

THE January No. of the *Ontario Journal of Education* is just received. Nine of the sixteen pages are occupied by a list of "Books for School Libraries and Prizes," as recommended by the Committee of Council.

THE Orillia High School building, recently completed, is now occupied. It is a two story brick building, 40x64, and is situated upon a beautiful site containing three and a half acres. A hot air furnace in the basement heats the entire building.

It is reported that 73 Boards agree to join the London Board in the proposed spelling reform, while 124 have refused. Among the former are Liverpool and Birmingham; among the latter, Manchester, Sheffield, Halifax and Bristol.

IN the Legislature of Manitoba the Provincial University Bill has been read a third time and passed. Bills providing for the incorporation of Wesley College and Trinity College have also been passed.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for March contains two entertaining articles entitled, "A Summer Cruise among the Atlantic Islands," and, "Popular Exposition of some Scientific Experiments." Both are illustrated.

THE average daily attendance last year in the Public Schools of Chicago was nearly 36,000, and the enrolment 51,128. Associated with the 51 Principals there were 711 teachers, of whom 420 had graduated from the High and Normal Schools.

A TEACHER was prosecuted in Iowa for punishing a young lady of twenty-one. The case went against the teacher before a Justice of the Peace and the District Court, but the Supreme Court reversed their decision and decided in favor of the teacher.

THE following are the heights of the mountain peaks of Colorado.—Blanca Peak, 14,464; Mt. Harvard, 14,384; Gray's Peak, 14,341; Mt. Lincoln, 14,296; Mt. Wilson, 14,280; Long's Peak, 14,271; Uncompahgre Peak, 14,235; and Pike's Peak, 14,146.

DURING 1876, the total number of pupils attending the Goderich High School was 106; average attendance 55. The average attendance in January, 1877, was 78; total on roll, 86, of whom 15 are preparing for 2nd class certificates; 13 for 3rd class, and 25 for intermediate examination.

THE Sixteenth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Kansas is on our table. Any items of interest which we may call from this or other Reports that may be placed in our hands, will in due time be presented to our readers.

TRUANCY is on the increase in Ingersoll, no fewer than thirty-five pupils having absented themselves one or more times last year. Seven of these have become so confirmed in the habit that the Principal advises that they should be expelled from the school, their influence being detrimental to its interests.

ON Wednesday, Feb'y 28th, a farewell reception was given at Columbus, Ohio, by Governor and Mrs. Hayes, to the school children. For hours the children in procession from the various schools, to the number of nearly 10,000, held undisputed possession of the pavements, and as they came into the rotunda of the capitol, Governor and Mrs. Hayes shook the hand of each scholar and teacher. Long live President Hayes.

THERE are seven Universities in Ontario, as follows:—"University of Toronto, University College, and Trinity College, Toronto; Victoria College, Cobourg; Queen's College, Kingston; Ottawa College, Ottawa; and Albert University, Belleville.

It took the Winnipeg, Manitoba, Board of Education two hours to decide whether or not reporters should be admitted at a late meeting. Immediately after the vote was declared carried by a majority of one, the six who voted nay rose and left the meeting.

AT a recent sale of autograph letters, &c., in London, two locks of Byron's hair—one cut off when a young man, the other after his death—brought £19 10s. Robert Burns' visiting-book was sold for £24 10s. Some of the poet's letters realized £11 each.

"JOHNNY, have you learned anything during the week?" asked a teacher of a five-year-old pupil.

"Yeth'm!"

"Well, what is it?"

"Never to lead a small trump when you hold both bowers!"

A NAUGHTY EXCHANGE publishes the following: "It is noticeable that the number of big schoolboys who paroxysmally kiss the schoolma'm when she tries to whip them is on the increase. It is also noticeable that this increase is followed by a large increase in the number of schoolmarns who attempt to whip big boys."

THERE is contention over the authorship of the beautiful ballad, "There's nae luck about the House." Mr. Chas. Mickle, of Guelph, Ontario, in a lengthy letter shows pretty conclusively that William Julius Mickle is the author, rather than Jean Adam, whom some critics have credited with its production.

IN the *Toronto Globe* the Windsor Board of Education advertised for a teacher, offering \$700 per annum. The *Globe* made it read £700, or about \$3,500, and we may, therefore, presume that the worthy Secretary of the Board has had his hands full if he has made any attempt to reply to all the applications received from aspirants to the position.

MR. C. B. STEVENS, having on a legal technicality been unseated as trustee for Grove Ward, Walkerton, is again before the ratepayers for re-election. Mr. Collins, his opponent, is a worthy candidate, but the ratepayers are advised by the *Telescope* to re-elect Brother Stevens, who is well and favorably known in this city.

WHAT is above all books is taught in many schools. Some teachers are kings and queens among their fellows, for they do a work far beyond the money they receive as salaries. The spirit of the teacher, his ability to excite a love for study in his pupils, and to render school work attractive, are qualities above the price.

A SHORT time ago, a little girl, a pupil of a school in Aldborough Township, met with a serious accident by which her thigh-bone was broken. A number of the larger boys were amusing themselves with "putting the stone," which had just been thrown by one of them, when the little girl unexpectedly ran from behind the building in the direction in which it was cast. Let this be a warning to other boys who wish to indulge in sports as dangerous as the above; and let them choose a position in which they will not be interrupted by children engaged in other sports.