

resolutions, the following:—"That the Association agree to pay out of the funds in the treasurer's hands, one-third of the club-rates of any two of the following periodicals, for any member of the Association desiring to subscribe for them, on consideration that the subscription must begin with either January or July, and that the balance of the cost of subscription and the membership fee, if not already paid, must be sent to the sec.-treas. before the 1st of Feb. or 1st of Aug.: "SCHOOL JOURNAL"; "Educational Weekly"; "The Supplement"; "Educational Monthly"; "The Teachers' Institute"; "New York School Journal"; "Treasure Trove"—that a copy of this resolution be sent to each teacher in the district." The importance of educational literature as the right material to build up the teacher in his profession, is thus clearly indicated. The teacher who does not read becomes a fossil in a short time.

Principal Wolverton, of Woodstock College, has been ill with quinsy. He had a severe attack, but is, we are happy to be able to state, recovering.—*Sentinel-Review*.

Regarding the principal (Mr. Rothwell), it is sur- ing what an absence of any real, material grievance there is to n away or justify the action of certain trustees who would a to get rid of him. No better manager of a school, or a greater worker has ever taught here. By his energy, zeal, and efficiency he has gained at all times the esteem and confidence of his pupils, some of whom have been among the most creditable matriculants at our best universities, and it is not his fault if quarrelsome or inefficient assistants have caused troubles in the teaching-staff. We don't hesitate to say that only a small proportion of the ratepayers sympathize with the enmity against him, and not over two or three members of the board have even the shadow of material complaint against him.—*Perth Courier*.

The trustees have shown their appreciation of the services of Mr. Hugill, principal of Rodney school, by engaging him for 1886 at an advance of salary.—*Dutton Enterprise*.

Objectors say there is too much cramming in our system, and that the education process is so severe that it is likely to result in premature insanity. The average school attendance is only 46 per cent., and 236,000 children attend school less than 100 days in the year. Do you think there is much danger of their going insane from the educational process? Take the case of your own town. There are 818 children on the school register, but of these 391 attended less than 100 days last year. And here is the greatest source of waste in the school system, irregularity of attendance. In nine cases out of ten the child who does not get along is the child who is irregular in his attendance. There is very little danger of insanity, nor do I think that the system is a system of cramming. There may be teachers whose methods are wrong, but I believe that the teachers of Ontario are as logical, as well trained, and as capable as those of any other country under the sun.—*Address by Hon. G. W. Ross, at Wentworth Teachers' Convention, Dundas*.

The sixteenth semi-annual session of the Oxford Teachers' Institute was held in the town of Ingersoll, on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th insts., and was an unusually large and representative gathering of teachers and friends of education. The following resolution was passed at the meeting:

"Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Merchant and resolved, that we, the members of the Oxford Teachers' Institute, cannot allow this session to close without placing on record our high appreciation of the services rendered to the cause of education in this county by Mr. Jas. S. Deacon, our deep feelings of gratitude for the interest taken by him in our association, and the great esteem in which he is held by every teacher in the county as a kind personal friend and co-worker. At the same time we congratulate the people of Halton in making choice of a man so eminently qualified for the very responsible position of Inspector of Public Schools, and while we regret his removal from our midst we wish him great success in his new sphere of labor."

On motion it was decided to send a copy of this resolution to the Warden of the County of Halton.

The Peterboro' *Examiner* does not relish the idea of the billeting of teachers who attend conventions. It styles it a "dead-head principle," which means "presenting the members of a profession to the public in the form of paupers." It associates with the plan the idea of having the "hat passed round," "free lunches," "boarding around," all of which is *infra dig.* to a class who are "well paid" and who, according to popular opinion, have a "soft time," and not overworked, and have "two or three months' holi-

days during the year." We know of many places where the teachers attending conventions are hospitably treated by the citizens of the town or village in which the meetings are held, and have yet to learn that the plan is objectionable to either host or guest, or that the latter is considered as "the recipient of charity."

A new monthly magazine, devoted to music in the schools, and methods of teaching, is published by F. H. Gilson, 226 Franklin street, Boston, Mass. It is named "The School Music Journal." It fills a want among our educational periodicals, and, judging by the articles it contains and the names of its contributors, we must say that it fills it ably. The price is 50 cents a year.

For Friday Afternoons.

CANADA.

On our border looking westward,
Rolls the great Pacific Deep,
Countless sails while going seaward
O'er its azure bosom creep.
While the Rocky Mountains, westward,
Glorious floods of noon-tide steep,
On our sea-coast, looking eastward,
Sunset shadows gently creep.

On our eastside, the Atlantic,
Deeply rolling, noble, free,
Bursts in surges wildly dashing
In its maddening ecstasy.
Ports are gay with many a pennon,
Hamlets white with sails of ships,
While afar the groaning steamer
In the ocean gently dips.

On our southern border, westward,
Rule a mighty people keep,
Thence the waters of the great lakes
Down the broad St. Lawrence sweep.
All our border, looking northward,
Stretches where the North Seas roll,
Where the ice in blocks of crystal
Floats about the distant pole.

Land of city, mine, and homestead,
Land of river, mountain, dale,
Long reign peace within our border,
But if war should e'er prevail,
And the foot of hostile stranger,
Stand within our long-drawn shore,
What a troop of hardy soldiers
To defend us then would pour!

Stalwart citizen and yeoman,
Dusky worker of the mine,
From the plains the swarthy Indian
And the seaman from the brine—
All would raise our glorious banner,
All would fight to keep us free,
Till the mingled songs of triumph
Clear would ring from sea to sea.

ELIZABETH ZANE.

This dauntless pioneer maiden's name
Is inscribed in gold on the scroll of Fame;
She was the lassie who knew no fear
When the tomahawk gleamed on the far frontier.
If deeds of daring should win renown,
Let us honor this damsel of Wheeling town,
Who braved the savage with deep disdain,
Bright-eyed, buxom, Elizabeth Zane.

'Twas more than a hundred years ago,
They were close beset by the dusky foe;
They had spent of powder their scanty store,
And who the gauntlet should run for more?