

give way to them. There is neither profit nor pleasure connected with its establishment here.—*Chatham Planet*.

Mr. J. E. Wetherell, M.A., principal of Strathroy Collegiate Institute, has had his salary increased to \$1,500 per annum, in consideration of his new duties in connection with the Training Institute.

The trustees of Plattsville Public School, county of Oxford, have engaged Mr. John Robinson and Miss Maggie Cole for another year. Miss Minnie Brown, teacher in the junior department, has sent in her resignation.

Mr. J. F. Kennedy, Public School headmaster at Dundas, has purchased the *Dufferin Advertiser*, Orangeville, an 8-page weekly published in the interests of the Reformers of Dufferin County and the Scott Act.

The Public School building in Oil Springs was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday last. It was a two-storey frame structure and burned like paper. It was no doubt the work of an incendiary.—*St. Thomas Times*.

Mr. Angus Martyn, who has been principal of Bath Public School for four years, has resigned that position to become assistant teacher in Newburgh High School. Mr. Martyn filled the same position during the years 1881-2.

Miss Alexander, one of the Public School teachers, Tilsonburg, has resigned her position, and will give up teaching at the end of the year. Miss C. Thompson, who is now teaching at Delmer, has been engaged to take Miss Alexander's place.

Petrolia School Board has decided to increase, after January 1st, the salaries of Third Class teachers from \$240 to \$250, and will reduce the salaries of teachers holding Second Class Normal School Professional Certificates from \$340 to \$272.

In 1880, there were in the United States, in round numbers, 10,000,000 voters. Of this number 2,000,000, or $\frac{1}{5}$ of the whole number, were illiterate. One in every group of five could not write his name; one in every six could not read his ballot.

Kansas school-teacher: "Where does all our grain go to?"

"Into the hopper."

"What hopper?"

"Grasshopper," triumphantly shouted a scholar.

The Minister of Education has promised to raise the Woodstock High School to the rank of a Collegiate Institute if, upon inspection by himself or deputy, it is found to meet all the requirements of the law, the change to date from the September opening this year.

The number of teaching days in the second half-year is 94, not 95, as stated in a distributed circular. The discrepancy in the latter arises from counting 22 teaching days in November, thereby not excluding Thanksgiving Day, which is a legal school holiday.

The teachers of Perth met in convention on Thursday and Friday last in St. Mary's, and the meetings were a great success as well from the number of teachers present as also from the exceedingly large number of town people who attended the different sessions.—*St. Thomas Times*.

The degree of Bachelor of Music was conferred on Rev. W. Roberts, Miss H. E. Gregory, and Miss E. S. Mellich, at Trinity College, Toronto, at the recent convocation. This is the first occasion on which a degree of music has been conferred by a Canadian university.

We can teach, in the common schools some elements of botany, zoölogy, mineralogy, physics, and chemistry, not only without detracting from the thoroughness of the work done in teaching the ordinary branches, but with manifest advantage to that work.—*Prof. W. E. Wilson*.

A small boy surprised his teacher at one of the grammar schools, yesterday, by asking her how far a procession of the Presidents of the United States would reach, if they were placed in a row. On her expressing her ignorance, he calmly announced: "From Washington to Cleveland." *Springfield Republican*.

A scholar in a country school was asked: "How do you parse 'Mary milked the cow?'" The last noun was disposed of as follows: "Cow, a noun, feminine gender, third person, and stands for Mary." "Stands for Mary! How do you make that out?" "Because," added the intelligent pupil, "if the cow didn't stand for Mary, how could she milk her?"

Friday afternoon the school teachers in town, with few exceptions, attended the second of the series of monthly meetings in the Central

School building, Mr. Smith occupying the chair. The time was devoted to a discussion of the best methods of teaching. Such meetings should not fail to be of great benefit, not only to the teachers, but also to the educational interests of the town.—*Peterborough Examiner*.

Mr. M. S. Clark, M.A., of Strathroy Collegiate Institute, has been appointed principal of the Georgetown High School, and Mr. E. Longman, of the Madoc Model School, assistant. The appointments are, there is every reason to believe, excellent. From a long personal acquaintance with Mr. Clark, including several years of association in teaching, as well as from a knowledge of the very superior educational advantages he has enjoyed and faithfully used, we predict for him a highly successful career.

The following resolutions, amongst others, were adopted at a recent meeting of the Sarnia Board of Education. They have the right ring:

1. That the High School teachers be all engaged at their present salaries, with the exception of Mr. Evans, and that an addition of \$50 be made to his salary, making it \$850.

2. That all the Model and Public School teachers who are in a position to re-engage, be engaged at their present salaries, with the exception of Miss Patterson, Miss Brebner, and Miss Sitlington, and that \$25 be added to each of their salaries, as a recognition of special attainments and success.

Bayham Teachers' Association met in the High School on Oct. 29th. Among those present were Inspector Atkin, W. W. Rutherford, of Aylmer High School, C. Sheldon and W. M. Parke, of Houghton. An interesting and instructive programme occupied the attention of the teachers during the day. The High School entertainment took place in the evening. Owing to the state of the weather the audience was not very large, but it was highly appreciated. The programme was well carried out. While all did well, it will not be amiss to mention the brilliant performances of Miss Reilly, of Port Burwell, whose skill in manipulating the keys of a piano is something phenomenal. Miss F. C. Young and Miss Selena Taylor were presented with their diplomas on the same evening by Inspector Atkin, who briefly addressed the audience and congratulated the people of Vienna on the success and present efficiency of the High School under its present staff of teachers.—*Southern Counties Journal*.

The Rev. Joseph Cook, who has recently been lecturing in Toronto, is responsible for the following song of science:

Trilobite, Graptobite

Nautilus pie,

Seas were calcareous,

Oceans were dry.

Eocene, Miocene,

Pliocene, tuff,

Lias and trias,

And that is enough.

O, sing a song of phosphates,

Fibrine in a line,

Four and twenty follicles

In the van of time.

When the phosphorescence

Evolved brain,

Superstition ended,

Man began to reign.

The Public School teachers of Wentworth opened their semi-annual meeting in Hamilton a week or two since. Among those present were: Mr. J. A. Ballard (President), Inspector Smith, Mr. J. F. Kennedy (Secretary), Messrs. M. Sharp, A. J. Hewson, E. B. Howard, R. W. Vollock et al. The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of papers. A. Kneeswater presenting one on Entrance Arithmetic; F. Lee one on the Tomc Sol-fa System of Music; W. Campbell one on History, and J. Young one on Moral Culture. Saturday morning's session was opened with a paper on Primary Arithmetic by Mr. S. B. Sinclair, of Hamilton. Miss Jessie Robertson read an excellent paper on Canada at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, in which she gave a fine description of the Canadian exhibit. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. D. Bell; Vice-president, Mr. R. G. Marshall; Secretary, Mr. W. N. Stevenson; Treasurer, Mr. J. F. Ballard. Mr. J. H. Smith gave a valuable address on the overcrowding of our schools. He strongly advocated the establishing of schools during the winter months to be devoted to the study of agriculture and subjects pertaining thereto.

At a recent meeting of the Senate of Toronto University, Mr. Houston gave notice that he would move at next meeting of session that English texts by authors prior to Chaucer, including selections