

Personals.

EDUCATIONAL.

THE attendance at the Stratford collegiate institute numbers 223 pupils. The average attendance for last month was 190.

MR. M. MCKAY, who was teaching at McIntyre, in the township of Osprey, last year, is now teaching at Honeywood.

AN instance of the interest taken in school matters by the public is shown by the fact that Inspector Gordon's annual report of the Dufferin public schools was printed in full by the *Post* of that town.

THE appointment to the principalship of the Woodstock model and public schools has been made. Mr. Dennis' successor is to be Mr. Deacon, the well-known principal of Ingersoll model and public schools. The *Woodstock Sentinel-Review* says of him:—"Mr. Deacon needs no introduction to the teaching profession of Oxford. His standing in the profession has long been thoroughly established. He is a man of accurate scholarship, untiring energy and a most conscientious worker in the school. Under his able management Ingersoll model and public schools have always ranked high. Mr. Deacon's personal character is equal to his professional success."

GENERAL.

THE literary building of Yale College will soon be enlarged and improved.

GOUNOD's new mass will be produced at the church of St. Eustace, Paris, on Easter Sunday.

IT is likely that a school of technology will be established in the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn.

MR. BUCKLE, editor of the *London Times*, has married a daughter of Mr. James Payn, the novelist.

MRS. LANGTRY sets the fashion of the latest color for dresses. It is called "Thames fog."

PRACTICAL anatomy is taught in some of the public schools of New Haven, Conn., by the dissection of dead cats and rabbits.

MR. JULIAN ARNOLD, son of Edwin Arnold, has contributed to the February *Wide Awake* a neat little sketch of "A Duhabeeah Wreck on the Nile."

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA has herself been giving the final revision to the book of travels which her young sons have written. The book will be called *The Cruise of the Bacchante*.

MR. CAMERON, war correspondent of the *London Standard*, who is reported as having been killed in the Soudan recently was a nephew of Mr. Donald Cameron, of Windsor.

PROF. AGASSIZ when requested to deliver a course of lectures and tempted by a liberal offer of remuneration replied: "I cannot afford to waste my time in making money."

CANON BAGOT has written a letter to *The Freeman's Journal* of Dublin, advocating

the growth of tobacco in the South of Ireland.

PRESIDENT ANDREW D. WHITE, of Cornell University, recently lectured in Arion Hall before the German Philosophical Union of New York. The lecture, entitled "A New Study of Christian Tomasius," was in English, and a discussion in German followed.

A BRITISH firm has loaned 5,000,000 taels to the Chinese Government for the purpose of building a railroad from Peking to some coal deposits to the west of it, said to be the richest in the world.

IT is stated that Col. Burnaby, killed at the battle of Abu Klea, left the finished manuscript of a political novel. This is said to contain such fierce and merciless criticism upon certain political adversaries that it is doubtful if Col. Burnaby's executors will permit the work to be published.

MRS. NICHOLLS, of Peterboro', has purchased a handsome property which she offers to hand over fully furnished to the town and county corporations for a Protestant hospital, with \$10,000 as an endowment fund.

THE first annual exhibition of the "Association of Canadian Etchers" will be opened at Toronto on Saturday, March 21st, 1885. Application has been made to the "Ontario Society of Artists" for the use of their galleries. The co-operation of artists and the art-loving public is requested.

ARCHDEACON FARRAR is very severe in his condemnation of over-pressure in modern schools. He speaks of it as "the Juggernaut car of Cram, before which the English nation is throwing its children by thousands, to have all their qualities crushed out before its ponderous wheels." The Archdeacon uses a somewhat rhetorical hammer, but he hits the nail on the head.

A VERY handsome monograph on the Princess Charlotte has lately been brought out in England; a sketch revealing her in many graceful phases. Not the least attractive is that of the small girl entertaining Miss Hannah Moore, who called her hostess "the prettiest, most sensible, and genteel little creature you would wish to see." The Royal little lady took excellent Hannah by the hand, and she in her black silk hood and powdered hair, trotted off with her to inspect the house, to look at what was hidden by the covers on the chairs and sofas, and finally to hear her Royal Highness repeat *How doth the little Busy Bee*. Good Miss Moore says she danced a graceful *pas seul* for her benefit, and with much spirit and precision, sang *God save the King*.—*New York Tribune*.

FRANK VIZETELY, who represented the *Illustrated News* in the rebellion for some time, both in the North and South, and who is well remembered, was reported to have been among those killed in the Soudan. He has suddenly turned up, however, alive and well; he has been blown up in steamboats; has been lost in total wrecks; has been captured by the enemy. Probably no man alive has had more stirring experiences. He was attached as special correspondent to the army of Hicks Pasha, and was captured by the Mahdi ten days before the disastrous battle of El Obeid. He is now serving in his army as a doctor. Vizetely's abilities are universal. The Mahdi's people regard him as a wonder.—*Paper World*.

COL. FREDERICK BURNABY, whose tragic death, the 22nd instant, was recorded in the *London Times*, was a perfect giant in size and strength, being one of the largest men in the English army. He was born at Bedford, March 3, 1842, and was educated at Harrow and in Germany. He was only 18 when he entered the Royal Horse Guards. His health breaking down, he travelled in Central and South America, and represented the *London Times* accompanying Don Carlos in Spain. In 1875 he made his famous ride to Khiva, which made him famous, because no other man would dare to have attempted it. His knowledge of Russian and Arabic caused him to pass all guards. In the winter of 1876-7 he took another famous horse-back ride through Turkey in Asia to Persia, returning through Kars, Ardahan, Batour, Trebizond, to Constantinople. He was also celebrated as an aeronaut, having made 19 balloon ascensions, in several of which he was unaccompanied. His love of adventure caused him to join the forces of Stewart, when he acted as newspaper correspondent and officer. His death was like his life, full of romance. He fell at the battle of Abu Klea wells, a native having thrown a spear through his jugular vein. His corpse was found lying with his enemy clutching him firmly by the throat.

THE following obituary from the *Globe* has not only great personal interest, but contains a most interesting bit of local history:—

Ven. Archdeacon Abraham Nelles, who died at Brantford on Saturday, was born in Grimsby, Ontario, in 1805, and educated under the late Bishop Strachan, at York. He was ordained deacon in 1829, and priest in 1830, by the Bishop of Exeter. The whole of his long and useful life in the ministry has been devoted to the missionary work among the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River reserve, near Brantford. He was made a canon and rural dean of Brant in 1868. On the elevation of Archdeacon Sweatman to the See of Toronto, Bishop Hellmuth appointed Canon Nelles Archdeacon of Brant, selecting the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the ministry as a most appropriate day on which to confer upon him the well-deserved honor and titular dignity of archdeacon. The church at which the deceased officiated was the old Mohawk Church of St. Paul's, the most ancient and historic church in the diocese of Huron, and said to be the first church erected in Canada West. Within the precincts of its church yard lie the remains of the great Indian warrior and chief, Joseph Brant. The inscription on the bell shows that it was hung there in 1786—almost one hundred years ago—and the Indians are said to have carried the lumber used in its construction from Ancaster, a distance of nearly sixty miles—the nearest point at which machinery for manufacturing the boards was to be found. The reredos and the communion silver plate were a gift to the church from Her Majesty Queen Anne, whose armorial bearings, carved and gilt, are affixed to the wall of the church. The Grand River Reserve is under the control and management of "The New England Company," who hold it under a charter from King Charles II. The late archdeacon entered their service as a missionary, and during his long, useful life has been an honoured and valued officer of the Company. He was twice married, his first wife having been a Miss Macklem. He leaves a widow and several children.