

At a very successful entertainment given last month in connection with Weston High School, Mr. G. Wallace, B.A., Head Master, the sum of \$80 was raised, which will be appropriated to the scholarship and prize fund.

Mr. Thomas R. Chipsham, who is well known throughout the county of Peel, having for some time attended the Broddytown Public School, afterwards the High School, and, more recently was a student in Pickering College, distinguished himself in a heroic manner on the occasion of the fire in the College. By strenuous efforts and at great personal risk he succeeded in checking the ravages of the fire, and, with assistance, subdued it, but not until about \$500 worth of damage was done. Were it not for these brave services it is more than probable the whole building would have been destroyed. As a recognition of his valuable services, the College Committee have voted him a year's tuition and board free, and presented him with a gold medal hung on gold swinging bars, enclosing his monogram beautifully executed. The inscription on the medal is: "Presented to Thomas R. Chipsham by the Managing Committee of Pickering College in acknowledgement of the heroic services rendered by him, October 27th, 1881, at the fire which threatened the destruction of the College Building. Elias Rogers, Sec., John R. Harris, Chairman." The British American Assurance Co., through Robert McLean, Esq., their inspector, have sent Mr. Chipsham a letter notifying their appreciation of his brave conduct, and presenting him with a cheque for \$150. The following words are extracted from the letter: "The noble sentiments contained in your reply are a credit to your head and heart, and cannot but find a hearty response in every rightly constituted mind."

NOVA SCOTIA.

Rev. J. Burwash, A.M., Professor of Natural Science, in Mt. Allison College, Sackville, N.B., has resigned his chair to assume charge of the First Methodist Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Professor Burwash is a younger brother of Rev. Dr. Burwash, Cobourg, Ont. For several years he filled the position of Provincial Assayer as well as that of Examiner in Science to the University of Halifax. The Board of Governors of Mt. Allison College, at a recent meeting filled the vacancy by electing W. L. Goodwin, Esq., winner of the Gilchrist Scholarship in 1877, and B. Sc. of the University of London.

The Rhetorical Exhibition of the Junior Class of Acadia College, was held on the 15th ult. Essays were delivered by the members of the class as follows: "Adam Smith's Influence on the Modern Industrial World," by T. Sherman Rogers, Amherst. "Republicanism in France and in the United States," by D. Spurgeon Whitman, New Albany. "The Influence of the Thinker on his Age," by I. Wallace Corey, Cole's Island, N.B. "Nihilism in Russia," by Joseph S. Lockhart Lockhartville. "The Augustan Age," by Clarence W. Bradshaw, Centreville, P.E.I. "Art in Relation to Strength," by Barclay E. L. Tremaine, Halifax. "The Uses of Biography," by Charles W. Williams, Wolfville. "Alexander at Arbela," by Herbert R. Welton, Wolfville. "The Crusades," by A. Lewis Powell, Amherst. "Gladstone and Beaconsfield," by C. Osborne Tupper, Amherst. "Venice," by William C. Goucher, Truro. "Tennyson's Ideals," by O. C. S. Wallace, New Cannan. At the close the Exhibition Speeches were delivered by several gentlemen. The address of E. M. Chesley, Esq., A.M., Principal of Yarmouth Seminary, seems to have been particularly well timed.

The University Consolidation Association met for the transaction of business on the 29th ult. The Association with guests dined together in the evening at the Halifax Hotel. Next month's notes will furnish a report of proceedings.

The Board of Governors of Acadia College have inaugurated a movement to endow a Theological Professorship in memory of the late Rev. Charles Tupper, D.D. A subscription of \$500 in furtherance of the movement has been received from the Hon. Minister of Railways.

Albert Coldwell, Esq., A.M. has contributed to the *Mail* and *Herald* an interesting sketch of the Acadia College and its Professors. The same papers have published an elaborate history of Pictou Academy, and its important legislative controversy connected with its establishment.

We regret to record the death of Dr. G. J. Farish, of Yarmouth. From the establishment of the Free School System in Nova Scotia in 1864 until the revision of the method of inspection in 1880, Dr. Farish filled the position of Inspector of Schools for the County of Yarmouth with great efficiency.

Angus Chisholm, Grade A. 1880, and B.A., of St Francis Xavier's College, is spending the winter at his Alma Mater in the position of Assistant Professor of Classics.

MANITOBA.

The Rev. W. C. Pinkham, Superintendent of Education, returned from his eastern trip on November 29th, and has resumed his duties with new vigor and enthusiasm. He is preparing a report of his mission, which we hope to publish in the next number of the *JOURNAL*. We understand that it is his intention to visit different parts of the Province from time to time, as far as his office duties will permit, for the purpose of giving information respecting the School Law, and to stir up educational matters generally. No doubt the enthusiasm which he himself feels he will be able to impart, in some degree, to others.

Greatly to the regret of educationists in Winnipeg, James H. Stewart, Inspector, and Mr. John B. Ferguson, Principal, of the Winnipeg Protestant Schools, have sent in their resignations, to take effect at the end of the school year (January 31st). They both intend to take up University work, and to graduate. Mr. Stewart is an undergraduate in Honors of the University of McGill. He intends to apply for his standing in the University of Manitoba and to graduate here. The work of both gentlemen during the past year has been beyond all praise. The staff of teachers in the city schools is an excellent one. It will have to be increased, but the probabilities are that the highest positions will be filled by promotion.

The supply of duly qualified teachers in Manitoba exceeds the demand, and the Superintendent is inundated with applications from teachers in different parts of the Dominion. Mr. Pinkham endorses *bona fide* certificates from other Provinces, when accompanied by a certificate of good moral character; and certificates, so endorsed, are good until the examination of teachers, which takes place in August. Teachers coming to Manitoba must take their chance of finding employment, with those already in the Province.

At the last meeting of the Council of the University of Manitoba, Mr. Rice M. Howard resigned the position of Registrar, and Mr. T. A. Bernier was elected to the vacancy. Mr. Bernier has lately succeeded the Hon. A. A. C. La Riviere, M.P.P., the new Provincial Secretary, as Superintendent of Education for Roman Catholic schools.

The Rev. Alexander Matheson has, in consequence of enfeebled health, resigned his position as Inspector of the Protestant Schools on the east side of the Red River.

The Board of School Trustees, Portage la Prairie, are preparing to erect a very fine central school. The school population has doubled in that town since last spring.

Readings and Recitations.

BUD B'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

A POEM FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

I.

It was Christmas time, as all the world knew
It stormed without, and the cold wind blew,
But within all was cheerful, snug and bright,
With glowing fires and many a light.

II.

Bud B. was sent quite early to bed,
His stocking was hung up close to his head,
And he said to himself, "When all grows still,
I will find a big stocking for Santy to fill."

III.

Now good honest Hans, who worked at the house,
Had gone to his bed as still as a mouse;
The room where he slept was one story higher
Than Bud's little room, with gaslight and fire.

IV.

Now Hans loved "the poy" and he petted him too,
And often at night when his tasks were all through,
He would tell him strange stories of over the sea,
While Bud listened gravely and laughed out in glee.