

Mr. George Muldon, Head Master, Model School, Cornwall, has been re-engaged without solicitation.

The Guelph Board of Education has advanced the salaries of the teachers. Mr. McLeay's was increased by \$50; Misses Budd, Aiken, and Cooley by \$50 each; Miss Short by \$25, and the teachers of 1st and 2nd books, \$25 each. A male teacher is required for the senior third (boys) department at the Central school at a salary of \$450. The amount paid hitherto in Guelph for High School salaries is \$3,250, viz: Principal, \$1,050; assistants—two males, \$900 and \$800, one female, \$500. For Public Schools, \$7,125, viz: males, fourth senior department, \$600; fourth junior do., \$550; third senior do., \$500. Females, 1st and 2nd book, four teachers, each, \$200; third junior, five teachers, each, \$250; one senior, \$300; fourth junior, \$350; fourth intermediate, \$400; fourth senior, \$500. The proposed additions, together with the salary of the new teacher, will make the total amount of public school salaries for next year, \$8,125. The teachers whose salaries were increased, were highly complimented by the Board, especially the Principal.

Mr. A. W. Guttridge, late Master of Perth Separate Schools, has been appointed Principal of the Separate School, Lindsay, at a salary of \$500.

Mr. John Noble, Head Master of Newcastle Public School, has accepted the position of English Master in Brockville High School, notwithstanding a tempting offer by the Board of a liberal increase.

Miss Caughell, junior teacher, New Sarum Public Schools, was presented with a handsome ring and an address on the occasion of her leaving that school to take a place in Richmond school.

After the examinations in the Picton High School last month, the silver medals offered by W. J. Porte, Esq., and Mr. Murray, were presented to the winners; the former for general proficiency to Miss May Sawyer, and the latter for best entrance examination to Miss Helen May Morrill. The prizes which are very handsome and suitably engraved, being handed to the young ladies by Mrs. Merrill, wife of the Chairman of the High School Board, and Mrs. Ross, respectively. Mr. Dobson (Principal), Rev. J. F. German, R. A. Norman, Esq., Chairman P. S. Board, John Twigg, Esq., of the H. S. Board, and Mr. R. W. Murray, Principal of the Public School, gave short, appropriate addresses.

At the public examination held in the London South School last month, Mr. A. McQueen, Principal, and his staff were highly complimented for their painstaking labors in the cause of Education.

At the Brantford Public School Board meeting, held 7th ult., Dr. Harris highly complimented Mr. W. Wilkinson, the Principal, on his very satisfactory and detailed report, and remarked that the schools were in a better condition than ever before. There was a saving on salaries of \$383 for the past year.

A parent in Bracebridge, indignant at a little correction given his son in school by Mr. Neilly the teacher, has been committed to trial at the next assizes for assaulting Mr. Neilly with a heavy walking-stick.

Rev. Father Stafford, of Lindsay, speaking recently of education in Europe, said that neither in England nor on the Continent had he seen the Schools so well supplied with maps, globes, and other school furniture, as in Ontario. In Rome he had a conversation with the Cardinal Prefect of the Propagandi, Cardinal Simoni, who remarked that nowhere were the rights of Roman Catholics better recognized than in Canada, and that England was doing well everywhere for education.

The *London Free Press* advocates school decoration as a standing lesson of neatness and order, and asks: "What legislature will offer a premium—and it should be a good one—to the district maintaining the best appointed school-house with the most neatly ordered and most judiciously planted grounds?"

Mr. R. W. Hicks has been appointed Head Master of Madoc Model School, in place of Mr. Kirk, who goes to Cobourg, as already noticed in the JOURNAL.

When teachers are studying medicine and anatomy with a view to becoming doctors, it is not right to turn the school-room into a dissecting room; and it is decidedly objectionable to rob the neighbouring cemetery for subjects of study. Mr. E. H. Bailey, a teacher in Mount Forest Central School, is reported to have allowed his ardour in desiring to shine as a medico, to over-rule his discretion, and the indignation he has raised, as certain discoveries have brought matters to light, will not add to his peace nor permanence in his position.

Mr. Alexander, of Galt, has been advocating the "half-time system" before the trustees and teachers of London.

Mr. C. H. Sec 6, in an address to the Kingston Teachers' Association, showed that a person does not need to be an artist to teach drawing. All that was needed was a good use of the eyes.

Mr. Marling, H. S. I., has sent in his report of the London Collegiate Institute, which, generally, is satisfactory. The report concludes thus: "The Institute appears to be, on the whole, in a healthy condition, and a good spirit of work animates the majority of the pupils."

Toronto Public Schools closed December 22nd for Christmas vacation. The concluding exercises, which were witnessed by a large number of visitors, consisted of recitations and singing. On the black-boards some excellent specimens of maps and free-hand drawing were exhibited, which reflected the highest credit on the pupils. Certificates of merit for attendance and good conduct were presented to those entitled, and it is a pleasing fact to record that nearly three thousand certificates were issued, or about one certificate in every three pupils. The schools open again Monday, January 9th.

Miss Grant, teacher in Parliament Street School, Toronto, was presented, by the pupils and teachers of the school, at closing for the holidays, with a handsome silver cake basket and butter cooler. The presentation was made by Mr. R. T. Martin, and Rev. Mr. Cameron, on Miss Grant's behalf, thanked the donors in very appropriate words.

In Parkdale the distribution of prizes was quite an event, and the entertainment in connection was largely attended. Three of the assistant teachers are leaving the school, and the pupils of their respective classes presented them with handsome and suitable parting gifts. Miss Warwick received a silver spoon-receiver, and an address from the School Board artistically illuminated by Mr. Ellis, a member of that body; Miss Summerville was presented with a dressing-case; and Miss Dallis with an ink-stand.

The closing exercises in connection with Yorkville Public Schools, Mr. Hendry, Master; Riverside, Mr. Phillips, Master; S. S. No. 10, York, Mr. Hagarth, Master, were entered into heartily by trustees, parents, and friends, who evinced the greatest interest in the proceedings.

Mr. T. O. Steele, Principal of the Perth Public and Model Schools, was presented with a beautiful *escritoir* by the pupils of his class.

A feeling exists and seems to be growing in favor of introducing lessons on agriculture into the Public School programme. In order to teach even the elements, some important changes in the course of study will have to be made, not only in the Public Schools, but in the seminaries where teachers are being prepared.

Mr. W. W. Tamblin, M.A., Head Master of Oshawa High School, has been re-engaged at his former salary of \$1,200. Mr. Tamblin is doing earnest work, which is highly appreciated in the town and its vicinity, and has secured for him many firm friends.

Mr. Sinclair, B.A., Head Master of the Sarnia High School, has been re-appointed at his previous salary of \$1,000.

Mr. D. H. Lent has been appointed Principal of Burlington Public School. He has been a faithful and energetic teacher in the past, and we have no doubt of his future success in his present sphere.

The *Mail* observes:—"Speaking of the ingratitude of republics, a parallel case of the ingratitude of municipalities has just occurred in Huron. The Public School Inspector there (Mr. J. R. Miller), an able and energetic county officer, applied to be relieved from active out-door duty during the trying weather of winter, on account of a severe affection of his eyes, and that he be allowed to provide a substitute. The request was refused. A local paper says:—"Strange to say, the application for leave to provide a substitute was rejected both in committee and in council; and stranger still, the reason for the rejection appeared to be that Inspector Miller had been too assiduous and effective in his duties in the past. The action of the County Council in this instance is certainly not likely to incite county officials to work too hard in the time to come."

Mr. G. Cruickshank of Weston, has been offered the Science Mastership in the High School, Chatham.

Dr. Platt has resigned his position as Inspector of the Picton Public Schools.