

*London.** The first School was opened in London about the year 1828. The building, in which this School was kept, was probably a very plain structure. Among the first Teachers of any note were Mr. Routledge, Messieurs John Hawkins, Edward Allen Talbot and his Brother John Talbot. Each of these kept school for a brief period only, between the years 1828 and 1837. Mr. Hawkins' school was on what is now King street, opposite the present Market grounds; and Mr. Edward Allen Talbot had his school at first on what is now Richmond Street, near the corner of Queen's Avenue, and afterwards on the present York Street, west of Ridout Street. There were also schools kept by female Teachers, the best known of whom were Miss Stinson, Miss Cronyn and Mrs. Pringle.

St. Catharines.—The Grantham Academy.† We have it recorded in the *St. Catharines Journal* of June, 1829, that the then Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, Sir John Colborne, visited the Grantham Academy Building on the 22nd of that month, and expressed himself highly pleased with the Building and its surroundings; and on that occasion referred to the fact that contracts had just been let to erect on King Street, opposite the Government House, in Toronto, the building of Upper Canada College. In the *Journal* of the 5th of August, 1829, appeared a notice to the effect that the Academy would be opened on the second Monday of September. (See page 220.) To this announcement the Trustees added the following: "No part of the duty of the Trustees has been attended with more difficulty than the obtaining of competent Teachers; nor is there any in which they have been more fortunate" [than in the present ones: Mr. William Lewis, and Miss Cornelia Convers, niece of the late Dr. Convers]. So, (the writer proceeds,) from Monday, the 16th of September, 1829, we may, as an historical fact, fix the formal opening of the dear old "Grantham Academy,"—the first Classical School established in the Niagara peninsula. The names of the first Trustees were: Messieurs Chauncey Beadle, Jacob Keefer, Lyman Parsons, Robert Campbell and John Gibson. . . . By the books of the Registry Office in this city it will be seen that after the passing of the Act of Incorporation in 1830, the late Honourable William Hamilton Merritt made a deed conveying in fee simple the land, one acre and one-hundredth of an acre—on which the building was then erected, to the Trustees of the Grantham Academy, which land, from aught that appears on the record, is still vested in the said Trustees. The lot itself of four hundred acres was originally patented on the 6th of May, 1796, to the Honourable Robert Hamilton, from whom the site of the Academy was purchased by Mr. Merritt. . . . Mr. Lewis, the Master, resigned in August, 1830, and Mr. Walker, assistant to Mr. Lewis, was appointed in his place until December, when Mr. Thirkell was appointed Principal. . . . In October, 1830, Miss Margaret Anderson, (afterwards Mrs. Thomas Adams), who was educated in Edinburgh, was appointed to the Female Department. . . . In September, 1831, Mr. William McLaren, of Union College, Schenectady, succeeded Mr. Thirkell. The other Teachers were Mr. Swait and Miss Convers. The Trustees at this time were Messieurs Hiram Leavenworth, Lyman Parsons, William C. Chace, Henry Wilkinson and Simon Vandecar. (See page 313.)

Niagara Grammar School.‡ Dr. John Whitelaw was appointed Master of the District (Grammar) School in 1830, and held that post until 1851. He was a good classical scholar, and had a school of forty pupils. Many received here a sound education. He had different assistants, among whom was his son John, a young man of great promise, who died early in his career. He is still remembered for his lectures on Chemistry and his interesting experiments in it. Among Dr. Whitelaw's pupils were Judges Burns, Miller and Baxter, Sheriff McKellar, the Reverend Mr. Trew, and Messieurs J. G. Currie, S. D. Woodruff, Walter Meneilly, James M. Dunn and Frank Harkness.

Miss Black's School St. Catharines.§ In the *Farmers' Journal*, etc., of September, 1829, Miss Black informs her friends and the public that her Select School will recommence on Tuesday, the 15th September, 1829; that she will receive only a limited number of pupils, and that she will personally superintend their moral and religious instruction. No day scholars will be admitted. Board £6 10s., (\$26); Tuition, £2, (\$8) per quarter. Other accomplishments as usual.

Cornwall Grammar School. In addition to the information in regard to the Cornwall Grammar School, given by Mr. C. J. Mattice, on page 230, the following

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