

### AMONG THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The *Courier* announces the marriage of Miss May Webber, teacher at the Ledge, Charlotte Co. Miss Webber was one of our most efficient and esteemed teachers, and has our best wishes in her new sphere.

Misses Kerr and Erb and pupils, assisted by local talent, gave an excellent school entertainment recently at Beaver Harbor, Charlotte Co., the proceeds of which were ample to procure a flag for the building. It floated to the breeze for the first time on Arbor Day.

Miss Mabel Fanjoy, of Nerepis station, Westfield, Kings Co., has been enabled by a school concert to procure much apparatus not usually provided in country schools, and beside to lay the foundation for a school library.

Misses Annie and Lily Hanson, teachers in Milltown, have obtained leave of absence for a year, which they will spend in California.

Woodstock, N. B., has the distinction of paying its teachers the lowest salaries of any town or village in the Province. It is said that some of its staff get as low as \$70 per term. This is not economy but meanness, and the schools must suffer in proportion. Teachers are human, and ought not be expected to do first class work for third class pay. It matters not what ambition there may be, "Chill penury will repress their noble rage."

It appears that the entertainment in aid of the school library in Moncton was not a success as far as attendance was concerned. It cannot be that such a wide-awake town as Moncton is not alive to the importance of school libraries. We would advise the children to carry around the hat.

Some of the teachers of St. Stephen are members of the Calisthenic Club, conducted by Miss Todd, and the results are very apparent in the increased attention given to physical culture in the schools.

The teachers of Milltown have arranged for botanical excursions under the excellent supervision of Mr. Jas. Vroom, of St. Stephen.

From St. Stephen to St. Andrews, a distance of twenty miles, there is not an unpainted country school house.

Generous contributions toward the expenses of Arbor Day observance were made by the trustees of St. Stephen, Milltown and St. Andrews, and the day was fittingly observed in each of those towns.

The Board of St. Stephen are fully alive to the importance of musical instruction in the schools, and it is probable that arrangements may be made by which it will be given.

It is to be regretted that the excellent musical training given to the pupils of Milltown last year by Mrs. Kerr has been discontinued, but it is hoped that it is only temporary.

Mr. J. W. Butler, of Milltown, presented the schools with a handsome flag, which was hoisted for the first time on Arbor Day.

The citizens of St. Andrews also contributed a flag and staff for the advanced school building. It would appear that in the future the schools across the line are not to have a monopoly as far as flags are concerned.

Frequent teachers' meetings are held by the teachers of both St. Stephen and Milltown, at which papers are read and discussions take place relating to school work. It is proposed that the teachers of both places unite at some of these meetings.

Through the exertions of the teacher, Mr. Wm. Brodie, and pupils of the St. Andrews Grammar school, assisted most generously by the citizens of the town, a very fine school library has been procured for the school.

One of the first things to attract attention in some of the schools in St. Andrews are side tables furnished by the Board, on which are copies of the *Illustrated London News*, *Youth's Companion*, etc., for supplementary reading at recess or on Friday afternoons. These papers are subscribed for by teachers and pupils.

The Charlotte County Teachers' Institute is to be held this year in St. Stephen, probably in September. There is to be an exhibition of manual work, which, from the interest apparently taken in it by some of the schools, bids fair to dwarf the provincial exhibition of last year.

The trustees of Milltown and St. Andrews have voluntarily given some of their teachers a generous increase of salary. It was a graceful and substantial recognition of the merit of their teachers, and will be productive, if possible, of increased interest and exertion on the part of the recipients.

A very successful school concert was recently had in St. Martins, St. John Co., by the teachers and pupils of the schools. A goodly sum was realized, which is to go toward a school library.

Harvard spends over \$50,000 a year on its library. During the past fifty years no smoker has graduated with the first honors of his class in this university. What does this mean?

The winners of the prizes at the University of N. B. this year are: Douglas gold medal, F. P. Yorston; Governor-General's gold medal, Francis D. Walker, St. John; Silver medal, Adam S. Dickenson, Carleton Co.; Alumni gold medal, Francis D. Walker, St. John; Campbell memorial prize, Miss R. W. Henry, St. Stephen; Hazen prize, \$40, Miss Shaw, St. John. Mr. Francis D. Walker thus wins two gold medals in one year—a somewhat rare achievement.

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