

Mr. George Middleton has been appointed to the position of second teacher in Lucknow Public School. Mr. Middleton formerly held the same position for a number of years, doing excellent work. During the past year he has not been teaching.

Mr. Thomas Elliot, well known as a teacher in West Haron, has given up the profession for mercantile life. Early in 1885 Mr. Elliot was compelled to resign his position as principal of Danganon School on account of ill health.

A very successful entertainment was given just before the Christmas holidays by the pupils and friends of Caledonia High School. The proceeds will be spent in buying additional books for the school library.

The Goderich High School Board advertised for a female assistant at \$400 per annum, but on reading the applications it was found that none of the applicants were qualified under the new regulations. The Board re-advertised offering a higher salary.

The head master of the Chatham High School has been dismissed and given a three months' notice to quit. He threatens under a clause in his agreement to sue for a year's salary.—*St. Thomas Journal*, Dec. 31st.

At the examination of the Corinth school on Wednesday 23 ult., the assistant teacher, Miss Larkworthy, was presented with a writing desk as a slight token of the appreciation in which she was held by her pupils.

Mr. J. K. Johnson, teacher of S. S., No. 3, Aldborough, was presented by his pupils on Wednesday, the 23rd ult. with a handsome pair of gloves and a silk handkerchief, as a very slight token of the esteem in which he is held.

Miss Maggie Gillies has been appointed to the vacancy in the Galt Central School staff caused by the resignation of Miss Linton. Miss Gillies is a graduate of the Galt Model School, and taught very successfully in the New Dundee School last year.

Mr. W. J. Freeland, of this city, who has been so successful with his class in the Tonic Sol fa system of music in Knox Church. Ingersoll, has been engaged by the Board to teach the same in the High School.—*Free Press*.

Miss Watson, of Whitfield Public School, was presented by her pupils with a large scrap album, two beautiful photo. cases and a short address. As she is about to attend the Normal School, her place will be filled by Miss Kitty Poole, of New Durham.

Into these three classes, all teachers may be divided—teachers who have nothing more to learn; those who are imitators of methods; and lastly, those who study and apply principles. In which class are you?—*Teacher's Institute*.

E. Higley has been re-engaged as head teacher for the West Lorne school for 1886, Miss Mary J. McColl as first assistant, and Miss Jenne Stewart for second assistant. The school roll is said to number about 160.

Owing to illness, Miss Clemmie Henderson, who was appointed teacher in one of the departments of the St. Mary's Public School, has been compelled to send in her resignation. The Board met on Tuesday evening last, and appointed in her place Miss Annie Thompson.

Mr. D. C. Smith, teacher, Islay, has resigned, although offered an increase of salary. His pupils presented him with a "Gentleman's Companion" on his examination day. He proposes attending Collingwood Collegiate Institute to study for a higher grade of certificate.

An excellent article, entitled "Singing Lessons for Little Children," is published in December number of the *Kindergarten*. It is by Prof. Daniel Batchelor, Philadelphia, who makes a specialty of teaching music to little children, and has met with the greatest success. He uses the Tonic Sol-fa system.

Miss Lizzie L. Cousin, who has taught in S. S. No. 13, Westminster, the last two years, was before leaving, presented by her pupils with a handsome floral album, and an accompanying address. The address was read by Miss Lizzie Cameron, and the presentation made by Miss Millie Eden.

Miss Susan Jones, on retiring as teacher in school section No. 2, Logan, where she is very popular and taught with great success, was presented by her pupils with a handsome satchel and an address. Mr. Wm. Greenwood also presented the lady with a very handsome and valuable book as a mark of his appreciation and respect.

The present teachers in the Theford school have both been engaged for 1886, Mr. Jones, head master, at a salary of \$500, the same as this year, and Miss Crookenden at \$275, an advance of \$25 over this year. Both have given complete satisfaction to the people of Theford, and are well liked by the pupils under their charge.—*Free Press*.

In the Georgetown public school Mr. Harrison has been re-engaged as principal for 1886. Miss Pringle again takes charge of the 2nd department and Miss Godfrey the 3rd. Miss King who had charge of the 4th department, is succeeded by Miss Foster, while Miss Hutchison takes the 5th department instead of Miss Crosby, who leaves to attend the Normal School at Ottawa.

Previous to the closing of the Georgetown public schools for Christmas holidays, Tuesday, December 22nd, the principal, Mr. R. E. Harrison, was presented by his pupils with an address and a beautiful album. Miss Pringle was also presented with an address and a suitable gift from her scholars, and a nicely worded address was presented to Miss King previous to her leaving.

To the friends who have sent us, from time to time, notes of educational events transpiring in their respective neighborhoods, we return sincere thanks. Our desire is to make this page newsy and interesting, and we would urge our correspondents to help us regularly, not spasmodically, as is frequently the case. Please write on one side only of the "copy."

At the closing of the Brooklyn school on the 23rd the pupils presented Mr. and Mrs. Edwards with a lamp, a pair of vases, a card basket, and an ornamental inkstand. Mr. and Mrs. Spence were presented with an elegant workbox and a bound volume of *The Leisure Hour*. The presents were accompanied by suitable addresses. Mr. Edwards leaves the village highly respected and esteemed by all.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

On Tuesday last as Mr. Geo. Wilson, teacher of Williamsburg School, was bidding farewell to his pupils, they, to show their respect for his valuable service during the past year, presented him with a handsome easy chair for which they received his hearty thanks, Mr. Richardson, of Port Perry, takes charge of our (Cartwright) school for 1886. Mr. Geo. Wilson gets \$500 salary at Fenelon Falls.—*Canadian Statesman*.

Mr. T. W. Scott, Principal of Lucan Public School, through ill-health, recently resigned the position, and his pupils endeared to him by two years of faithful and kindly instruction, not wishing to have him depart without some expression of their feelings toward him, on the last day of school presented their teacher with a beautiful gold-headed cane and an address couched in well-chosen words. Mr. Scott made a feeling reply to the address.—*Free Press*.

Mr. C. B. Edwards, teacher of S. S., No. 8, London, was very pleasantly surprised on Wednesday, when two of his pupils came forward, and on behalf of the fifth class presented him with a nicely worded address and a handsome gold chain. Mr. Edwards' pupils from lowest to highest have done well at the examinations this year, some of the highest class passing creditably at the non-professional examination for teachers certificates.—*Free Press*.

Mr. James H. Fell, who while in charge of the second department of the Milton Public School proved himself a painstaking, thorough, practical, and successful teacher, returned last week from Ottawa, where he has for some time been attending the Normal School. He brings with him a second class A certificate and was among the five students who carried off honors at the recent examinations at the capital. His services will now, no doubt, be in demand.—*Canadian Champion*.

Mr. J. B. Ganton, who has been engaged as teacher in Nas-sagawaga during the past year, was offered recently an increase to remain for another term, but thinking the offer not sufficiently large enough he declined. However, Mr. Ganton has accepted a salary of \$415 to teach a school in an adjacent section. This speaks well for a juvenile teacher. There have been several good teachers during the past three years turned out of Oakville. They were all students at our High School.—*Oakville Independent*.

We notice in Monday's *Globe* that Arthur H. Sinclair, of Ridgetown, has been successful in carrying off the Prince of Wales' gold medal at the Provincial Normal School, Toronto, ranking first in a class of 120 students, a number of whom were first-class men. This medal is awarded for highest standing in proficiency and aptitude to teach. Mr. Sinclair has made a brilliant record to commence with, and shed a glory on our schools, where he received his preliminary training.—*Ridgetown Plaindealer*.