

question of uniform township examinations, with a view to securing their co-operation in providing prizes for the successful pupils. Part of the programme consisted in the delivery of a lecture by Dr. McLellan, Senior Inspector of High Schools.

—The Teachers' Association for East Bruce met at Paisley on the 13th inst. After an opening address by Mr. Clendenning, P. S. Inspector, an essay on "Our Progress" was read by Mr. Miller, Head Master of the Walkerton High School. The Rev. J. Straith, of Paisley, delivered a lecture on "The Importance of the Moral Faculty in Education." The subjects discussed were: "The Teacher's Duty on the Playground," "The extent and value of Written Exercises," "The Art of Questioning," and "The approved Method of Teaching Reading." Arrangements were made to have a two-days' meeting next time, to be held at Walkerton on the first Friday and Saturday in June.

—The P. S. Inspector for West Huron reports that the amount raised in his district, during 1874, for school purposes, was \$72,172.55, of which had been expended in salaries, new buildings, improvements, &c., \$62,638.97½, leaving a balance of \$9,633.47½; the amount of indebtedness throughout the district for salaries, repairs, buildings, &c., was \$8,325.76. The value of school property was \$66,779, while in 1871 it was \$36,820. The whole number of school sections was eighty, and the number of school houses eighty-one, including two separate schools. There are no rented buildings in the district. Each school had at least half an acre of ground, as required by law. Three Teachers' Institutes have been formed at Exeter, Varna, and Dungannon. Two of these are doing excellent work.

—The Inspector of Leeds reports an advance of fifty per cent. in teachers' wages, and says that the schools are in much better shape than formerly. The practice of granting permits is gradually declining. "The principal deficiency in both schools and teachers is the utter want of mathematical knowledge." He adds that there is a general desire in the rural schools, where the attendance is fifty, to employ pupil monitors. All the assistants employed except in Gananoque, are "not qualified." "As a general rule scarcely any pupils are sent from the

rural districts to the High Schools, their only extraneous support being derived from a few candidates for third-class certificates desirous of "reviewing." The High School pupils, pursuing the classical course, are limited to an insignificant number.

—The P. S. Inspector for the County of Grenville, in his report for 1873, exhibits a backward condition of education in his district. He reports that only eighty per cent. of the schools are taught by duly certified teachers, and that eighty per cent. of the teachers licensed are females. Reading is not generally well taught—scarcely taught at all—spelling is also generally bad, writing as a rule is indifferent, mental arithmetic is almost ignored, geography is not sufficiently studied, the knowledge of history is not worth mentioning. Merrickville and Kemptville have shown enlightened liberality by erecting large elegant brick structures at a cost of from \$6,000 to \$7,000. Handsome double schools have also been completed in Edwardsburg, Spencerville and Burris' Rapids.

—A meeting of the public school teachers of Seaforth and vicinity, for the organization of a Teachers' Institute, took place in the Seaforth school-room on Saturday, March 13. Mr. McFaul, being chosen chairman, the meeting proceeded to elect officers, Mr. S. Hicks being chosen President; Mr. A. G. McFaul, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Coulter, 2d Vice-President, Miss E. Johnson, Treasurer; and D. Stoddart Secretary. The officers are to be elected annually. Membership fee, 25 cents per annum, payable by male teachers alone. Meeting of Institute to take place once in six weeks, the first meeting to be held in Seaforth school room on Saturday, April 24, at 10 o'clock A. M. After appointing a Committee to arrange a programme, providing subjects for discussion, and the teachers who shall introduce the subjects they selected, the meeting adjourned.

—A correspondent has sent the *Liberal* an account of the recent inspection of the Bowmanville High School by Dr. McLellan, High School Inspector. The examination, which lasted two days, was very thorough and searching. The different forms stood the test well, and showed by their correct answers and independent thought that they had been carefully taught. At the close of