

TEACHER WANTED.

A teacher, having good recommendations and a model school diploma, could find an advantageous position in the school municipality of St. Hermas.

Address: Mr. J. E. Olairoux, St. Hermas.

SITUATION AS TEACHER WANTED.

Miss Josephine Burns, provided with a diploma for an elementary school, teaches English and French, music, drawing, and embroidery. Applications to be addressed to the Education Office.

A teacher, provided with a diploma for an elementary school, speaking English and French, is desirous of obtaining the situation of school mistress.

Address: Miss H. Kerney, teacher, St. Catherine, Portneuf.

Miss Mary Lacerte, formerly a pupil of the Laval Normal School and provided with a diploma, from the Board of Examiners of Three Rivers, authorising her to teach in the elementary schools.

Address: Miss Mary D. Lacerte, Yamachiche.

Mr. Narcisse Contant, provided with a diploma for an elementary school. Is married.

Address: 28, Lagauchetière Street, Montreal.

Mr. Leon Vaudreuil, provided with a diploma for an elementary school. Can teach English, drawing into pencil and with water colours.

Mr. John Melody, who holds an elementary diploma from the McGill Normal School, is desirous of obtaining a situation in a school, either as master or assistant master.

Address: Mr. John Melody, Box 824, Montreal Post Office.

A young lady is desirous of obtaining the place of assistant teacher in a school. She can teach fancy needle work and is well qualified for the performance of the duties of teacher.

Miss M. Connolly is desirous of situation as teacher.

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OBITUARY.

It is with deep sorrow that we have to record the death of Mr. Emile de Fenouillet, Professor of History and of Literature at the Laval Normal School. He died on the evening of the 30th June, aged 53 years. Mr. de Fenouillet was born in France at Hyères, in the department of Var. He went through a course of legal studies at Aix, after a short sojourn at Montpellier he removed to Paris, and while in that city, was connected with the *Epoque*. He subsequently accepted a Professorship at the University of Bonn, and while there wrote a series of letters on Germany published in *L'Univers*. In 1854 he left his native France for America and arrived in Quebec towards the end of October. The two years following his arrival in this country were passed in fulfilling the arduous duties of Editor in chief to the journal of Quebec. Shortly afterwards he was appointed one of the ordinary Professors of the Laval Normal School. The rapid progress of his pupils are the proofs of his zeal, of his talent and of his energy. Even when enfeebled by disease, he resolutely continued his lectures, though requested by the Principal and the Superintendent to recruit his wearied frame, and though an assistant had been named by the Government to relieve him from his arduous task. His articles in the *Journal de l'Instruction Publique* are well known and fully appreciated. He was one of its most distinguished contributors.

Public Examinations of the Normal Schools.

The public examinations of the Normal Schools, in the Eastern section of the province, have furnished abundant proofs, this year like the preceding years, of the interest taken in these useful institutions.

The examination of the pupil-teachers of the Laval Normal School took place on the days of the 13th and 14th June last. The Superintendent of Education presided. Among the numerous and distinguished assistants, we remarked Mgr Horan, bishop of Kingston and former Principal of the Normal School; the very Revd.

Vicar Gen. Casault, the Revd. Mr. Auclair, and a number of the most prominent citizens of Quebec.

The students were examined on the different branches taught during the year. Their answers were accompanied with demonstrations, examples and experiments. Their progress in French grammar, literature, history, geography, the exact sciences, astronomy, physics, was shown by the readiness, correctness and ease with which they answered the questions put to them by the assistants, who seldom followed the order of the programme and often put questions not included in its contents. Problems involving algebra and trigonometry, of no ordinary difficulty were promptly solved, and in general the pupils gave proof of pedagogic knowledge, by the manner in which they explained the subjects, developing them before the audience, as they should at some future period before their pupils; furnishing demonstrations and tracing on the black board when need be, a map, a plan, or a figure with rapidity and justness. Indeed it was now and then necessary to restrain these gentlemen, who taking too extensive a view of the subject would not have left time for other matters. The choice collection of physical apparatus, maps and engravings possessed by this institution, were much admired by the public, who at the same time saw the uses to which they are destined. The monotony of the exercises was relieved by the performance of several exquisite pieces of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of their able professor, Mr. Gagnon. After the prizes were distributed and the diplomas conferred, a farewell address was read by one of the pupils, and a few words addressed to them by the Superintendent, by Mgr Horan and by the Principal. The congratulations exchanged between the worthy prelate and his former pupils, who had justly referred to him the greater part of their success, found a ready echo in all present. The former Principal assured them of the pleasure which their progress afforded him. In alluding to their removal from the old castle, the Superintendent assured them that their presence in that venerable building had in no ways derogated to its honor as residence of the former governors of Canada.

The examination of the Jacques Cartier Normal School took place at Montreal, on the 29th June. The students were interrogated by the Superintendent, by their professors, and those of the other schools there present, on the different subjects contained in their programmes. Although the halls were open to the public, we remarked but very few friends of education, and two reporters of English papers, who justly praise the examination on the elements of agriculture conducted by Mr. Ossaye, whose lessons though gratuitous, were not the less practical or the less fruitful in happy results during the course of the year. The attendance at the closing sitting for the distribution of prizes attracted a large audience, comprising a great number of the clergy, and the most distinguished citizens. The musical performance of the students under the direction of their able teacher Mr. Brauneis showed forth their progress in this branch. Several pieces of the Creation by Hayden were executed by a chorus of students accompanied with an orchestra formed by the musicians of the 17th regiment. Mr. Lenoir and Mr. Archambault, one as basso, the other as tenor were remarkably successful in the execution of that celebrated oratorio. M. Amyraut delivered the farewell address, and the Superintendent and the Principal in their speeches specially insisted on the severity of the examinations which the pupils obtaining diplomas had to undergo. For success it is not sufficient to have a good note in one of the branches, but it is requisite to have a satisfactory note in every branch taught; this explains why many of the pupils who had received prizes, had not obtained diplomas even for elementary Schools. Of 53 pupils who during the year had attended the Normal School, but 16 have obtained diplomas. The Rev. Canon Pilon and the Rev. Mr. Langevin, Principal of the Laval Normal School, then congratulated the pupils on their success. Rev. Mr. Langevin, who had assisted at all the previous sittings, declared that though the rivalry existing between Quebec and Montreal for many years, had not always been productive of happy results, he was pleased at the emulation between the Normal Schools of the two Cities, and that on his part he should not fail to encourage the students to contend with zeal and ardor with their youthful fellows of Montreal, whose success he has been able to appreciate.

The Hon. Mr. Loranger being called upon, spoke with his usual eloquence. We regret that want of space prevents us from inserting his remarks on the advantages offered by the Normal Schools, and the rapid development given to education since their foundation. The exercises were closed with the chorus of the *Rataplan*, from the opera of *La Fille du Régiment*, accompanied by the orchestra. The President in tendering his thanks to Col. Gordon and to the officers of the 17th regiment, who were present at the sitting,