

Mr. S. S. McCormack, the respected head master of Orangeville public school, has been suffering from a severe cold, and, for a fortnight, was compelled to retire from school work. We are pleased to know that he is now quite recovered and able to resume his accustomed duties.

Mr. W. H. Bingham has been appointed junior mathematical master in Orangeville high school. He also takes junior English and science. Mr. J. E. Lynn (undergraduate Tor. Univ.), late principal of Port Elgin Academy, teaches classics and German. The head master, Alex. Steele, M.A., takes senior English and mathematics, and the improved condition of the school as regards attendance testifies to his high and well-earned reputation as a successful teacher.

Flesherton public school is in a very prosperous condition under the efficient principalship of Mr. M. P. McMaster. Elementary chemistry is taught, and the specimens of industrial drawing which were exhibited were highly creditable. Three pupils are preparing for the intermediate examination and several for entrance. Mr. McMaster's ability as a teacher is fully appreciated by the trustees, who have, for the five years that he is with them, advanced his salary annually without solicitation. No better testimony to the worth of a teacher could be given. In the junior department of the school Miss Hopkins is also giving much satisfaction.

Prof. Croft, Professor of Chemistry of Toronto University for many years, whose name is familiar to almost everybody, died at Texas on the 28th February last, after a short illness. He was 64 years of age.

The Lakefield public school opened after the Easter holidays, under the mastership of Mr. F. A. August, the 'new master.' Mr. August has a Second Class, Grade A, Normal School certificate, and also a first-class Provincial certificate of qualification, and he comes to Lakefield with unexceptionable recommendation as a practical teacher. He is said to have been the best teacher in the county of Dufferin, where he taught for some years. Mr. August has created a very favourable impression upon those whom he has come in contact with so far.—*Peterborough Review*.

The Belleville school board pays \$1,100 per month for teachers.

During the temporary illness of Mr. S. S. McCormack, head master of Orangeville model school, his class was under the care of Mr. N. Gordon, inspector of schools for Dufferin county. Mr. Gordon was at the same time inspecting the school, and, while examining any class in the other departments, he sent the teacher of that class to the principal's room as his substitute. It is gratifying to see an inspector whose heart is so earnestly in his work, and who can sympathise so warmly and practically with the teachers when they are afflicted.

The work carried on in Arthur public school, under the experienced and effective management of Mr. A. Macpherson, principal, is of the most substantial nature; the attendance is large, especially in the junior departments. The head master has the valuable assistance of the Misses N. E. Campbell, J. Foote, and McTaggart.

The work carried on in the separate school, Arthur, is extremely creditable. Under the wise and careful tuition of the two Sisters who are at present in charge the attendance is increasing, and the trustees are about to build another room. At the last entrance examination several pupils passed. Among these were two young ladies, Miss O'Donnell and Miss Centwell, who entered the high school at Mount Forest; Miss Landy, who is attending Toronto collegiate institute; Miss Carroll, at Walkerton high school, and Miss Halley, at Elora high school.

CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL.—We are in receipt of the February number of this very instructive journal, which contains a vast amount of useful information. The JOURNAL should be in the hands of every teacher.—*Exchange*.

A man was obliged to pay \$11.50, fine and costs, for abusive language to the teacher of S.S. No. 5, Blandford, and for interfering with the order of the school. He is not likely to misconduct himself when he goes school visiting next time.

J. A. Houston, M.A., recently English master, London High School, has been appointed head master of the Collegiate Institute, Portage La Prairie. Mr. Houston was one of the best teachers in the province, his reputation as a teacher of English being equalled by few. We have no doubt Mr. H. will prove himself worthy of the new position.

The public school children of Kingston are arranging for a day's sports and games for 24th May. It will be the first day's games they have had in four years.

The schools of Bobcaygeon have been closed for a time, in consequence of the prevalence of measles.

The salary of Mr. Milner, of London collegiate institute, has been increased to \$1,000.

The Goderich school board have increased the salary of H. I. Strang, M.A., head master of the high school, to \$1,200.

Brampton high school, under the management of A. Murray, M.A., is keeping well to the front. The fifth regular meeting of the literary society in connection with the school was a decided success. We regret space does not permit giving particulars.

The boys attending Belleville high school have developed an *esprit du militaire* which has led to their being formed into a company of cadets in connection with the 49th Battalion. If the board of education will not develop an *esprit de l'économie*, but will furnish the youthful sons of Mars with a suitable equipment, the boys will turn out with the regiment in review next Queen's birthday. Cannot other high schools follow the example set by the Belleville boys?

Since the appointment of Mr. J. McDonald to the head mastership of Priceville public schools, much satisfaction is expressed at the progress made. Mr. McDonald has made several excellent improvements in school matters.

Mr. W. P. Rundle, the principal of Dunkalk public school, is doing such a good work that the school trustees are about to build a new school-house where he will have more scope for his indefatigable labor. Miss Harris, one of the many pupils who reflect credit on Richmond Hill high school, makes an excellent assistant.

C. J. McCabe, B.A., has a well attended school in Durham. A large class is preparing for entrance examination. The teaching staff is too small for the number attending, Miss McArthur having over 80 in the primary department; Miss Butters' class is also too large for one teacher.

Shelburne public schools, under the efficient management of Mr. R. L. Mortimer with the competent assistance of Miss Elliot, is increasing in attendance to such an extent that the school trustees are about to add another room and engage a third teacher.

The intermediate class in Mount Forest high school, of which Mr. J. Reid is head master, numbers about 50. The reputation enjoyed by Mr. Reid as a successful teacher is attracting a rapidly increasing attendance. W. H. Wilkinson, B.A., B.Sc., takes mathematics and science, and A. M. Shields, B.A., takes modern languages. The attendance at present averages 84.

Dr. McLellan recently visited the Seaforth High School, and made a very satisfactory report. So says the *Huron Express*.

Hiram Robinson has occupied the position of chairman of the school board, Ottawa, for twelve years.

Miss Anderson and Miss Rothwell have recently been added to the staff of Ottawa teachers.

The salaries of lady teachers, Ottawa, have recently been increased. Those holding second class certificates, grade A, receive \$400; those holding second class, grade B, \$350.

Ottawa Normal School has 75 students in attendance.

Mr. Smith, B.A., Toronto, honor man in science and mathematics, has recently been appointed to the head mastership of Vankloek Hill High School.

120 students are in attendance at the Toronto Normal School.

Rumor has it that important changes will shortly be made in the staff in the Education Department.

A. Robinson, public school teacher, Wolfe Island, left for Dakota, to take up a new line of business, about the middle of April.

J. Shaw, B.A., has been engaged to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. Robinson, Wolfe Island.

The Model School, Ottawa, under Mr. Parlow, the popular head master, is reported doing good work. There are now 450 pupils in attendance, with many applying who cannot secure accommodation.

It is pleasant to visit a model school that is a model school. Among those which deserve the title is that under the head mastership of Mr. S. B. Westervelt at Mount Forest. Perfect order, solid instruction, good appliances, well ventilated rooms, and a suitable building and grounds are its leading characteristics. Each room seems to be a reflex of the principal's, and an earnestness in the business of teaching and learning seems to pervade all the classes. Mrs. Jelley teaches the primary department, and the other assistants are the Misses Mitchell, Jelley, Kerr, Whelpley, and Mackenzie.

We are pleased to learn that Dr. Agnew, I.P.S., Frontenac, has greatly recovered his health, and is again able to be around. Mrs. Agnew and family leave for California shortly, on a trip for health, the Doctor remaining in the county.