

GALT, ST. CATHARINES, AND BRANFORD each give \$1,000 per annum to their principal teachers. Hamilton gives \$850; Berlin and London \$800 each, and Paisley \$700. Woodstock has two principals at \$600 each. The Inspectors in Hamilton and London act as principals, the former receiving \$1,500 and the latter \$1,000 per annum. S. S. No. 6, Dereham, Oxford County, has offered the highest salary in the rural section we have yet heard of, the amount being \$750. Don't all apply at once.

At the February meeting of the East Bruce Teachers' Association, 28 inspectors and teachers attended, and five new names were added to the roll of membership. A very practical and instructive address was delivered by John Eckford, Esq., late local Superintendent of Schools, on the subject of "Education, Progress, and the necessary qualifications of a Teacher." Mr. Miller, the President, gave a valedictory address, noting particularly the increasing influence of Teachers' Associations, and recommending the itinerant principle in the selection of officers.

A TUTOR of one of the Oxford colleges who limped in his walk was some years after accosted by a well-known politician, who asked him if he was the chaplain of the college at such a time, naming the year. The doctor replied that he was. The interrogator observed, "I knew you by your limp." "Well," said the doctor, "it seems my limping made a deeper impression than my preaching." "Ah, doctor," was the reply, with ready wit, "it is the highest compliment we can pay a minister to say that he is known by his walk rather than by his conversation."

A MR. DEAN, who is said to be editor of a paper at L'Orignal, has been accused of piracy and plagiarism, having represented himself as being the author of "Olive Varcoe," and "Alone," both of which were written by ladies. On being questioned, he admits that they are not the same works as are referred to above, though of the same name; but in answer to further enquiries, he refuses to say where his works were published, or how it came that he chose the same titles. Perhaps nothing better could be expected from a man who would denounce as "curs" the gentlemen who saw fit to address these enquiries to him.

A SCHOOLMASTER, after giving one of his pupils a drubbing for speaking bad grammar, sent him to the other end of the room to inform another boy that he wished to speak to him, and at the same time promised to repeat the dose if he spoke to him ungrammatically. The youngster, being quite satisfied with what he had got, determined to be exact, and thus addressed his fellow pupil:—"A common substantive of the masculine gender, singular number, nominative case, and in an angry mood, that sits perched upon the eminence at the other end of the room, wishes to articulate a few sentences to you in the present tense."

THE INSPECTOR of Schools for the County of Oxford held a meeting in the school house of S. S. No. 1, West Zorra, lately, to take into consideration the legality of the proceedings at the late annual meeting of that section. He found in the minutes of the poll book 23 votes recorded, 12 for one candidate and 11 for the other, but the sixth one recorded was the chairman's; thus that worthy officer had given the casting vote previous to the tie being declared. On those grounds the Inspector voided the election, and ordered a new one to take place on the 10th inst. This instance will

serve to illustrate to all School Boards the necessity of exercising caution in their proceedings, otherwise trouble and expense may unnecessarily be put upon the ratepayers.—*Chronicle*.

COMPETITIVE examinations for the townships of Darlington, Clarke and Cartwright will be held in the school buildings at Hampton, Orono and Williamsburgh, on Friday and Saturday, March 16th and 17th. There will be senior, intermediate and junior classes, under the respective ages of 17, 14 and 12 years, and each school competing will be allowed to send three pupils in each class. Entrance fees will be \$1.00 for each class represented, and 25 cents for each pupil competing. Committee—A. Barber, Tyrone; C. H. Kermott, Newcastle; John Hughes, Cartwright; and John Squair, Secretary, Orono.

OWING to the overcrowded state of the Dundas Public Schools, the Trustees resolved to exclude the children of such persons as have not their names on the Public School Tax Roll. This resolution being enforced, caused considerable annoyance, and several parents wished to have their names transferred from the list of supporters of the separate schools, but it was found that this cannot be done after the second Wednesday in January. However, it has been agreed that a certificate to the Head Master from the Town Clerk, stating that a parent desires to pay his tax to the Public School, will admit the children this year.

IN nearly all of our neighboring States the provision for public education fails to fully accomplish the work for which it is intended. In little Rhode Island, with less than a quarter of a million population, 14,152 children attended school less than one month last year. The school population of Indiana is 679,230, and of this number 162,960 did not go to any school, public or private, last year. In Ohio less than one-half of the children go to school. With such statistics as these with a free school system in operation, what might we expect if it were abolished and private enterprise established in its place.

It is unfortunate that all J. P.'s cannot see alike. Quite a number of teachers have recently been tried before magistrates for punishing their pupils, the outraged (?) parents prosecuting. It is not very encouraging to teachers to know that it makes a very material difference to them what magistrate tries their case; or in other words, that while one would acquit, another would convict on the same evidence. If corporal punishment is allowed by the law, teachers should be protected by the officers of the law, and not have their influence with their pupils destroyed by being subjected to fines and disgrace.

THE LANARK TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION was held in Carleton Place on Friday and Saturday, Feb'y 23rd and 24th, about 70 teachers attending. President Slack, I. P. S., occupied the chair, and addressed the teachers at considerable length on points of importance regarding the management and discipline of schools. Mr. McCarter, Almonte, read a carefully prepared paper on "Interrogation," which was the subject of much discussion and a good deal of commendation for the sound, practical advice it gave to the younger and less experienced teachers. "The Successful Teacher" and "Class Registers" were introduced by Messrs. Raine, Perth, and Cram, Carleton Place, both subjects being well discussed. The next meeting will be held after the midsummer holidays.