

decided to remain in Whitby. His salary is to be increased—*Whitby Chronicle*.

ON Monday afternoon Miss L. K. Henderson, teacher of grade five, Orillia Public School, was made the recipient of a handsome silver napkin ring, engraved, and an address, presented by her scholars, on the eve of severing her connection with the school.—*Orillia Packet*.

THE following teachers are engaged for next year: at St. George, Mr. J. C. Elliott, Miss Webster and Miss Thompson; Harrisburg, Mr. Thos. South; Papple's, Miss Connor; German's, Miss Anderson; McLean's, Miss Hundy; Turnbull's, Miss Vair; Bruce's, Mr. F. Smith.—*Galt Reformer*.

THE following teachers are engaged for Carleton Place Schools: Miss McCallum, Miss Empey, Miss Sinclair and Miss Wilson. These, with those previously engaged, viz: Mr. J. A. Goth, principal, Mr. McDonald, Miss Burk, Miss Girouard and Miss Dryman will comprise the staff for this year.—*Carleton Place Herald*.

MR. E. C. ARTHUR, until lately modern language master of St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, has been presented with a very fine edition of Chambers' Encyclopaedia and a handsome dressing case. Presentations have also been made to Miss Verth, Miss Cruttenden and Miss Watt, of the public schools.—*St. Mary's Argus*.

MR. H. BEWELL was, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17th, presented with an address and a beautiful gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed. Such genuine expressions of esteem from the scholars must be gratifying to Mr. Bewell, who is about to leave them, and we are sure will be very much appreciated.—*Carleton Place Herald*.

AS an illustration of the fact that school attendance during epidemics largely contributes to the spread of infectious diseases, it is stated that during the late serious outbreaks of diphtheria in the ironstone villages of England the closing of a school proved in every instance an effective means of bringing each local epidemic to an end.

MR. A. CRICHTON, B.A., head master of Waterdown High School, has accepted an offer of \$900, as classical master of Owen Sound High School, which is soon to become a collegiate institute, and Mr. W. T. Evans, B.A., his assistant, has secured a position as mathematical master of Sarnia High School, at the same salary.—*Milton Reformer*.

A MOVEMENT has been started to request the Government to erect a normal school in Kingston, seeing that the Ottawa institution cannot afford the necessary accommodation. Some years ago the Federal Government granted a piece of land to Mr. Mowat on which to erect a school, but it was never built, and consequently the land has been lying idle since.

THE Young Men's Christian Association in connection with the Toronto University is progressing encouragingly. The new building in course of erection will soon be finished, and the ladies connected with the city churches have undertaken to raise the necessary funds for its complete equipment and furnishing.

THE Philadelphia School of Industrial Art, devoted to textiles, is being enlarged. The fees are \$50 a year for day classes, and \$15 for evening

classes. Several leading manufacturers have presented the school with various kinds of machinery. If such an institute were established in Canada, similar assistance would no doubt be given by some of our public-spirited textile manufacturers.—*Canadian Journal of Fabrics*.

DR. BRYCE has received from Hon. Donald A. Smith the handsome donation of \$500 for the purpose of obtaining necessary additional appliances for the teaching of natural science in Manitoba College. The additional apparatus was ordered some weeks ago, and may be expected to arrive from London, England, during the month of January, and so will be available for the present session of the college.—*Daily Manitoban*.

ON Friday afternoon, Dec. 18th, the pupils of the Orillia High School assembled, at the close of the term, to bid Mr. Stewart, late second master of the school, farewell in a suitable manner. They presented him with an address and with four medical works, chosen with a view to their usefulness to Mr. Stewart in his profession, also with nicely framed photographic views of the town, school, and pupils of the school.—*Orillia Packet*.

A SHORT time ago Mr. Walter Amos, who is at present teaching school near Guelph, lost the sight of one of his eyes, although it had not to his knowledge received any injury. An expert in Toronto was consulted, who pronounced the case a most singular one. The loss of sight, so we are informed, was caused by the bursting of a blood vessel in the eye through the ravages of a small insect. The expert took the eye out and removed the blood, which had the effect of restoring the sight.—*Galt Reformer*.

THE closing exercises of the Cobourg Collegiate Institute, held on Friday evening, Dec 18th, were very interesting. The programme consisted of addresses, music and the presentation of prizes. The principal gave a detailed statement of the work done by the school in the last twelve years. Besides a large number who had obtained a good general education, about 640 had been fitted for the work of teaching, matriculation in arts, medicine, law, pharmacy, dentistry, theology, and commercial life.

THE interesting experiments of the effects of gymnastic exercises on students, which have been made at Amherst College of late years, are turning out admirably. Dr. Hitchcock has compiled a paper of statistics taken on six hundred and ninety-one students. "The mean results are classified according to ages, and show a gradual and steady increase in physical growth from the youngest to the oldest. When a man leaves college he is, on the whole, in a much better physical condition than when he entered it."

WE understand that the six trustees of the Beeton School (referred to in our editorial of November 26) have determined to act corporately until their successors are appointed, which will probably not be until after the appeal from the decision quashing the by-law of incorporation has been decided in the higher courts. As the appeal case has been commenced, by a curious law fiction the corporations (school and municipal) which were thought to be defunct after the previous judgment are resuscitated, and continue "live" until by the next decision their existence is either confirmed or again extinguished.

A MUSICAL and literary entertainment was given on the evening of Dec. 18th in the Collegiate Institute Hall, by the St. Catharines Coll. Inst. Musical and Literary Society, in aid of the piano fund. The musical programme was perhaps the finest ever given in the city. The whole was under the direction of Professor Read, of the Leipzig Conservatory of Music; Miss May, of the Boston Conservatory of Music and teacher in the Institute, maintained her excellent reputation. Miss Abell, as Snow-white in the cantata "Little Snow-white," by Franz Abt, was simply unsurpassed. Her conception of the character, and suitability to the rôle she assumed, were admired by all.

AT the last meeting of the County Board of Examiners the following resolutions were passed: 1st. That the secretary be instructed to delay, for a period not to exceed one year from the 31st of December, 1885, the issue of certificates to candidates failing to obtain schools, provided they request such delay on or before the 31st inst. 2nd. That candidates for admission to either county model school notify the principal not later than the 1st of September, that applications be accompanied with satisfactory proof of age, and that no candidate be admitted who will not be of legal age to obtain a certificate on the 1st day of January following the date of his admission.—*Paisley Advocate*.

MISS MAGGIE THOMSON, of the Telfer School, East Middlesex, was recently appointed to a vacancy on the staff of the Ottawa Model School. On the occasion of her closing examination at the exercises during the day, the large and commodious schoolhouse, No. 7 London Township, was uncomfortably crowded with visitors, several of whom were parents residing in adjoining sections. A number of teachers and model school students were present; the former conducted the examination of the classes. Unstinted praise was given the teacher on every hand for the efficient teaching and skillful management that the classes exhibited. She will be much missed both in the part of the township where she taught and in the Teachers' Association, of which she was a member. She is a gold medallist of the Toronto Normal School.

AT the Mitchell High School entrance examinations 12 candidates were passed; Paris High School, 17 were passed; Brampton High School, 34 were passed; St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, 55 were passed; Whitby Collegiate Institute, 22 were passed, 15 were recommended; Lindsay High School, 20 were passed, 4 were recommended; Oakwood High School, 40 were passed, 3 were recommended; Galt Collegiate Institute, 19 were passed, 5 were recommended; Grimsby High School, 17 were passed; Ridgetown High School, 9 were passed, 10 were recommended; Cornwall High School, 15 were passed, 7 were recommended; Stratford Collegiate Institute, 36 were passed; Bowmanville High School, 21 were passed; Belleville High School, 47 were passed; Newcastle High School, 13 were passed; Millbrook High School, 13 were passed; Port Hope High School, 29 were passed; Milton High School, 20 were passed; Perth Collegiate Institute, 26 were passed; Windsor High School, 21 were passed; Essex Centre High School, 48 were passed; Omemece High School, 20 were passed.