the Centreville work.

MR. OSGOOD's companions on his recent voyage to England were Mr. Edwin A. Abbey and Mr. Frank D. Millet, both having commissions from the Harpers. Mr. Millet keeps two establishments, one in Boston, and one in rural England.

WE have been requested to publish, for the information of East Lambton teachers, a list of the officers appointed at the last meeting. They are as follows:—H. N. Norton, President; T. B. Hoidge Vice-President; John R. Brown, Secy.-Treas. and Librarian; D. Whyte, T. Henderson, D. B. Bentley, C. S. Falconer, W. B. Anthony.

THE Parry Sound District Teachers' Association will hold their next regular annual meeting in the school house, Parry Sound, on Thursday and Friday, June 24 and 25. The following topics will be taken up: Grammar, Discipline, Kindergarten, Arithmetic, Writing, Junior Reading, Senior Reading and a Reading, Geography, Method and Management, Aims in Teaching.

At his late public examination, Mr. Copeland, of the Otterville school, was presented by his pupils with a handsome plush case, and his assistant, Miss Irwin, with a beautiful toilet set. About \$60 worth of books was divided amongst the pupils. Kindergarten songs was one of the features of the examination. Messrs Dowler, Moore and Garthwaite, surrounding teachers, assisted at the examination.

At the close of the week's duties the teachers and pupils of the Bathurst street, Toronto, school met in the school grounds to tender a token of their esteem to Mrs. G. C. Warburton on her leaving to assume her duties as head of the Boys'

Home school. Miss Wallace, in the name of those assembled, presented her with a handsome easy chair, wishing her every success and happiness in her new sphere. Many friends present also contributed souvenirs.

THE production of Greek tragedies by undergraduates in England and America has been followed by the revival of "The Acharnians" of Aristophanes by the students of the University of Pennsylvania. The comedy was presented in Greek, at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. The rehearsals had been conducted by Dr. M. W. Eaton, Professor of Greek, and the music was composed by Mr. Clarke.

FROM Nebraska there is blown to us on the north-west breeze this legend:—In southern Nebraska, a certain enterprising and long-headed man, having a numerous family of children, squatted on a section of school land. Around him was the boundless prairie, with not another settler within several miles of him. By some sort of strategy he induced the superintendent to form a school district, having the settler's school section as the centre. Then he built a fine school-house, non-residents, of course, paying the taxes, and moved with his family into the school-house, and occupied it as a residence. Next, he employed his own wife at a salary of forty dollars per month to teach his own children.—*The Schoolmaster.*

THE last meeting of the Teachers' Association for the County of Portage la Prairie was well attended. Papers were read by Dr. Macklin, on "Health and how to Preserve It"; Dr. Mackie, "The Study of German"; Rev. Allen Bell, "English Literature"; Neil McCallum, "Written Examination"; Howard King, "Teaching Geography"; Mr. J. B. Somerset, Superintendent of Education, delivered an interesting address on "The Relation of the Teacher to the Educational System of the Province." After a vote of thanks to the Superintendent and the several essayists the session adjourned.

VACATION schools have been established in Boston (U.S.), for the benefit of poor children who cannot go away during the summer vacation, and who find it hard to amuse themselves. In these schools they are taught to draw, to sew, to cook, and carpenter's work, and to make themselves generally useful. One of the committee writes that an important lesson was learnt in a summer's work: that the hearts of these children were most easily reached through their hands. If something was given them to do, they listened with respectful and attentive manner, but with idle hands they are restless, dissatisfied, rebellious.

THE Senate of one of the Scotch Universities has done everything short of offering a reward to discover who it was that put up this intimation on the door of one of the class-rooms:—"Notice.—There will be no lecture to-day, as the student is unwell." The student says that he is incapable of a practical joke, and the professor does not want the matter to go any farther. Naturally enough he does not care to have it known that his class is so select; though there is another professor in the same university said to be in much the same predicament. It is told of an Oxford lecturer that he had to bribe a young man with gold to attend

his lectures, as had their been no attendance, he would have forfeited his salary. Often the blame does not attach, in these pathetic circumstances, to the lecturer; but that is no reason why chairs should be endowed for nobody's benefit but that of the holder. An inquiry into the cases of "professors without students," would lead to some interesting discoveries.

At a recent meeting of the Peterboro' Board of Education, Dr. Tassie, Principal of the High School, reported that one of the high school inspectors had informed him that if the high school pupils did not improve in their writing and reading, especially the former, plucking would be general at the approaching examinations. He thought it was about time the writing of the pupils was improved, and he was pleased to know that more attention was being paid to this branch in the lower classes. He was pleased to make three important announcements to the board. The Governor-General's medal had arrived and was now in his possession. Mr. J. H. Burnham had offered a silver medal for the institute pupil who ranks first in the Toronto University matriculations this year; and Mrs. Nicholls generously offers a free scholarship at Queen's University to be competed for by pupils of the institute. The principal complained that the Easter holidays had materially interrupted the school work, and advised that as few holidays as possible be granted. Moved by Mr. J. R. Stratton, seconded by H. Denne, "That the thanks of this board be tendered to Mrs. Nicholls for her liberal grant to the Endowment Fund of Queen's College, Kingston, whereby a free course scholarship in arts is available for a student of the college, and in her liberality in permitting Dr. Tassie, principal, to nominate the student; and the thanks of this board be also tendered to Mr. J. Hamblin Burnham for his gift of a solid silver medal for the pupil of the institute taking the highest marks at the matriculation examinations of University College, Toronto, and that the secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the parties above named."—Carried.—*Peterboro' Examiner.*

## Correspondence.

### TEACHERS' UNION.

To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL WEEKLY.

SIR,—As you have already very kindly referred to this proposed organization, you will confer a favour by informing your readers that a meeting of delegates and others interested will be held in Stewart's Hall, at the corner of Yonge and Gould Streets, Toronto, at 2 p.m., on the Monday preceding the meeting of the Provincial Association.

Owing to the fact that some county associations have not had the subject of union under consideration, and therefore, have appointed no representatives, all who are interested will be welcomed at the gathering on Monday, August 9th.

It is expected that several experienced educationists will briefly address the meeting.

Teachers sympathizing with the movement, and who desire to join it, but who cannot attend on the day named, will oblige by writing to, yours respectfully,

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