

brick, oblong in shape, and two stories high, with a basement. The roof is covered with slate and along the ridge runs a neat iron crest, giving it a tasteful and elegant finish. The exterior presents a very handsome appearance, and so far as beauty of design is concerned reflects great credit on the architect. There are two front entrances, one at the north end for the girls, the other at the south for the boys. From the centre of the building facing the street is a square projection ascending to the second story, in the front of which a marble slab is inserted bearing the words: "Toronto High School, erected 1871." Entering and descending to the basement we find a large room or hall, the entire size of the main building, with a row of fluted iron pillars running from north to south and supporting the superstructure. In this room the pupils will assemble morning and evening for prayers. The first floor is divided into four rooms, each 33 by 19 feet, and capable of accommodating about forty pupils. Each of these apartments is supplied with no less than three doors, one of the ordinary size and two large double folding doors communicating with the adjoining rooms.—*Leader.*

—**BISHOP HORAN AT LINDSAY.**—During the recent visit of Bishop Horan, at Lindsay, he confirmed 333 children, and in the course of his remarks he said:—He was proud of their splendid school houses, both in Lindsay and Ops, and the manner in which they were conducted. Parents gave the best possible proof of their own good sense and superior intelligence, by showing a proper appreciation of the value of education, and by making the necessary sacrifices to procure the highest and the best for their children. He said of the Separate School House, in Lindsay, that it was an ornament to the town, and would be a credit to any city in Canada.

—**SOUTH HASTINGS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**—The members of this Association assembled at Belleville, October 28. The President, J. Johnston, Esq., Inspector, in the chair. Several new members were admitted. Professor J. Macoun, M.A., was elected Vice-President, and a Committee of Management was appointed. Mr. Osbourn then ably introduced the subject of Punctuality, which was followed by an animated discussion of the methods for its promotion. Mr. Johnston introduced the consideration of the New Limit Table, clearly showing the need for such, and how admirably it was adapted to meet the present wants. A discussion ensued, in which Messrs. Irwin, Sprague, Osbourn, Goman and the Chairman took part. Mr. Irwin then delivered a very interesting and instructive discourse on School Organization and Discipline which at the request of the Inspector and the Association he submitted for publication. It was agreed that all subjects upon which teachers need advice be considered during the first half hour of each session. The sessions were very pleasing and instructive, and we have every reason to believe the Association will be a success seeing the Inspector is so deeply interested in it. The date of next meeting is November 18th.

—**TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, MIDDLESEX.**—An Association was formed at Strathroy, for the First Division, No. 1 of Middlesex. The County Inspector, Mr. J. C. Glashan, was appointed President, Mr. McEvoy and Mr. Stewart, Vice-Presidents, Mr. Ross, Secretary, Mr. Andersen, Treasurer. About forty signed the roll of membership. A constitution was adopted. A resolution was passed condemning the compulsory payment, by teachers, to the Superannuated Teachers' Fund.* The following additional resolutions were passed: *Resolved*, That this Association respectfully petition the County Council, praying that at least two of the members of the Board of Examiners be public or high school teachers. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of the Association be held on the second Friday of February, at 10 a.m. The following teachers then volunteered to teach classes for thirty minutes each, viz.:—Mr. McKercher, a class in grammar; Mr. Bell, a class in notation and numeration; Mr. Glashan, a class in addition; Mr. D. Stewart, a class in prefixes and affixes.

After these classes will be heard, the members of the Association present will criticise the mode of teaching. A conversation will be held in the evening, at which Mr. G. W. Ross has already volunteered to give an address. Next day the following subject will be discussed, viz.:—1st. Programme of studies for the Public Schools of Ontario; 2nd. School discipline; 3rd. The best means of securing regular and punctual attendance of children at school. After the meeting adjourned, a petition against the \$4 compulsory subscription was presented to the members present, which every one, without exception, signed. From the interest and zeal manifested by the teachers present, we may hope that the next meeting will be even more successful than the last.—*Com.*

VIII Departmental Notices.

YEARLY AND HALF-YEARLY RETURNS.

The usual supply of yearly and half-yearly returns have been sent to the County Clerks for distribution, through the Inspectors.

OLD COUNTY BOARD CERTIFICATES.

The question is often asked: "Can the present Board of Examiners recall the old County Board Certificates?" We reply: They cannot recall any of the old County Board Certificates which were given for life, or for a term of years. They can, however, at the proper time, recall those which were given for an indefinite time, or during the [pleasure of the Board; that is those which on the face of them clearly show that they were given subject to such recall. The Department has in all cases requested the Board of Examiners *not* to recall these latter certificates *this year*, nor until the supply of teachers is more equal to the demands of the schools than at present.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

The question is frequently asked if it be necessary that an assistant teacher should hold a legal certificate. We reply: It is absolutely necessary that he should hold one. The law expressly declares that every person receiving any part of the School fund as teacher shall hold a legal certificate of qualification. The Superior Courts have also decided that trustees cannot legally levy a rate for the payment of a teacher who does not possess the necessary qualification as such under the School laws.

POWER OF THE "RETIRING TRUSTEE."

In reply to many inquiries on this subject, we answer: That by the new School Act the lost power of the "retiring trustee" has been restored. Up to 1850, he had the same power as any other trustee, but in that year it was enacted that he could not lawfully sign an agreement with a teacher, the duration of which would extend beyond his period of service. That clause has now been repealed, and the "retiring trustee" has now precisely the same powers in all respects as either of his colleagues.

NEW SCHOOL MANUALS.

As a complete edition of the School Law, containing the Acts of 1850, 1860, and 1871, with the New Regulations, was published in the *Journal of Education* for May and June, no edition in manual form, will be issued at present.

NEW SCHOOL REGISTERS.

In reply to numerous applications for Public School Registers, &c., we desire to say that the new edition (including the modifications in the courses of study required by the new School Act) has been sent out to the County Clerks for distribution through the Inspectors. No copies will be sent out direct to individual schools from the Education Department. Trustees will, therefore, please apply to the Inspector for them.

* A reply to these unwise and unjust resolutions was published in our last JOURNAL.