

—The County Council of Haldimand will soon be called on to appoint a successor to Mr. R. Harcourt, the P. S. Inspector of the county.

—Dr. Law, of Pakenham, has been appointed head-master of the Brockville High and Public Schools for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$1,000.

—Four Ontario High School masters were applicants for a recently advertised High School mastership in Victoria, British Columbia. The appointment was conferred on the Rev. A. B. Nicholson, B. A., of Toronto.

—New High and Public School buildings will be required immediately in the village of Markham. The *Economist* recommends the erection of a single structure which will accommodate both, as well as the Masonic and Oddfellows' lodges.

—The P. S. Inspector of Sarnia reports the total number of registered pupils during November to be 628, of whom 326 are boys. The average attendance for the same month was 502, or about 82 per cent. There were 70 registered High School pupils, with an average attendance of 65.

—The head-master of the Oshawa High School has been brought before the Board of Trustees on a charge of undue severity in the infliction of punishment. The Board dismissed the complaint, and urged upon parents the necessity of co-operating with the masters with a view to securing the requisite obedience to the rules of the school.

—The examination of the pupils of S. S. No. 2, Hay, took place on the 21st December last. There were between 50 and 60 visitors present, a large number of them being parents in the section. The examination was conducted by Messrs. Shirrey, Hobkirk, Currie, and Rev. W. H. Gane, and pronounced successful, in the fullest sense of the word. Great credit is due the teachers, Mr. H. E. Huston and Miss Huston, for the highly creditable condition in which the school was found. The exercises of the day were closed by readings, recitations, and singing by the pupils, and addresses by several gentlemen present.

—The Educational Association for the county of Dundas has drawn up an elaborate set of rules for the holding of township competitive examinations under its aus-

pices. The candidates may belong to either the second, third, fourth, or fifth classes of the present programme, the maximum age for the second class being 10, for the third 12, for the fourth 14, for the fifth 16. Only resident pupils of the county who have not passed the examinations for teachers can compete; no more than two shall be taken from each of the above classes, and these must have attended school at least forty days during the six months previous to the examination, which is to be in writing. Devoting extra time to the preparation of candidates for examination is pronounced to be the spirit of the regulations.

—As the classes in the Ottawa Normal School are not filled, additional students will be received after the Christmas vacation. Candidates will be required to be sufficiently proficient to take up the work of the respective classes at the stage that will at that time be reached by the present students. Candidates who hold first or second-class Provincial certificates may be admitted without examination. All others will be examined on the subjects of the course of study in the junior section of the second division, as set forth in the Prospectus, which may be had on application to the Principal at Ottawa, or to the Education Office, Toronto. Applicants for admission will present themselves on the 12th or 13th of January, or they cannot be received. The Normal School at Toronto being full (and greatly overcrowded), no admissions can take place in January. —*Journal of Education*.

HURON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in Clinton, on the 3rd and 4th December, according to announcement. Meeting was opened by the President at 2 p.m., on Friday. Minutes of June meeting read and approved. Among other routine business a communication from Waterloo Co. Teachers' Association was read. It stated that a resolution to the following effect had been passed by them, viz: That a new text book on Natural Philosophy is much needed, and that T. Kirkland, M.A., be requested to prepare it. And also requested that this Association take action in connection therewith. Taking into consideration the state of affairs at present, the meeting decided to take

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