

branches of science; the latter dealing in a most philosophical way, with all the minor details of each.

Lastly, it considers the *specialities* of the recitation, as they relate to the conduct and management of the class, the art of *questioning*, that most difficult and dangerous part of the recitation, and the *answering*, both as to matter and manner, purging it from all impurities, judging not only of the accuracy of answers, in general scope and meaning, but ordering them, so that they become a means of culture, as detailed under the head of "*Specialities*," to which the learner's attention is particularly called.

This recitation becomes a power in the hands of the skilled workman; while in the hands of the novice, or the ignorant, it is, at best, an awkward, embarrassing and most perplexing duty, and to the child, not less a source of annoyance.

The whole scheme of recitation, therefore, is most earnestly commended to the careful study and patient practice of the teacher. Let him not say it is "impractical," or "that it may do for some schools, but not for mine." This, my dear fellow, is not so. *Truth alone is practical, error never, under any circumstances; truth under all.* I know there are difficulties in the way—were there not, these lines were unnecessary. But these difficulties will always remain just where they are, unless they are removed; and *truth and right* are the prime exterminators of all mischief from the land.

Notes and News.

ONTARIO.

Mr. Geo. Smith, B.A., has been appointed teacher of classics in Woodstock Canadian Institute.

Mr. W. E. Tilley leaves the mathematical mastership of the Bowmanville High School to take the head mastership of Lindsay High School, at a salary of \$1,200. His first assistant will be C. J. Logan, B.A., whose salary is to be \$1,000.

Mr. David Johnston, of Cobourg, has retired from the profession of teaching. He is a worthy veteran.

Mr. Crozier and Mr. Springer have been re-appointed head master and assistant in Listowel High School.

Mr. Wilkinson, Principal of Brantford Model School, received an address and a group photograph from the students at the close of the last session.

Mr. Brown, Head Master of Whitby Model School, received a valuable clock and inkstand from the students of that institution.

Mr. McFaul, Principal of the Lindsay Model School, was presented with an address and a token of esteem by the Model School students.

Mr. Wm. Alford, late Head Master of Morrisburg Model School, has been chosen Assistant for Orangeville High School.

Mr. J. T. Sproule, who passed first in the late primary examination at Osgoode Hall, was from Barrie High School. Mr. W. H. Hudson, who was first in the First Intermediate, was also a pupil of the same school.

Mr. Dewar, Public School Inspector for East Huron, was lately presented by his teachers with a magnificent gold watch and chain.

The following is a list of the number of candidates who successfully passed College and Teachers' Examinations from June to September, 1879, from Napanee High School: 5 Intermediate; 12 Third Class; 2 Medical Examination; 1 Cobourg, Arts; 1 Kingston, Arts; 1 McGill, Science.

The Oshawa School Board advertised for 12 teachers and received over 300 applicants.

The school attendance in Stratford is as follows: High School, 148; Public School, 1,205.

There are 1,285 pupils in attendance at the Guelph Schools.

The faculty of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons for Ontario, situated at Kingston, have decided to establish a course of lectures for women exclusively.

The West Bruce Teachers' Association passed at its last meeting a resolution in favor of allowing teachers the privilege of superannuation after teaching 25 years.

At the last meeting of the Teachers' Association for the First Division of Wellington, a motion was passed recommending the establishment of a Model School in the southern Inspectoral

Division of the County of Wellington, and a petition to that effect was signed by the teachers present and directed to be forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of Education.

A writer in *White and Blue*, the organ of the undergraduates of Toronto University, advocates the establishment of a chair of civil polity in that university.

A course of lectures is to be delivered on alternate Friday afternoons in Cobourg Collegiate Institute, instead of the last lesson of the day.

At the close of the Third Class professional examination in the County of Wellington, the County Board passed the following resolutions:—1. "That in view of the fact that there are so many unemployed teachers in the county of Wellington, no third class certificate granted in any other county be endorsed as valid in either division of this county." 2. "That at the next third-class non-professional examination, six marks shall be deducted for each mis-spelt word in dictation, two for each mistake in spelling or the use of capitals in other subjects; and two marks shall be deducted for each badly punctuated sentence." 3. "That at the third-class examination to be held in July, 1880, the minimum for passing shall be forty per cent. of the marks assigned the paper on Arithmetic, fifty per cent. of the marks on Grammar, and sixty per cent. of the aggregate value of all the papers."

The following remarks relating to competitive examinations are from the excellent report of Mr. Brown, P. S. Inspector, Dundas: "A feature of the past year in this County has been the inauguration of a system of Township Competitive Examinations, supplemented by a County one. One of the great hindrances to progress in the rural schools was a want of proper classification. This had been based to a great extent on proficiency in reading, and the result was, first, pupils reading perhaps with parrot-like fluency, in books beyond their understanding; and next, a multiplication of classes, both destructive to any real efficiency. These Competitive Examinations, at which the exercises in all but the Second Class were conducted in writing, and the questions covering all the subjects in each class as laid down by the authorized programme, and at which the pupils, limited as to age, were allowed to compete only in their registered classes, have done very much to remedy the evil referred to, and have been the means of infusing greater energy and enthusiasm into our school work. Teachers and pupils have alike been benefitted by these contests. The Councils of the Townships of Williamsburgh and Winchester and of Morrisburgh and Iroquois with praiseworthy public spirit contributed materially to the success of the scheme by grants of money for prizes to the competitors. A similar competition has been arranged for the present year, towards which the several municipalities have promised aid, while for the central one the Teachers' Association has made a grant, trusting that this Council will show its appreciation of their efforts by also contributing a sum towards expenses and procuring prizes."

J. Morrison, M.A., M.D., who has so successfully conducted the Newmarket High School for several years, has been appointed to the Walkerton School at a salary of \$1,200, with promise of increase. Dr. Morrison is well known as an able mathematician.

Mr. Jas. Miller, Mathematical Master of the Oshawa High School, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Tilley in Bowmanville. Mr. Miller is an excellent teacher of mathematics, and deserves his success.

The new High School building recently opened in Stratford, is one of the finest in Ontario; it cost about \$25,000. The venerable Dr. Ryerson, G. W. Ross, M.P., and Dr. McLellan delivered addresses to the immense audiences that attended the opening exercises.

The Bowmanville people think that their High School should be made a Collegiate Institute. We believe this school is second to none in the Province, and we hope that the just ambition of its supporters may be realized.

The Mount Forest High School is succeeding well under Mr. Reid; though it was opened but two years ago, it has already three masters, all graduates.

QUEBEC.

The dead lock in the Government is now at an end. Matters will soon return to their normal state, and likely continue so for some time to come. The supplies have been voted, and soon the grants to Educational Institutions will be all apportioned and distributed. The uncertainty and inconvenience of the past four months in regard to all educational purposes, are now at an end, and it is confidently expected that the reduction made by the late Government in the grants for Normal Schools and school inspection will be made up by the present Government.