

ent churches, and we are looking for some good results. We hope to see an effort made in the schools, if for no other purpose than to test the merits of the system. It is a success in Chatham, and many other places in the west of Ontario. A resolution in favor of its use in schools, was adopted at the last meeting of the Ontario Teachers' Association, and it would be well to try how it would work, especially as one of the leading graduates of the college is here to exemplify it.

On the evening of the 26th ult., the teachers in training at the County Model School, Port Perry, entertained their teachers at a complimentary supper, and during the course of the evening, presented the Principal, Mr. Alexander M. Rae, with a very flattering address, referring in the highest terms to his ability and success as a teacher and the benefits they had derived from his instruction during the session.

The Peterborough Board of Education has accepted the resignation of Mr. J. Kay Coleman, principal of the public schools, and of all the other P. S. teachers. The following appointments were made:—Mr. Smith, principal of the West Ward school, was appointed to the position of principal of the central school. Mr. A. Scott, of Ottawa, was appointed to second mastership in the place of Mr. Beatty; Miss Johnston was promoted to Miss Dowling's position; Miss Graham to Miss Johnston's position; Miss Ellsworth to Miss Graham's; Miss Errett to Miss Ellsworth's, and Miss Davidson was appointed to Miss Errett's position.

Honor has been done to one who is very deserving of it, in the presentation to Mr. N. W. Campbell, head master of St. Thomas Model and Public Schools, of an elegant silver titting water-pitcher, by his Model class. The presentation was made by Miss Rogers, who read a suitable address, and Mr. D. Munro, who handed it to the worthy recipient in the name of the members of the class. It was a pleasing termination to a programme gone through by the Literary Society in connection with the Model School. Mr. Campbell, replied to the students in very feeling terms, and stated his regret in parting with them, wished them every success and thanked them for the beautiful gift.

The Announcement of St. Thomas Collegiate Institute is to hand. It is a neatly gotten up pamphlet printed by the *Journal* Company. The record of this establishment is one of continued success and its supporters may well be proud of its fame and prosperity. If success at examinations may be taken as a test of the work, the long roll of those who passed creditably during 1885 in the various departments, is testimony of the most convincing nature. Want of space prevents particularizing numbers. The special features of this establishment are: 1. No fees are required. 2. The great number of optional subjects enables the students to select whatever studies may be of most advantage for their special objects in life. 3. Each of the important departments of English, Classics, Mathematics, Natural Science and Modern Languages, is conducted by a master who has given special attention to his own subjects. 4. To become the better acquainted with the character and attainments of each student the Principal will, in addition to his own department, give some attention to the various subjects of the course. 5. Written examinations are frequently held and questions proposed of such scope and character as those given at the various Departmental or University examinations for which students may be preparing. English Language, Literature and History are taught by the Principal, J. Millar, B.A.; Latin, Greek, and Classics, by N. Quance, B.A.; Mathematics, by A. F. Ames, B.A.; French and German, by W. G. Shepherd, B.A.; Natural Science and Bookkeeping by Mr. T. Leitch, and Elementary English and Mathematics by Mr. N. W. Ford. Messrs. J. McLean, J. H. Coyne, B.A., and A. McCrimmon, Barristers give lectures in Commercial Law. Lieut. T. H. Jones is teacher of Military Drill.

For Friday Afternoon.

A PROBLEM.

Here is a very curious problem for little scholars to work out and explain:—Take a piece of paper, and upon it put in figures your age in years, dropping months, weeks, and days. Multiply it by two; then add to the result obtained the figures 3,768; add two, and then divide by two. Subtract from the result obtained the number of your years on earth, and see if you do not obtain figures that you will not be likely to forget.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

God wants the boys, the merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys;
God wants the boys, with all their joys—
That He as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure.
His heroes brave he'll have them be,
Fighting for truth and purity:
God wants the boys.

God wants the happy-hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best girls,
The worst girls;
God wants to make the girls His pearls—
And so reflect His holy face,
And bring to mind his wondrous grace;
That beautiful the world may be,
And filled with love and purity;
God wants the girls.

Blessings on thee, little man,
Barefoot boy, with cheeks of tan!
With thy turned-up pantaloons,
And thy merry whistled tunes,
With thy red lip, redder still
Kissed by strawberries on the hill;
With the sunshine on thy face,
Through thy torn brim's jaunty grace;
For my heart I give thee joy—
I was once a bare-foot boy!
Hence thou art—the grown-up man
Only is republican.
Let the million-dollared ride!
Barefoot, trudging at his side;
Thou hast more than he can buy
In the reach of ear and eye—
Outward sunshine, inward joy;
Blessings on thee, barefoot-boy!

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

Teachers' Associations.

ALGOMA.—The semi-annual convention of the Algoma Teachers' Association was held at Little Current on the 26th and 27th of October. Owing to the absence of the president, Mr. John Wright was appointed chairman. After the usual routine business, it was resolved that the last part of the session be occupied by a debate on the subject: *Resolved*, That the savage state of mankind is more conducive to happiness than the civilized state. Messrs. Ferguson and Thibault were appointed for the affirmative, and Messrs. Moore and Flesher for the negative. "The Distribution of Municipal Grants" was then taken up by Mr. Flesher. A very interesting and practical paper on "Exciting Pupils to Diligence" was read by Mr. John Wright. Mr. T. Flesher read a valuable paper on "Liberal Education." It was keenly discussed by Messrs. Trotter, Wright, Ferguson, Moore, and Thibault. "Teaching Measures and Multiples to Beginners" was then taken up by E. J. J. Ferguson. Mr. Thos. W. Trotter read a paper on "The Teachers' Profession," in which he advocated the payment of teachers according to the grade of certificate held by them; discussed by Messrs. Moore, Ferguson, George, and Wright. "The Benefits of Teachers' Conventions" were then briefly set forth by E. J. J. Ferguson. Some methods of making conventions still more attractive and beneficial were also set forth. Mr. Moore suggested that each teacher extend an invitation to his trustees to attend the convention in future.

In the afternoon session the debate took place, which resulted in a decision in favor of the affirmative, after having been keenly contested on both sides. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Manitowaning on the first Thursday and Friday in March, 1886. At the evening session of the next meeting the subject for debate will be: *Resolved*, That the water portion of the globe is more beneficial to mankind than the land. Mr. John Wright was appointed 2nd vice-president in place of Mr. Thos. C. Sims, and Mr. Louis N. Thibault auditor, in place of Miss Foster.

Professor: "Young man, do you know what I am teaching?"
Student: "Yes, sir; German." Professor: "No, sir; a crowd of blockheads." (Tally one for Professor.)