

A meeting of the Walkerton High School Board was held Jan. 21st, at which it was reported by the Head Master that there were 163 pupils at the school, and additional teaching help was required. The Board decided to engage an extra teacher during the present term of five months, at fifty dollars per month. Of this sum the government pays half, and the fees of the new pupils will about cover the balance. The school is increasing so greatly, that the problem of further extension is forced on the Board and they decided to ask the County Council for assistance to provide the additional equipment required to start as a Collegiate Institute. The County Council, at their meeting, held last week in January, did not favor the project.

Mr. T. A. Keyes, once teacher in S.S. No. 7, Greenock, retired last Christmas. During his four years there, he was very successful at Entrance and Teachers examinations. At the last July examination, three of his pupils obtained third class certificates, and at the Entrance Examination last June, five of his pupils passed. Last December, one of his pupils headed the list of successful pupils at the Entrance Examination and won the \$5 prize offered by Mr. Gibson Secretary, of the Paisley Board of Trustees. At the July Examination of 1884, one of his pupils obtained a 2nd Class A, and two obtained Intermediate certificates; also successful at the Entrance Examination, and in December following, four passed. He had no assistant at that time.

Cobourg Collegiate Institute opens this year with a large attendance. The Board is putting in a fine lot of physical apparatus, and the school, after raising \$600 for a piano, has undertaken to purchase a library. Already a large sum has been secured. The staff is,—Principal, D. C. McHenry, M.A., Classics and Moderns; W. S. Ellis, B.A., B.Sc., Mathematics and Science; Geo. B. Ward, B.A., Classics; Miss J. Oliver (First Provincial), English; Misses Wilson, Drawing and Painting; Miss Sutherland, Preparatory. Two flourishing literary societies. The town granted the Institute \$3000 last year. Rev. Dr. Burwash has been reappointed chairman; Dr. Powell, secretary; Dr. Wood, Treasurer. This old school still does a large proportion of the preparatory work for Victoria College, besides a fair share of general High School work in fitting candidates for examinations in law, medicine, teaching, etc.

A favorite premium for a teacher to secure in sending a subscription to the SCHOOL JOURNAL is Hughes' "Mistakes in Teaching." This book has now passed into the fifth edition. As a proof of the high esteem in which it is held, it has been adopted as a text-book for the training of teachers in Iowa, several American editions having been issued.

Literary Chat-Chat.

The Boston fortnightly, *Every Other Saturday*, is defunct.

Charles Scribner's Sons have added to Epochs of History "Spartan and Theban Supremacy" and "The Early Hanoverians."

American literature is gaining ground. The London *Athenæum* is henceforth to have a special department devoted to American books.

Ginn & Company announce an annotated edition of Guy Mannering, unabridged, for May.

The *Student's Journal* for February is to hand; an invaluable journal for students and teachers of phonography.

Swinburne, in his recently published biography of Victor Hugo, refers to him as "the spiritual sovereign of the nineteenth century."—*The Current*.

Taine, the French historian, has been ordered by his physician to cease his labors. The order, however, comes just as he has completed his great history of the French Revolution.—*The Current*.

"Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales."—Edited for home and school use by J. H. Stickney, in three series; supplementary to the Third, the Fourth, and the Fifth Readers; illustrated with the original Pedesen pictures—is announced by the indefatigable Ginn & Co.

D. C. Heath & Co. are about to add to their series of Educational Classics "The Levana: or, The Doctrine of Education," a translation from Jean Paul Frederick Richter. They add this volume to the series in the belief that it will tend to ameliorate that department of education which is most neglected and yet needs most care—home training.

An edition of Eysenbach's German Grammar, revised by Wm. C. Gollar, A.M., head master of the Roxbury Latin School, Boston, will be issued in June next by Ginn & Co. This is a short, practi-

cal grammar, designed to give the student the power of understanding, speaking, writing, and reading German with the utmost economy of time and labor.

A new work on Analytic Geometry, by G. A. Wentworth, Professor of Mathematics, Phillips Academy, Exeter, N.H., is announced by Ginn & Co. (Ready in May.) The aim of this work is to present the elementary parts of the subject in the best form for class-room use.

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Editor CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL:

DEAR SIR,—There occurs in the last issue of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL a clipping from some local paper, in which I am represented as having underbid the former Modern Language Master of the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, and thus deprived him of his situation. The statements there made are incorrect as you will see from the following facts. In the first place, the position was advertised, and I was entirely unaware of the circumstances of its vacation; secondly, I didn't "come along," but sent a formal application, thirdly, I applied not for \$750, but for \$800. Fourthly, when offered the position I did not accept it, having been appointed the day before to the Modern Language Mastership in the Ingersoll High School.

Though I was indifferent to the squib so long as it was confined to the local paper, yet when such mis-statements appear in the columns of such a widely circulated publication as the *Canada School Journal* I cannot allow them to go unchallenged. You would therefore oblige me by inserting the above, or the substance thereof, in the next number of your Journal.

Yours truly,

W. J. CHISHOLM.

[We clipped the extract from the *Mitchell Advocate*, and published it exactly as it appeared. We are pleased to give Mr. Chisholm this opportunity of explanation, as our opinions on "undercutting" have always been strongly pronounced. Its practice is demoralizing to the profession.—Ed.]

Editor CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL;

SIR,—The last issue of the SCHOOL JOURNAL contains a reference to a school in Kingston, in which the scholars wore cloaks, caps, etc., as a protection which the walls could not afford, and you exclaim at the very possibility of such a state of things in this model Ontario. Permit me to remark that though such a thing may be a marvel in the city it is not by any means so in some parts of the country, and that there are many school buildings in Ontario little, if any, better than the one referred to. Some weeks ago when first I entered the building in which I am now teaching the fire had been lighted for a little while and the air was so full of smoke that at first I found it difficult to breathe. The scholars took their places and I was astonished that there were no complaints, but I found that they had long been accustomed to the evil. I worried through a half-day and went home with aching eyes. We could not open the windows on account of the cold. In a day or two, however, some new scholars who had been accustomed to the pure air of God's out doors came in, and, for their sakes, and my own, I allowed the use of the cloaks, and a window to come down for a while now and then. I am not exaggerating—you will have an idea of the true state of affairs when I tell you that though the room is only about 20x30 feet, three permanently gone window panes cannot accommodate the passage of smoke. The trustees have been notified and notified, but things are still the same. How many parents would suffer this state of things in their residences or in the buildings in which they sit for a couple of hours—say on Sundays? I would like to add a few suggestions but as there must be a limit to your available space I will merely say that all this is within fifty miles of Toronto.

A COUNTRY SCHOOL TEACHER.