

## Notes and News.

## ONTARIO.

Those interested in educational work in Milton are agitating for the establishment of a High School in that town.

A Teachers' Association has been formed in the County of Dufferin, and the following officers for the ensuing year have been appointed:—Mr. N. Gordon, P.S.I., President; Mr. A. Steele, B.A., Vice-President; and Mr. F. B. Denton, Shelburne, Secretary-Treasurer. The Association was organized on the 25th of June, and the first regular meeting will be held in October next.

Mr. J. Dearness, P.S.I., of E. Middlesex, states in his report to the School Board:—"It will be gratifying to the rate-payers that I am able to report that, without decrease in the means of public education or in the efficiency of their use, the total expenditure for all school purposes shows a reduction for the year 1880 of \$1,852.90."

At the Perth Union Teachers' Convention, it was announced by Mr. Moir that arrangements had been effected by which teachers and members of the Association could procure return tickets to any place on the Grand Trunk Railway during holidays at one and one-third rates.

An attractive and imitative feature has been introduced into the Renfrew Model School during the last year under Mr. E. A. Stevens, Principal. About fifty frames consisting of mottoes, chronos, anti-tobacco pledges, etc., decorate the walls of the building, while a summer house 30 ft. long, 16 ft. wide, has been erected for the girls. Among the mottoes may be mentioned the following as being particularly appropriate: Labor has sure Reward, Peace be unto this House, Do Right and Fear Not, Knowledge is Power, Well Begun is Half Done, Learn to do Good, The Lord will Provide, With Joy We Greet You, Kind Words can Never Die. The first motto that arrests the visitor's eye on entering any of the departments is Welcome, while the last one on taking his exit is, Call Again. At the recent Public Examination the visitors were amazingly surprised to find the ceilings of the several departments ornamented with hanging baskets of artificial flowers, while the windows and teachers' desks were abundantly furnished with numerous pots of growing flowers, tastefully arranged. Some of the mothers expressed their willingness to return if possible to their school days in case they could attend such a school. The pupils during the recitations performed their parts readily and praiseworthy. Marked harmony seemed to exist between teachers and pupils, due no doubt, in part at least, to the improvements in the surroundings. This is a push in the right direction. Children require pleasant school rooms as well as attractive homes to encourage them in their youthful efforts, and to make their first difficulties less arduous. All these things please the youthful eye, and cultivate a taste for the beautiful in nature and art. The highest credit is due to Mr. Stevens, Head Master, for initiating a movement which may be imitated with pleasure and profit in the schools of every class in the Dominion.

## MANITOBA.

The Council of the University of Manitoba met Tuesday, June 21st, at 4 p.m., in the city hall, for the purpose of conferring degrees, presenting medals, and otherwise publicly honouring those students who had been successful in their efforts to acquire the right to such distinction. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was present. On his arrival at the door, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, he was met by the Chancellor of the University and other members of the Council, who conducted him to his seat on the platform, to the right of the Chancellor. Around him were seated His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Hon. Joseph Royal, M.P., Mr. Justice Dubuc, the professors of St. Boniface College, Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, Rev. James Robertson, Consul Taylor and others, including the candidates for degrees. On the Chancellor's left were seated Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne, Dr. Cowan, Mr. D. Macarthur, Rev. Canon O'Meara, and Rev. Mr. Matheson, of St. John's College, Rev. O. Fortin, Ven. Archdeacon Cowley and others including the candidates for *ad eundem* degrees. In the audience were observed a considerable number of prominent citizens, the ladies interested in the cause of higher education being also well represented.

The Chancellor of the University, the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, took the chair, and addressed His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor in an eloquent speech in which he dwelt on the rapid and substantial improvement in the work of the University, the high standard of the examinations, consisting of eighty-one sets of papers and the success which the students, thirty three in number,

achieved; the large proportion of those examined who have succeeded and were entitled to degrees with honours; and the inestimable value of denominational colleges, furnishing residence and supervision to the students. He spoke in terms of profound regret of Professor Forget, late director of St. Boniface college, whose lamented death left a blank in their chief workers. He urged the friends of the University to exert themselves to procure a grant of land from the Dominion government to aid their increasing demands, and he hoped the young University might grow with the growth of this great country, and be able to draw around it the confidence and regard of the people. His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor made an appropriate and cheerful reply in English and French, which was heartily applauded. The registrar, Mr. Rice M. Howard, then read the report of the recent examinations as adopted by the Council of the University, and announced the names of the successful candidates for degrees, medals and other honours.

The names of Messrs. McLennan and Kennedy, of St. John's College, having been announced, these gentlemen came forward and were formally presented to the Chancellor, by Rev. Canon O'Meara as being entitled to receive the degree of B.A. with classic honours, whereupon they knelt in turn before the Chancellor, who, according to the prescribed Latin form, conferred upon them the distinction named.

Messrs. N. Betournay and Haverty, of St. Boniface College, were next presented by Rev. Dr. Lavoie, and received the degree of B.A. with honours in Moral and Mental Science.

Mr. Polworth, of Manitoba College, received the degree of B.A. with Natural Science honours. He was presented to the Chancellor by the Rev. Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Munro, of Manitoba College, was presented by Rev. Mr. Robertson and admitted to the ordinary degree of B.A.

The following gentlemen, graduates of other colleges were then admitted to *ad eundem* degrees:—A. M. Sutherland, B.A., University of Toronto; A. C. Killam, B.A., University of Toronto; N. Agnew, M.D., Victoria University; W. R. Sutherland, M.D., Victoria University; Heber Archibald, B.A., University of Toronto; T. S. Kennedy, B.A., University of Trinity College, Toronto; W. H. Culver, B.A., Victoria University; J. M. Macdonnell, B.A., University of Queen's College; J. A. M. Aikins, M.A., University of Toronto; P. A. Macdonald, B.A., University of Queen's College.

The following gentlemen being unavoidably absent, were admitted to *ad eundem* degrees by proclamation of the Chancellor.—R. Bourne, M.A., Trinity College, Dublin; A. W. Ross, B.A., University of Toronto.

Mr. Fawcett (non-collegiate student) also received the degree of B.A., with natural science honours, by proclamation of the Chancellor.

Mr. N. Betournay, of St. Boniface College, received the Governor-General's silver medal for moral and mental science honours. The Chancellor in complimenting him upon his success referred to the fact of his having received the same distinction last year.

Mr. McLennan, of St. John's College, received the honor of the University silver medal, and Mr. Kennedy, of the same college, the University bronze medal for classical honours.

Mr. Polworth, of Manitoba College, received the distinction of the silver medal for natural science honours.

Mr. Bird, of St. John's College, as being first in the combined subjects of mathematics and botany, and also first-class in all the subjects, received the Governor-General's bronze medal.

The Chancellor then pronounced the council adjourned.

The Council of the University of Manitoba has recently sustained a very severe loss, through the death of one of its most prominent members, the Rev. Professor Forget Despatis, director of Manitoba College. The deceased gentleman, who was a general favorite, was Chairman of the Board of Studies. At the meeting of Council, held shortly after his death, the Chancellor referred in touching language to the loss, and proposed the following minute, which was unanimously adopted, viz. "That the council in giving expression to the deep regret with which it has heard of the death of the Rev. Professor Forget Despatis, Director of St. Boniface College, desires to bear testimony to the great services Professor Forget rendered to the University from its foundation, not only by his unwearied and disinterested efforts on its behalf as a member of the Council, a member of the board of studies, and a member of the board of examiners, but also by having largely promoted harmony and united action by his kind and courteous manners. The council desires to record its deep sense of the great loss the University has suffered in his re-