

delivered an appropriate address. The college building is known as McMaster Hall, the building fund having been entirely donated by the Hon. Wm. McMaster of Toronto. The college course is entirely theological.

A teacher in the County of Lennox, writes to explain how it is that teachers get such low salaries. He says:—"The reason is that teachers underbid each other on account of some advantage, real or supposed, possessed by one school over another. If teachers will underbid each other, of course no advance in salaries can reasonably be expected, and the result is that the best teachers do not always get the best schools, because good teachers will not reduce their salaries. If teachers would form a union similar to the Trades Union, they might control in a greater degree their own salaries."

The following subjects were for discussion at the teachers' convention at Port Hope, June 2nd and 3rd.—How may the tendency to vicious literature be best checked? Would teachers' unions be beneficial to the profession? What part of the school exercise should tend to the cultivation of memory? What is the best plan to prevent tardiness? To what extent is the teacher responsible for the moral training of his pupils? Would you prevent whispering in the school room; and if so, how? What are proper incentives to study? How would you check truancy? Should fractions be taught before reduction and the compound rules? Are school exhibitions beneficial? Should spelling be taught orally? How can we make indolent pupils study? By what means can we induce parents to take greater interest in school work? How often should written examinations be held? How would you assist pupils in preparing their reading lessons in the different classes? To what extent would you ask pupils to correct each others' mistakes? When and how would you begin the teaching of problems in arithmetic to young pupils? How can you prevent children counting on their fingers?

It is said that Mr. Miller, a Huron County inspector of schools and a candidate for the inspectorship of prisons, is to be the new bursar of the asylum at Orillia. The pay and the emoluments of the latter office are said to be superior to that of the inspectorship.—*Collingwood Messenger*.

There is to be a convention of the Business Educators of America held at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 6th of June, and Mr. J. W. Johnson of Ontario Business College, Belleville, is on the programme as one of the speakers.—*Belleville Ontario*.

The following address was presented to H. J. Galton B.A., Head Master Brampton High School, with a handsome clock and two beautiful accompanying ornaments, on the occasion of his departure from Brampton last Easter:—"To J. H. Galton, Esq., B.A., Head Master Brampton High School, Dear Sir, We the teachers and pupils of the Brampton High School cannot permit you to sever your connection with us, without expressing the high respect and esteem in which you are held by us, and our sincere regret at your departure. We desire also to make known our high appreciation of your patience and kindness in dealing with our faults, your untiring exertions for our advancement, and the ability you have displayed not only in directing our studies preparatory to examinations, but also in giving us such instruction as will more materially fit us for the active duties of life. We feel confident that the high position our school now occupies amongst those of the Province, is due in no small degree to your constant zeal and energy in furthering its interests. As a slight token of our affectionate regard, please accept the accompanying clock, which, we trust, may serve to call up pleasant recollections. With our present, receive, dear Sir, our warmest wishes for the health and prosperity of yourself and Mrs. Galton, and permit us to express an earnest hope that, in your new sphere of labor, you may meet with that success which your merits so well deserve. Assuring you that you will long be held in pleasant remembrance we beg to subscribe ourselves yours most affectionately." Mr Galton made a touching and appropriate reply.

By special arrangement with the Education Department, the Entrance and Intermediate Examinations are to be held in Pickering College. This will be a great convenience to its students.

Mr. G. Kimmerly, assistant teacher in the high school, Napanee, has resigned his position and gone to Toronto, having received a situation in the office of Mr. Kerr, manager of the Northern and Northwestern Railway. Mr. Kimmerly was an excellent teacher, and the remark of the head master, that he was "heartily sorry to lose his services" says a great deal. The vacancy caused by his resignation has been temporarily filled by Mr. Fulford Ruttan.

The Toronto University Local Examinations for Women will again be held in Pickering College. This year the number of candidates is eleven.

Mr. M. J. Glass, who is about resigning his position as head master of the London West public school to accept the head mastership of the Waterloo North school in the city, was recently presented by the pupils of his school with a very handsome album and music box combined. The presentation was made by Miss May Lackey, Master William Wattam reading a kindly-worded address, signed by Georgina Calver, Vesta Ross, Mary Sims and Nellie Hagary. The album was purchased from Jas. I. Anderson & Co.

Mr. Robert Graham, of the Arva public school was presented by his pupils with a very handsome \$25 gold ring. Mr. Graham will take the head mastership of the London West public schools shortly. During his stay at Arva he has made himself immensely popular. Miss K. M. Marshall was also presented by the scholars in her room with a neat little autograph album.

The May number of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL is excellent in the tone and variety of its articles. The professional department is very full, and cannot fail to be edifying to all those for whom such problems and hints are specially designed.—*Bowmanville Observer*.

Mr. C. F. McGillivray, B.A., late assistant master in the Whitby Collegiate Institute, has entered on the duties of Head Master of Fergus High School, salary \$800. Mr. J. McCollum, B. A. is his successor.

Another primary department under the charge of Miss Mitchell, has been opened in the Model School, Whitby. There are now ten teachers employed in the Public Schools of the town. The average attendance during April was very low, owing to the prevalence of various diseases in a mild form.

The school trustees of Belleville have decided to abolish the Model School in connection with the Central School. It is probable that a Model School for the county may be re-established in Trenton.

William Oliver, B.A., Bowmanville, has been appointed to the Principalship of the Brantford Collegiate Institute. There were thirteen applications for the position, embracing qualifications of a very high order. It would have been difficult for the Board to make a better selection. Mr. Oliver received his preliminary education at the Woodstock High School. At a meeting of the Board of Education, Bowmanville, it was resolved that the chairman (Mr. Couch), Col. Cubitt and Mr. Higginbotham, be a committee to get up a suitable document or testimonial to present to Mr. Oliver, in reference to the efficient and faithful discharge of his official and public duties in connection with the school.

Mr. D. W. B. McKay, Head Master of St. George's School, London, is about to remove to Winnipeg. His late pupils presented him with a piece of silverware.

The East Middlesex and some other teachers have engaged a local teacher to give them a course of lessons, with the view of enabling them to teach music by the Tonic Sol-fa method. The preliminary lesson was given last Saturday. It is time the teachers were awakening to the importance of singing in their schools, and the fact that it ought to be one of the regularly taught branches, and taught by the regular teachers. Trustees who realize the advantages of vocal music in their schools could secure it by advertising for teachers competent to teach singing. It is said on good authority that if all the teachers understood music as presented by the Tonic Sol-fa notation, there would be only a very small percentage of them who could not teach singing in their schools.

The Stirling School Board and the Inspector have fallen out over the retention on the part of the former of a teacher without the proper qualifications. One of the members of the Board became so angry at what he chose to regard as undue officiousness that he moved a resolution asking the County Council to remove the offending official. The resolution had no seconder.—*Toronto Mail*.

The London (West) School Board, in accepting the resignation of their Head Master with regret, a member said it would be a lesson to the board in future, however, to give such remuneration to a first-class teacher as would induce him to remain with them. It would be well if school boards generally would lay such a lesson to heart.

A movement is on foot in Brantford, led by Dr. Harris, an indefatigable progressive worker on the School Board, to give the teachers of the Public Schools the benefit of a course of lessons in reading and elocution. This is a step in the right direction.