

holy, some profane ; but death comes in like *finis* at the last, to close up the whole ; for that is the end of all men.—*Fitz Geoffry*, 1620.

A FACT WITH A MORAL.—A celebrated artist in one of his rambles, met with the most beautiful and interesting child that he had ever seen. "I will paint the portrait of this child, he said, "and keep it for my own, for I may never look upon its like again." He painted it, and when troubles came and evil passions moved his spirit to rebel, he gazed upon the likeness of the boy, and passion fled, and holier thoughts entranced his soul. Years passed away, and

at length, within a prison's walls, stretched upon the floor of stone, he sees a man, stained with blood, with glaring eyes and haggard face, and demoniac rage, cursing himself and his fellow-beings, and blaspheming God, as he lay waiting for the moment of his execution. The artist transferred his likeness also to the canvas, and placed it opposite to the child's. How striking, how complete the contrast ! The angel boy—the fiendish man ! What must have been the feelings of the artist, when, upon inquiry, he ascertained that both portraits he had made were of the same individual ! The beautiful, the innocent child, had grown into the hideous, the sinful man !

EDUCATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

CANADA.

—The East Middlesex Teachers' Association will meet in London, on the 14th inst.

—At the recent session of the Middlesex Co. Council, a resolution was adopted opposing the formation of Township Councils into Township School Trustee Boards.

—We have before us an able and lengthy report for the year 1872, presented at the recent session of the Lanark County Council, by H. L. Slack, Esq., M.A., County Inspector of Schools. Mr. Slack complains of the same difficulty experienced in nearly all parts of the Province, viz:—irregular attendance. The number of children of school age in the County was 7,500, the number entered on the Registers was 1st half-year 5,457, 2nd half-year 4,915 : while the average was only 2,756 for the 1st half-year, and 3,620 for the 2nd half-year, or 3,188 for the whole year. Mr. Slack advocates compulsory attendance, and Township Boards of Trustees, and strongly recommends *Competitive Examinations*. At the two examinations for granting certificates to teachers in July and December last, 83 candidates presented themselves, of whom 3 obtained Second Class, and 43 Third Class Certificates. Many of those who obtained Third Class Certificates proved unsuccessful. The county Teachers' Association is in a flourishing condition.

—From the report of J. C. Glashan, Esq., Inspector Division No. 1, Middlesex, we learn that there are in his Division 91 rural, 3 Roman Catholic separate, 4 village and 6 town schools. At the rural schools there was an average attendance for the first half-year of 3,794 and for the second half-year of 3,110, or for the whole year 3,479, making an increase of one per cent. over 1871. He suggests whether it would not be better that owners of land, instead of being compelled to sell land for school sites, should only be compelled to lease it for such time as it is occupied for school purposes. He also points out that while Trustees can be authorized to borrow money, the Township Councils levy the rates, and the amount is not reported, only the amounts raised by the Trustees. He thinks this mode of raising money very complicated. He also points out that in the case of altered or united school sections, while provision is made for the division or appropriation of the school fund and property, there is no provision for the division or appropriation of moneys on hand arising from other sources.

—It is designed by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to establish a Museum of Geology and Mineralogy in connection with the School of Technology, now established in Toronto. It is also intended to affiliate the latter School with the University, so far as the studies pursued in the two in-