

A Teachers' Association is about being formed in Aylmer, the first meeting of which will probably be held about the 6th of February. The intention is to invite all the teachers of Malahide, South Dorchester, Springfield, and Aylmer, to this meeting, with the view of forming a branch association.—*Free Press*.

Mr. H. Kay Coleman, late headmaster of Peterboro' public schools, has removed to his new sphere of labor at Port Arthur. He commenced school business on Tuesday, January 12th, under very favorable auspices. We wish him abundant success, and congratulate the inhabitants of Port Arthur on their wise selection.

Mr. J. B. Wynne has entered on his sixth year as Principal of the Brigham Public Schools, the attendance during these five years has increased upwards of 125%. He has had pupils at each of the last five entrance examinations to High Schools, all of whom were successful. Miss Rowand of Walkerton has charge of the 2nd Division.

The late notable success of Seaforth High School has caused such an influx of pupils that if it should continue the School Board will have to consider the question of additional accommodation. The form for third class now numbers 60, whilst the second class teachers and University forms are proportionately large, the total number on the roll being 126.

Mr. M. P. McMaster, the headmaster of the Thorold public schools, enters on the new year with an increase of \$50 to his salary. We congratulate the Trustee Board on their liberality towards faithful and earnest work. No less than 42 of Mr. McMaster's pupils have successfully passed the Entrance Examination for High Schools and Collegiate Institutes since December of 1884.

We clip the following from Inspector Jas. H. Ball's report of the Public Schools of Thorold for the last half year of 1885.—"In all the departments the endeavors of the teachers to promote the improvement of their pupils have been marked by earnestness in painstaking, and during the half year substantial progress has been made and the order and discipline maintained have been very satisfactory."

The Chicago Board of Education has unanimously passed a regulation directing the teaching of music in the public schools in accordance with Mr. Tomlin's method (Tonic Sol-fa). This is a step in the right direction. Let us have the best. The new system will not go into effect until April, in order to give the teachers time to familiarize themselves with Mr. Tomlin's system, who will organize classes for the instruction of teachers specially adapted for the work.—*Correspondent of the Journal of Education*.

We are glad to say that Mr. Rothwell, late Principal of the Perth Collegiate Institute, has been appointed Principal of the Dutton High School, at a salary of \$1,000. Dutton is a rising village on the Canada Southern Railway, Elgin county, and its High School is the only one in the county apart from the one in St. Thomas, which is separate from the county for municipal and educational purposes. The people of Dutton will find in Mr. Rothwell one of the most energetic and successful teachers and High School Principals in the province.—*Perth Courier*.

Belfast, county of Huron, has had an interesting experience with teachers. One of the winners in our late Arithmetic Competition, while in charge of the school, took to himself a wife. He was succeeded by another teacher who followed the good example. A third on taking the position also became a benedict and now Mr. E. McKenzie who takes charge of the school for 1886 has followed in the footsteps of his predecessors. A comfortable dwelling adjoining the school may be the cause of it all. It may be in place to state that the three first referred to gave good satisfaction and left to take more desirable positions elsewhere.

The Charlottetown, P. E. I., school opened Monday, June 4th, after having been closed seven weeks on account of the small-pox epidemic. The opening attendance was good. The first day was devoted to medical inspection, a physician having been in attendance at each school to inspect the pupils, and see that all had been vaccinated. The following changes have taken place in the teaching staff, viz.:—Miss Emma Barr takes the principalship of Upper Prince Street school, vacated by the resignation of J. T. Mellish, M.A.; Miss C. C. Snaddon takes Miss Barr's place as vice-principal. Miss E. McKinnon has been transferred from West Kent Street school to Upper Prince Street to take charge of the class formerly taught by Miss Barr. Miss G. Brown takes Miss Boswall's place in Upper Prince. Mr. George Robinson succeeds Miss McKinnon and Mr. Charles McDonald takes Mr. S. M. Bent's place.

Mr. C. S. Eggleton, who for the last three years has been teaching in Hastings County, and last year principal of Bogart Public School, is now in attendance at the present session of the Toronto Normal School. He is known to be an energetic, ambitious young teacher. Last summer vacation he was in attendance at the Ontario School of Art, Toronto, and successful. During last year at Bogartville his record stands as follows:—Four out of a class of five were successful at the High School Entrance Examination. According to the South Hastings' system of Promotion Examinations 6 passed to fourth class, 5 passed to third class, 9 passed to second class. The attendance too, was sometimes very irregular and changeable.

If intelligence and application are any tests there is no reason why women should not have votes at Parliamentary as well as at municipal elections. A little arithmetical analysis of the marks obtained by the successful candidates at the entrance examinations, shows that the average of the marks obtained by the girls was 447½, while the average of the "stronger and more intellectual sex" was only 421½. In the intellectual contest, petticoat v. pantaloons, the undivided garment seems to be gaining the lead. If things continue to go on at this rate the lords of creation will soon find that their claim to the right of lighting the kitchen fire on frosty mornings will be contested.—*Peterboro' Examiner*.

Mr. Edward Ward's many friends will be pleased to hear of his appointment to the position of Head Master of the Collingwood Public Schools. Few teachers have a better record than Mr. Ward. During the time he has been in Collingwood, he has held, with great success and to the satisfaction of the citizens, several important positions, namely, Assistant English Master of the Collegiate Institute, Writing Master of the Public Schools, and Teacher of Writing and Drawing in the Collegiate Institute. For the past five years he has conducted the Entrance Class of the Public Schools, and 21 (twenty one) of an average each year, have creditably passed. Mr. Ward is one of Ontario's best penmen, a graduate of the Ontario School of Art, and fully alive to all modern improvements in teaching. We therefore congratulate the people of Collingwood on his appointment, and predict a prosperous future under his able supervision.

Wm. Crockett, Esq., M.A., Superintendent of Education, New Brunswick, has issued a circular in his jurisdiction calling for an educational exhibit for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. The exhibit will consist, (1) of specimens of "Manual Work," and of Examination Questions set to pupils in advance of Standard VIII; (2) of Photographs of School Buildings, both exterior and interior; (3) of School Desks and Seats adapted to the respective grades of pupils, Maps, Text-Books, Apparatus, Specimens of Provincial Woods and Minerals as used for illustrative purposes; copies of the prescribed Course of Instruction and the School System, with tabular synopsis of the same; (4) School Reports with a sketch of the Educational progress of the Province. All exhibits should be forwarded to the Education Office, Fredericton, not later than February 15th. It is in contemplation to hold an exhibit in St. John on the last Friday of February of specimens of School Work, of Photos of School Buildings, etc., which have been forwarded before being shipped for London. Parents and Trustees are earnestly solicited to co-operate with teachers in their endeavors to make the exhibit useful as well as creditable to the Province.

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To the Editor of THE CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—I have just read Mr. Green's letter in the last JOURNAL in reference to High School entrance marks. My information was obtained by communication with head masters, and from published reports of examinations which I considered reliable. As the mark (678) obtained by Master W. Woodhull is higher than that obtained by my best pupil, there has been a mistake somewhere which I am positive I have not been the author of—probably is of a clerical nature. Honor to whom honor is due; Master Woodhull and his teacher are to be complimented for the high standing he secured—the highest I am aware of. Yours truly,

Jno. R. Brown.

The last lecture in the course of six lectures arranged by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, was delivered in the town hall, Acton, on Monday evening by Mr. James L. Hughes, LL.B., Inspector of Public Schools, Toronto, and, as the *Free Press* predicted, proved to be the most enjoyable of the entire course. The lecture, while it bristled with amusing and humorous anecd-