

George visited the skating rink several times, and enjoyed the skating very much. After his return to Salem, Willie's mother consented to buy him a pair of roller skates, but none could be found to suit. Willie wanted a pair like those he had seen in Boston. Accordingly he wrote to his cousin George stating his troubles and asking him to buy a pair of skates, and send them by express to Salem, giving the street and number of his house. The money was to be sent on receipt of the skates.

a. Write Willie's letter, stating all of the facts mentioned above.

3. Anne Jones lives at 28 Bremen street, New York. She is nearly fourteen years old and attends the public school. Her mother proposes to give her a birthday party on the evening of the 28th of May. Annie has decided to invite twelve of her school mates to the party, and anticipates a "lovely" time.

a. Write her note of invitation to Sarah Wilkins, one of the invited guests.

b. The night of the party proved to be rainy and all of the guests were obliged to ride. The party, however, proved a success. The games were greatly enjoyed, and all of the little girls were very sorry when the carriages arrived, at ten o'clock, to take them home.

Write Sarah Wilkins letter to her aunt Sophia, who lives in Boston, telling her all about the party. The letter is to be dated May 30.

The above conditions for letters are to be written upon the black-board by the teacher before the letter-writing begins. The conditions, of course, must be adapted to the age and capacity of the pupil. They should be prepared carefully and the pupils should be trained to answer all of them.

Such training is very valuable in preparing pupils for business correspondence.

The following plan may be used for the sake of variety, and by some teachers is preferred to the one already outlined:

When the children are all ready for the work, slates clean, pencils well pointed, and attention fixed on the teacher, they are told that, to-day we will write a letter to cousin Joe, who lives in Chicago. Now who will suggest something to write about? One pupil suggests the "school," another "the circus that paraded the streets a week ago and is now encamped in Melbourne Park," another "the trained horses on exhibition at the 'Windsor'," another, "the last holiday and what we did," etc. When suggestions enough have been made, the teacher calls attention to the fact that, if treated in the order given, the letter would not be well arranged. The children now examine the "items" and decide which one should come first, which one second, and so on through the list. After the rearrangement has been made on the board and the items numbered, the pupils should have a quiet half hour for the writing.

To assist in paragraphing, require them to put into one paragraph all that they say upon one subject. If there are four "suggestions" on the board, there should be four paragraphs in the letter. This simple rule for dividing the composition will suffice until the pupils are old enough to understand all the mysteries of paragraphing.

Educational Notes and News.

Miss Margaret Somerville, of Dandas, won the Governor-General's Gold Medal at Brantford Presbyterian College the other day, for the highest marks obtained at the Local University examinations, 1884; and Miss Margaret R. Wilson, of Seaford, took the general proficiency medal in all the subjects of the senior year.

There are in all 198 candidates for Matriculation in Arts in To-

ronto University, attending the examination now in progress in the city. This number is exclusive of 71, who are up for the local examinations at various places outside Toronto. Of the 198, twenty-one are ladies. There are 32 candidates for honors in Greek and Latin. In Latin only, 55; in Mathematics, 100; in English, 106; in History and Geography, 45; in French, 45; in German, 44; and 36 in all the moderns.

Thursday last was a gala day for the children of the Toronto Public Schools. It was the day for the annual procession and review. About 9000 children representing upwards of 30 schools, were marshalled in good order by Inspector Hughes and Mr. Alfred Metcalf, and marched in procession through the city. The children of several of the schools wore hats alike, of a style known in juvenile parlance as "cows' breakfasts." Nearly all the girls were attired in airy white dresses and a profusion of coloured ribbons. Many of the older boys carried wooden guns and marched in fine soldierly style, and some of the companies saluted and performed various military evolutions with the precision of trained volunteers. The games and sports at the old Jarvis-street Lacrosse Grounds were interesting. The companies from the different schools drilled in a most excellent manner in competition for the Boswell Banner. Wellesley company (Captain Knowlton) took the banner, being first in the competition for the fifth consecutive year. The company from Dufferin School was second. In the calisthenic competition between the senior classes the Wellesley School class was first and Dufferin second. The Wellesley School girls looked charming in black polo caps and white dresses. The competition was for the Hay clock for the school, and a brooch for each of the girls, presented by Mr. George Gooderham. The Phoebe-street class was second, and each member is to receive a brooch as second prize, presented by Mr. W. J. Gage. In the second book class calisthenic competition the Phoebe-street class was first.

Of the total number of candidates now up for Matriculation Examinations in Toronto University, Toronto Collegiate Institute furnishes 16, Upper Canada College 15, Galt Collegiate Institute 11, St. Mary's C.I. 10, St. Catharines C.I. 9, Hamilton C.I., and Uxbridge H.S., 7 each; Woodstock College, Barrie C.I., Strathroy H.S., Bradford H.S., Clinton H.S., St. Michael's College, Belleville H.S., 6 each; Whitby C.I., Orillia H.S., Brantford C.I., 5 each; London C.I., Perth C.I., Walkerton H.S., Harrison H.S., Collingwood C.I., Wycliffe College, 4 each; St. Thomas C.I., Weston H.S., Richmond Hill H.S., Stratford C.I., Ottawa C.I., Ridgeway H.S., Orangeville H.S., Newmarket H.S., 3 each; Port Hope H.S., Bowmanville H.S., Oshawa H.S., Brantford H.S., Berlin H.S., Port Rowan H.S., Guelph H.S., Woodstock H.S., and Pickering College, 2 each; Trinity College school, Albert College, Oakville H.S., Seaford H.S., Knox College, Aylmer H.S., Wexford H.S., Bishop Strachan school, Owen Sound H.S., Goderich H.S., Mount Forest H.S., Cobourg C.I., Almonte H.S., Brockville H.S., Picton H.S., Petrolia H.S., Peterboro' C.I., Ingersoll H.S., Brighton H.S., Simcoe H.S., St. John's College, Winnipeg, Port Dover H.S., 1 each. Prepared by private study, 5. Of the 71 presenting themselves for the Local Examination Brantford Ladies' College furnishes 7, Fergus H.S., 8; Guelph H.S., 1; Petrolia H.S., 13; Galt C.I., 6; St. Thomas C.I., 27; Toronto C.I., 2; Streetsville H.S., 1; Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, 6.

The closing exercises of the De La Salle Institute, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., were conducted in the presence of a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. Beautiful and costly prizes were distributed by the priests of the different parishes, trustees and other gentlemen present.

The new Connecticut law against "flash" literature, which has just gone into effect, imposes a fine of \$50 or less, and imprisonment for three months or less, or both, at the discretion of the court, upon every person who shall sell, lend, give, or offer, any book, magazine, pamphlet, or paper devoted wholly or principally to the publication of criminal news, or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust, or crime.

Mr. Rothwell, Principal of the Perth Collegiate Institute, was made the recipient of a testimonial and an appreciative address from his pupils on the occasion of the recent "send off" of the students going up for the matriculation examinations at the University of Toronto.

At the recent Teacher's Examinations in Prince Edward Island, there were 37 successful candidates for license. In addition to these, 26 candidates received licenses through the primary or elementary course.