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THE Parry Sound District Teachers' Institute held a meeting in the school house, Parry Sound, on the 24th and 25th of June. There was an unusually large gathering. Mr. J. J. Tilley, a government director, and the district inspector, Rev. Geo. Grant, were present. Mr. Tilley was heartily received by the teachers. His lecture on Thursday evening in Union Hall, "A Plea for National Education," was a forcible address. At the close of the lecture and of the institute, resolutions were unanimously adopted tendering thanks to Mr. J. J. Tilley for his eloquent address and valuable services. The Rev. G. Grant contributed greatly to the success of the institute.

The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. G. Grant; Vice-President, W. Mathewson; Sec.-Treas., D. McEachran; Committee, Misses Mustard, Watson, and McKay; Messrs. Butler and McMillan.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE is renowned as one of the most conservative and prudent colleges in the country, and it has been "chaffed" sometimes for allowing its reverence for tradition to chill its interest in progress. But yet it is one of the few great colleges which have admitted women to examination and to a college certificate of their attainments, and it has recently decided by a unanimous vote of the board of trustees to confer upon women the various literary and philosophical degrees to which, upon examination, they may be found entitled. Consequently at the late commencement, this venerable mother of arts, literature and science, for the first time—and we believe first of any institution of similar standing in the country—conferred upon a young woman in person, who was already a Bachelor of Wellesley College, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy *cum laude*.—*Harper's Weekly*.

A MEETING of the board of governors of King's College was held in Halifax at the residence of the bishop on the 5th June. The most important business transacted at the meeting was the appointment of the present professor of divinity and acting president, Rev. Canon Brock, to the position of president. Canon Brock has proved himself an able administrator and under his regime the college has assumed a prominent position among the educational institutions of the province. New life and material progress is visible in every department and the friends of King's look forward with confidence to an era of prosperity for the college marked by a widening influence for good and a substantial increase in the number of students. Mr. Hammond who has lectured in classics during the present year and whose connection with the college has been eminently satisfactory was re-appointed.—*Hant's Journal*.

IN the theatre of the Normal School the usual closing exercises were given on the evening of the 18th ultimo by the pupils of the school; and at the same place on the 25th a week later, the Ontario Model School held a similar gathering. The readings and recitations given at the latter were noticeable in many instances for faulty tone and

pronunciation, with the notable exception of Miss May Francis, whose tone and graceful action formed a strong contrast. The clever essay, "The Works of Robert Burns," was remarkably well read by Miss McClure, but the EDUCATIONAL WEEKLY cannot for a moment uphold the views of the essayist that the poet would have been enabled so effectually to reach the hearts of his more humble admirers, had he been blessed with opportunities for higher education. The blue ribbon of the school—the Governor-General's medal—was awarded to Miss Emma Rollo in the senior 5th, and to Miss Maude Kingsmill in the senior 4th division.

THE annual meeting of the Lanark County Teachers' Association was held at Almonte on the 13th and 14th of May. A very large number of teachers was present. Mr. Mitchell, M.A., I.P.S., pointed out how he would teach geography to pupils in the public schools, followed by Mr. D. A. Nesbit, H.M.P.S., Pakenham, who took up mental arithmetic. An essay was read by Miss Tivey. Mr. Houston, Parliamentary Librarian, was the next spokesman, followed by Dr. McLellan, who also gave a lecture in the evening. The officers for the next year are as follows:—N. Robertson, B.A., H.M.H.S., Smith's Falls, President; Miss L. Steadman, Vice-President; M. M. Jacques, H.M.H.S., Perth, Sec.-Treas. Committee of Management, Miss Girard, Carleton Place Public School; J. R. Johnston, B.A., H.M.H.S., Carleton Place; Miss F. Gilroy, S. Falls; J. McCarter, H.M.H.S., Almonte; T. J. Malrond, Math. Master, Almonte High School. Auditors, J. C. Hamilton, H.M. Smith's Falls P. S.; A. J. Goth, H.M., Carleton Place P. S. Delegate to the Provincial Association, F. L. Mitchell, M.A., I.P.S.

THE Wilmot and Wellesley Teachers' Association held their 5th meeting in Wellesley, June 12th, a fair number of teachers being present. The programme was as follows:—"President's Address," Mr. Filkins; "Freehand Drawing," Mr. Wilkinson; "The Teachers' Four Great Plagues," Mr. Donneworth; "Woman's Sphere," Mr. Beatty. The following resolutions were adopted by the association:—1. That the association disapprove of the mode by which our public school inspector examines the copies when he makes his visits. 2. Moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Beatty, that whereas in many instances considerable difficulty is experienced by married teachers to find dwelling houses at all convenient to their schools, and therefore often have to remove from a section for this reason, and in many cases leave the profession simply because a permanent situation is scarcely obtainable, even in the case of able teachers; resolved that in the opinion of this association, the interests of education in general would be better served, and also that a step towards greater permanency in the profession would be secured, if school sections were required to build suitable residences for teachers.

AT Gravenhurst on the 17th and 18th June the teachers' convention for the district was attended by a large number of the teachers. The proceedings were interesting and instructive. The first day Mr. Thomas Prin, of the Bracebridge P.S., occupied some time on the subject of drawing; next Mr. Bradley, with an essay on history; Dr. Davis

followed with some practical remarks on hygiene. On the second day convention was opened with prayer by Mr. Reazin, P.S.I., who afterwards occupied a short time on elementary algebra. Dr. McLellan then brought before the convention his mode of teaching arithmetic to the primary classes; after which Rev. Mr. Clark, M.D., addressed the convention on the subject of the teachers' dignity. In the afternoon Dr. McLellan took up the subject of literature. He thought that teacher the most successful who not only succeeded in implanting in his pupils a desire for further reading than they can get at school, but who succeeds in implanting a desire for the right kind of reading. The teacher must have a love for the right kind of reading, and must read, or he cannot beget that desire in the minds of his pupils. The lectures and essays were agreeably interspersed with instrumental music and Kindergarten songs.

THE Manitoba Teachers' Association had a meeting at the end of June. There was a very large attendance of teachers. Mr. Somerset, the president, delivered his opening address, reviewing the work of the year. He asserted that the composition of the board of management should be based more upon the knowledge that members had of the needs of the country than their being representatives of a certain section. Referring to the increase of schools and advance of education, he pointed out that in 1882 there were but 200 schools in the province; now there are 450. He also referred to the high qualifications necessary to fit persons for teaching, and the efforts put forth to secure the necessary training. Out of 426 teachers now teaching in the province 285 had received a normal school training. Mr. N. McCallum, of Portage la Prairie, read a paper on "Written Examinations." The officers elected for the ensuing year are:—President, Mr. Somerset, re-elected; vice-president, Mr. Goggin; second vice, Mr. McCallum; secretary, W. A. McIntyre; treasurer, Mr. Kerr. The following were elected as the council:—D. McIntyre, E. S. Popham, Miss S. Sharp, E. A. Blakely, and N. McCallum.

AN interesting exhibition of skill and discipline by the pupils of the board school in Crampton street, Newington Butts, was given in the presence of the Rev. J. Diggle, chairman of the London School Board and a small party of ladies and gentlemen. This was the first semi-public display of the kind, the class only having recently been formed. Thirty-eight pupils, all young girls between the age of ten and thirteen, took part in drilling and gymnastic exercises. The gymnasium is a broad and lofty structure, fitted up with a perfect network of wooden bars round the walls, and provided also with bars and chains and hanging poles of a very substantial kind. Attired in neat white overalls, with pale blue sashes, the little ones presented a very pleasing sight as they marched in in double file, singing a simple Tyrolese melody. Obedient to the word of command from either of their instructresses, Miss Strachan and Miss Ely, they marched and counter-marched and did right about, left, with all the precision of a regiment of regulars, and went through all their gymnastic exercises with evident gusto in the same orderly and simultaneous fashion. The system of teaching prevailing here is that of the Swedish