

## Notes and News.

## ONTARIO.

Mr. T. O. Steele, late principal of the Perth Model School, has been appointed Principal of the Barrie Model School.

Mr. Munro, B.A., assistant master in Stratford High School, has accepted a more lucrative situation in Belleville High School.

Principal McCabe of the Ottawa Normal school has for some time been engaged in the compilation of a History of England for use in Catholic schools.

Mr. H. S. McLean, of Lucknow, has been engaged as second assistant teacher in Clinton High School, salary, \$650 per annum, in place of Mr. W. R. Lough, who has been appointed head master of Clinton Model School.

Bad boys, who knew they would never get them any other way, broke into Hunter street school, Hamilton, and stole all the prize books intended for the Christmas examinations.

The whole staff of New Hamburg teachers has been re-engaged at present salaries, viz.: Mr. W. Linton, \$600; Mr. P. H. Baehr, \$500; Miss Mary Cooney, \$300; Miss Laura Wegenast, \$200.

We have received *The School*, a bi-monthly journal published by the Literary and Musical Society of the Stratford High School. It is a sprightly, readable paper, and indicates intellectual life in the High School.

Two classes of boys in the Jessie Ketchum school, Toronto, are being taught to knit, and the novelty seems to be appreciated by the lads, who are doing well at it. They practice with two needles half an hour two days in the week, under the charge of one of the lady teachers.

Brant graduates, and undergraduates of Victoria, Trinity, and Albert Universities have organized, and after full and free discussion have adopted a resolution strongly objecting to aiding Toronto University and University College out of the public funds at the expense and to the detriment of the other universities.

The London *Free Press* thus refers to the death of an estimable young lady who taught school in Blyth during the year 1831: "The death is announced, after a brief illness from typhoid fever, of Miss Ella MacCormack, who has been teacher in the school over Clark's Bridge for some time past. She taught in her usual place a week ago Friday. Miss MacCormack was greatly beloved by her scholars, and highly respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance."

The Ottawa Teachers' Association has adopted the following report of the committee on temperance with reference to the introduction of a text-book on alcohol: That it would be better to put these works of reference in the hands of the teachers rather than into the hands of the pupils; that the lesson on alcohol should form simply a part of the general health lessons; that lessons so introduced into the Readers to be made a basis of instruction on this special part of the general subjects of health and of morals.

The survival of the unfittest finds an example in those schools which are yet teaching permutation, progressions, circulating decimals, insurance, annuities, compound interest, English money, and the like, in arithmetic. Similar unpractical topics waste the pupils' time in other subjects. The amount of live practical matter at hand is so great that there is no excuse, except ignorance, for using such dead matter.—*Minn. Journal of Education*.

We regret to state the Board of St. Mary's Collegiate Institute has taken a step backward by reducing the salary of the headmaster from \$1,200 to \$1,000. This penny-wise policy will bring its own punishment in due time. Time is a severe disciplinarian.

The Board of the Oakville High School has taken a step towards retaining the services of a successful well-trained teacher, by adding \$150 to the salary of N. Wellwood, B.A., the headmaster. This is the true policy; find a good man, and keep him. The teacher is the school, and the value of a good teacher is far above rubies. Well done Oakville!

"To be intellectual, to write books, to do wonders in mental pyrotechny, is not the chief end of man, nor can we make it so. This is, indeed, what we seem to be aiming at, but we shall fail. Nature will prove too strong for us here; and, if we persist, she will just smash us up, and replace us with a people not so tormentedly smart. It is to the weak, not the brilliant, that the possession

of the earth is promised." We quote the above from the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, but it is not bad reading for this latitude. Young teachers, especially, are apt to forget that the moral is more than the intellectual; that to be honest is deserving of more praise than to be brilliant; and that the pure in heart, not the keen in mind, shall see God.—*N. E. Journal of Education*.

Your correspondent noticed in the November News, a conundrum from Oakland county correspondent, asking why female teachers, who do the same work that male teachers do, do not receive more than about one half the compensation. Perhaps the theory I hold is not the correct one, but I venture to give it, and let it be taken for what it is worth. Though I am a man teacher yet I think that female should receive as much as male teachers, provided they do the same work, and it is my idea that the ladies are entirely to blame. They have all formed an idea that they cannot earn as much as a man, and consequently they offer their services for about a third of what they might receive. Ladies, you must say that you will have so much, and we cannot get along in the profession without you, and you will get what you ask every time. I saw a lady teacher at Flint talk an hour and a half with a school director for four dollars on a month, and finally she received just what she asked. All the reason he wished to cut down on her price was that a man had offered to teach the same school for what she wanted. All of you do the same thing and the result must be nothing but favorable.—*Educational News*.

The following gentlemen were duly elected members of the Tuckersmith Public School Board for the current term: Ward No. 1, Wm. Payne; No. 2, George Sproat; No. 3, Peter Dayment; No. 4, David McCloy. Messrs. Payne and McCloy are new members; Mr. Dayment has already served one term, and Mr. Sproat has been a member of the Board since its organization. At the meeting in Ward No. 2, Mr. Sproat advocated the erection of an addition to each of the woodsheds so as to make a stall for the accommodation of a horse, explaining at the same time that trustees, clergymen, and others frequently desired to visit the schools when passing but are deterred from the fact that there is now no safe place for their horse. The suggestion is an excellent one, and as the cost would be a mere trifle it is to be hoped it will be carried out by the Board.—*Expositor*.

The Board of Education for the county of Huron met pursuant to notice. Resolved.—That the assembled members of the County Board of Education desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with our respected co-worker, Archibald Dewar, Esq., in his affliction, caused, in some measure, no doubt, by the arduous duties of his office. For the past twelve and a-half years we have sat side by side with him in deliberating over the educational matters connected with the public school interests in the county, and we have always found him a wise and considerate counsellor, one having the welfare of the education of the youth fully at heart, always desirous to promote the interests of the teachers, a true, scholarly gentleman, and a genial and sympathizing friend. We, therefore, very much regret that through heavy affliction, he has been compelled to resign his position as Inspector, but trust that his life may be long spared, so that at the meetings of the Board we may still have his valuable and efficient assistance and judicious council, and that thus our official relationship, always so cordial and pleasant, may still continue in the greatest harmony. And that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Dewar.—*Carried*.

As will be seen by the report of the proceedings of the county council, Mr. Archibald Dewar has been forced by ill-health to resign his position of Public School Inspector for North Huron. Mr. Dewar was the first Public School Inspector appointed for the district under the new act, and has now held the position for about twelve years. We venture to say that there is not a ratepayer in the entire district who will not deeply regret the retirement of Mr. Dewar as well as the cause which induced it. He was a faithful and efficient Inspector and was universally popular with trustees, teachers, and parents. For some time after his appointment, in common with other Inspectors, he had an extremely difficult task to perform. The administration of a new law, and one very much more stringent and exacting than any we had previously experienced, without unduly irritating the people, required tact of no ordinary character, and Mr. Dewar succeeded in this most admirably. While his firmness secured entire conformity with the law, his affability won him friends everywhere, and he procured the willing consent of the people to improvement which, if he had tried to enforce, would have raised them up in arms against both himself and