

known as the High School, Whitby, has developed into a collegiate institute, which sufficiently indicates the progressive state of education in that locality.

The rapid and successful growth of St. Thomas Collegiate Institute is unquestionably a "sign of our times." Beautifully situated in a town of growing importance, large, and well fitted with every modern improvement, it possesses most attractive architectural features, but its chief beauty consists in the superior instruction given within its walls by Principal J. Millar, B.A., and his efficient staff, Messrs. J. Leitch, J. W. Cook, A. J. Bell, B.A., and N. W. Ford. The record of work done since it changed its designation is most creditable, and it now stands second to no other collegiate institute in the Province. During the past academic year its record of examinations is as follows:—4 passed University matriculation (Toronto), 1 passed matriculation in law, 2 passed matriculation in medicine, 1 passed matriculation in Royal Military College (Kingston), 27 passed Intermediate or 2nd Class Teachers' examination, 12 passed third class Teachers' examination. While it gives every encouragement to those who have no local means of preparing for higher examination, it is observable that "students coming from other collegiate institutes or High Schools are expected to present certificates of honourable dismission." The building is arranged to accommodate about 300 pupils, and 7 or 8 teachers. We were much impressed with the admirable appliances, suited to meet every requirement, with which the building is fitted.

A highly interesting proceeding marked the close of Branpton High School for the winter holidays, which was the presentation to Mr. Cortez Fessenden, B.A., Head Master, of a valuable parting gift consisting of twelve very handsomely bound volumes of Shakspeare's works, together with two volumes of Hudson's commentaries on the same. A beautifully illuminated address, richly framed, accompanied the valuable token, which was read by Miss A. Wallace, and Mr. E. Young presented the books. The gift and address were the united testimony of masters and pupils to the high opinion they had of Mr. Fessenden as a scholar and teacher, and the great esteem in which they held him as a gentleman and a friend. The recipient of the honor expressed his thanks for such a distinguished mark of their appreciation, and spoke feelingly of the happy relations that had existed between the assistant masters, the pupils and himself. Mr. Galton, assistant master, made a few remarks, after which Mr. Fessenden bade them all a cordial and impressive farewell.

Mr. I. J. Birchard, B. A., has been appointed head master of Perth High School, at a salary of \$1,000, and Mr. Embury was previously engaged as science master at same school at a salary of \$700. On this matter an error appeared in our last issue through imperfect information.

Mr. George Stone, first-class certificate, has been appointed assistant master of the Beamsville High School, in room of Mr. H. Turnbull, who goes to complete his university course at Toronto.

During 1880, the Madoc Model School passed one second A in intermediate, 13 thirds, and 7 entrance candidates. At the professional examination, 22 of the candidates trained at it were successful at both non-professional and professional third class examinations for the County of Hastings. The students of this school were at the head of the list of successful candidates.

Mr. Joseph Boag, late head master of the Walkerton Model School, now occupies the position of Principal of the Central Schools, New Westminster, British Columbia. We are sure the district in which he is now located will be much benefited by Mr. Boag's remarkable energy and efficiency as a teacher, together with his influence as an upright and valued citizen. He has our cordial best wishes for success and prosperity in his new sphere of labor.

Bishop Alford, the well-known editor of the Greek Testament, addressed the pupils of the Holmuth Ladies' College at the closing exercises previous to the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Thos. Steele, late of the London Mutual School, is to succeed Mr. McRay in S. S. No. 20, London, the school west of Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Mr. Steele formerly taught in this section successfully and well. Salary for the ensuing year, \$412.40.

We commend the Ingersoll High-School Board for increasing the salary of the Second Assistant to \$425. A step in the right direction.

"The December number of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL is one of the best numbers that have appeared."—London Advertiser, Dec. 17.

VALUABLE PRESENTATION.—At the regular examination of the

Mt. Brydges public school, held on Monday, 20th ult., Mr. H. G. Lindsay, the head teacher, in retiring from the profession, was made the recipient of a magnificent gold-headed cane by his pupils. The address, which was very complimentary to Mr. Lindsay, was read on behalf of the pupils by Master Pearson Grigg, and the presentation made by Master Fred. Arnold, to which Mr. Lindsay replied in suitable terms.

At a successful school exhibition at Revere School, Biddulph, Sect. No. 6, on the 17th ult., addresses were given by Inspector Dearness and the Warden of the County. During the evening the teacher, Mr. McMillon, was presented by the pupils with a purse containing \$20, accompanied by an address, on the occasion of his leaving the profession.

The second winter session of the (Episcopalian) Church College at Saskatchewan was opened, on Nov. 2nd, by the Lieut.-Gov. and the Bishop.

Knox College will apply to the Legislative Assembly at its next session for an act granting to it power to confer degrees in divinity.

One of the grandest dinners ever given in the Woodstock Canadian Literary Institution was that given on Dec. 21st to Professor and Mrs. Wells, who are about leaving the school.

St. MARY'S, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Collegiate Institute board held on Wednesday evening last, Mr. McClure, of Oshawa, was appointed first assistant teacher, the position rendered vacant by Mr. McMurchie's appointment to the head mastership of the Harriston high school. Mr. McClure is a gold medalist and is very highly recommended. His salary for the first year is to be \$900. Presentation.—The pupils of the Institute on Tuesday last presented Mr. James McMurchie, B.A., with an address and a very beautiful gold watch chain, with seal attached, valued at \$40. The address was very nicely written on parchment by Mr. Williams, town clerk, and framed. The seal bears the inscription, "To Jas. McMurchie, B.A., from his pupils of the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute." Mr. McMurchie made an appropriate reply.

LISTOWEL.—High School Prizes.—The members of the high school board opened a subscription list a few days ago, and after a canvass of two hours or so, succeeded in securing over \$80 of prizes to be distributed amongst the pupils of the high school at their approaching examination. There will likely be a public meeting held about Tuesday evening next in the Town Hall, at which the prizes will be distributed.

The School Trustees of Brooklyn, on Dec. 17, held a re-union of their schools, which are the best and most efficient in the county of Ontario. A lecture on "Kindergarten" was given by Mr. James Hughes, I.P.S. Mr. Hughes has given special attention to this subject, and in particular to that of training teachers in the art and mystery of giving drawing lessons. The lecture was a very great success, and we trust that Mr. Hughes may be induced to repeat it at many of our public schools. Addresses were delivered by the county member, by Mr. T. B. Bicknell, Reeve, and by Mr. McBrien. Mr. Henderson is the master, to whose ability the Brooklyn school has much reason to feel grateful.

Mr. Wm. O'Connor, M. A., the present Head Master of Harriston High School, has been appointed Head Master of Owen Sound High School.

The Owen Sound High School building has been completed. It furnishes accommodation for 400 pupils.

Mr. James Duncan, Principal of Essex Co. Model School, and his assistants, were presented with a highly complimentary address by the teachers in training at the close of the term.

Mr. Daniel O'Doherty, has resigned his position as teacher in the Puce School, for No. 4, Sandwich East, where he will commence duty on 3rd inst.

Mr. McGregor, who has been so successful in the management of the Almonte High School, has been appointed to Brockville, at a salary of \$1,200, with efficient support. It is expected Mr. McGregor will soon place the latter High School in a first-rate position.

Mr. Cortez Fessenden, under whose able instruction Brampton High School has done so well, has accepted the Head Mastership of the Napanee High School at a salary of \$1,200.

Mr. McMurchie, who for some years has been the efficient Mathematical Master in the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, succeeds Mr. O'Connor in Harriston.

Mr. Henry, late Mathematical Master in Ottawa Collegiate Institute, has been appointed to the Mathematical Mastership in Brampton High School.

Mr. McCallum, of Arnprior, has accepted the Mathematical Mastership in Cornwall High School.