

ness, the President announced that the Committee appointed at a former meeting of the Association for the selection and purchase of a suitable testimonial from the teachers of East Elgin to the Rev. Mr. Sheppard, had discharged their duty, and were prepared to report. Mr. Chute, the chairman of the committee, submitted the report, which set forth that after fully considering the subject committed to them, they had made choice of a silver Tea Service, properly inscribed, as the most appropriate within their reach; that they had purchased from J. L. Gundry, of the village of Aylmer, a good and substantial service, consisting of five pieces, tastefully manufactured, and modelled after the latest and most fashionable styles, at a cost of sixty dollars, and that the willing contributions of the Teachers of East Elgin would be found quite ample to meet the outlay. The elegant service was then uncovered, and Mr. E. Meek, on behalf of the Teachers read the following address. The address was beautifully engrossed on parchment by Mr. Scarff, Deputy Sheriff, and was in the following terms: *To Elder Edmund Sheppard, Late Superintendent of Common Schools, Elgin.* RESPECTED AND DEAR SIR:—We, (the Associated Teachers of East Elgin), admiring the self-denying devotion, and untiring zeal, with which you performed the onerous duties of the Superintendency, during the time the schools of the County had the honor of your supervision; and believing that earnest, devoted, and persevering efforts, for the advancement of any noble cause, ought always to be duly appreciated, desire to convey to you, a substantial token of our regard, also an enduring memorial of the firm friendship and high esteem we entertain for you. Your kindness, courtesy, and gentlemanly conduct to us as Teachers,—your indefatigable perseverance, and unwearyed labors, in the cause of common school education,—your wise counsel and faithful admonitions to Teachers,—your constant sympathy with misfortune, sorrow, and suffering,—your patient forbearance with error, ingratitude and narrow minded opposition, combined with many other eminent qualities and talents, so well qualified you for the situation, that you were enabled to perform all the duties that devolved upon you, satisfactorily to the great majority throughout the county and to win an enviable and lasting place in the affections of the Teachers, scholars, and people of every part that has been honoured with your visits. In consideration of these facts, we, in behalf of the Associated Teachers of East Elgin beg permission to present you with this Silver Service, as a slight token of our appreciation of your invaluable services. We ask you to accept it also, as an expression of our earnest wishes for your success, and your family's happiness. And we sincerely hope that you may long be preserved in life and health, to continue your labors for the promotion of education, and the good of society. And may the day be far distant when the country will be deprived of your valuable influence. But we know when that time shall come to you, which ends the laborers weary toils, that the eternal rewards that crown the labors of the great, the noble, and the good, will be yours throughout eternity. Signed, in behalf of the Associated Teachers of East Elgin. Edward Meek, Horatio N. Chute, Daniel Ferguson, Committee, Aylmer, September 7th, 1867.

To this address the Reverend gentleman returned the following reply:—*Teachers of the East Riding of the County of Elgin.*—LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—With deep emotions of gratitude I accept from your hands this valuable testimonial of your esteem and approbation. I shall carefully preserve, and use, this silver service in my family as a choice and intransferable treasure. It is useful and valuable in itself, but far more valuable to me from the considerations that have made it mine. More imperishable than the silver of which it is made, is the esteem and affection which I shall always regard and remember you. During many years we have been fellow laborers in the great work of educating and elevating the youth of this beautiful section of our beautiful country. Our labors have not been in vain. The schools of East Elgin rank high amongst the schools of the Province, while the schools of our Province rank high among the schools of the other Provinces and the States of this Continent. I have contributed but a small part to this favourable and successful progress. You, gentlemen and ladies, and your predecessors in office, have, by your patient, faithful and efficient toil, brought the schools of this Riding to their present high and satisfactory position. Still it is very gratifying to me to find that my labors are appreciated by those who are most competent to form a correct estimate of their value. During the greater part of the time since 1850, I have held the office of Local Superintendent of Schools in this County:—first for only one Township, then for two, then for the East Riding, and finally for the whole County; and, when at length, I have been compelled to resign the office through ill health and religious obligations, it is a source of the most heartfelt satisfaction to me to receive

this tangible tribute of your regard. I thank you most cordially for your generous gift, and for the kind and sympathetic words which accompany it. I sincerely reciprocate the sentiments of your address and pray that the God of all grace and comfort will grant for the sake of His dear Son, that we may all, through faith and obedience, meet at last in His holy and Eternal Kingdom. This interesting ceremony being over, the Association took a recess for refreshments. These were generously provided by Mr. Butler and a few families about Aylmer, who take a deep interest in Educational matters. When the Association resumed in the afternoon, Mr. G. Luton submitted for discussion "the utility of declamation in schools." This discussion occupied the greater part of the afternoon, and the following gentlemen engaged in it: Messrs. G. Luton, H. N. Chute, A. McLachlin, John Leeson, Ed. Meek, J. H. Warburton, W. Swazie, A. J. Thompson, E. Sheppard, and J. Calvert. Subjects were then taken up for the next session and agreed to as follows:—1. The Rev. E. Sheppard to deliver a lecture upon some subject connected with education. 2. The following subjects to be submitted for discussion:—(a) The importance of Object Teaching as a means of mental discipline and the communication of useful knowledge. (b) School Discipline—its object, and the essentials of its character in its highest form. (c) The advantages of organization in school. 3. Original Essays are to be composed and read by Mrs. Warburton, Miss Reid and Miss Ronch. Each lady is at liberty to chose her own subject. A discussion took place as to the propriety of continuing the Association in its present form; and the matter being submitted to a vote of those present, it was unanimously determined to continue the good work, and to meet in the same place again in the course of six weeks. The meeting then adjourned—every one encouraged by the day's proceedings, and determined to add to the interest of the next meeting by an active and cordial co-operation in its proceedings.—*Communicated.*

— CHURCH OF ENGLAND LADIES' SCHOOL.—By a letter in the *Leader* from Rev. J. W. McCollum, we learn that "a school for the higher education of young ladies, has been established at Pinehurst, in Toronto, in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland. Pinehurst has long been well known from the well established and well managed ladies' school, conducted by Mrs. Forster, whose sad calamity all lament. The school-house is pleasantly situated in the midst of an enclosure of three or four acres. The house had been thoroughly cleansed from the garret to the cellar; the old bed-room furniture, sold at auction, had been removed, and fresh furniture placed in the bed-rooms from the Messrs. Jacques & Hay. The rooms were all perfectly clean, tidy, and well ventilated. The French windows of the drawing-room, dining room and school-room, all opening on the verandah, from which the grape vines hung down their clusters of grapes; the croquet bats, balls and hoops all ready on the ground, before the dining-room windows; the seats under the trees planted through the ground; the happy groups of young girls here and there amusing themselves—took entirely away, from the place the idea of a plea to gather a number of young girls together, charge their parents or friends so much for teaching, board, washing, &c., and when that so much was paid all ends were answered. We entered the establishment, and were introduced to the lady manager Mrs. Sewell, from whose kind manner and cheerful happy tone of conversation, we think the children most fortunate who are under her thoughtful care. Twenty-six young ladies presented themselves for admission on the first day. We visited the school again on Friday the 20th, and were still delighted to see it answering our most sanguine expectations. The teachers all at their respective posts, the number of pupils much increased now up to thirty seven, and all the little happy hive busy in their various departments. We will not mention one name of the committee—they look not for the praise of men; but good reader, whoever you be, call and see the institution for yourself. The lady manager will gladly show you over it, or if you cannot spare the time to call and see it, ask God, for Christ's sake to bless the undertaking, to watch over the great charge given to the committee, and to crown their efforts with success.

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