

thy head, which often, thus," ll. 6, 7; "For—purpose," ll. 17 18.

(e) Point out and explain any peculiarities in the language or the construction.

2. Show what are the limitations as to the agreement of a verb and its subject in regard to number. Give examples to illustrate your answer.

Discuss the following:—"Cards were invented to please a French king." "The three angles of a triangle are together equal to two right angles." "There goes a pair that only spoil each other."

3. Give the derivation of each of the following, with comment upon any fact in English history that it may serve to illustrate:—Avon, Chester, Whitby, cloister, pease, cherry, ox, beef, nuisance, chamber, potion, poison.

4. Give, concisely, your views upon each of these statements:

(a) "English Grammar is the art of speaking and writing the English language correctly."

(b) "There is not an English noun or adjective that has gender."

(c) "A pronoun is a word used instead of a noun to prevent its too frequent repetition."

(d) "It seems plain that in English there is no passive voice of any verb."

5. What is the force of each of the italicised words, "to run wild"; "the day wears"; "the shoe gres"; "this doctrine obtained"? Mention any notable uses of to task, to ring, to sit, to stand, to go.

6. What part is taken by the verb "have" in conjugating English verbs? Explain the process by which it came to be so used, and discuss the following:—"I have a letter"; "I have written a letter"; "I have come to post it"; "The post is gone"; "I had rather go than stay."

7. Define prosody, rhythm. Explain the use of accent in English verse. Describe the measure commonly known as blank verse. Give examples.

8. Correct the following, giving reasons:—

(a) "A keen eye and graphic pen see and set down for us the characteristic details both of scenery and manners."

(b) "Luckily the monks had recently given away a couple of dogs, which were returned to them, or the breed would have been lost."

(c) "I could heartily wish that there was the same application and endeavors to cultivate and improve our church music as have been lately bestowed upon that of the stage."

(d) "One magistrate reports several robberies of arms; and another adds that the object of the insurgents has not been confined to lowering of rents and tithes, but extended to the refusal of parish dues."

(e) "Had Darnley proved the useful Catholic which the Queen intended him to be, they would have sent him to his account with as small compunction as Jael the Canaanite captain, or they would have blessed the arm that did it with as much eloquence as Deborah."

## Educational Notes and News.

Miss M. Garrett has obtained a certificate from the Education Department. This makes forty-four successful from St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. Fourteen seconds and thirty thirds.

Mr. W. Chambers has received the appointment of head-master of Springfield school, on condition that he give up the proprietorship of the "rolling institute."—*St. Thomas Journal*.

Mr. L. Fleckenstein, head-master of Port Stanley Public School, formerly a well-known East Middlesex teacher, has been re-engaged at an increase of salary.

Mr. A. Ferguson, lately appointed assistant teacher in Aylmer High School, has resigned to attend the "Training Institute."

The Petrolea High School is to be supplied with a set of instruments for making meteorological observations.

Brantford Collegiate Board has raised the salary of Dr. Birchard, mathematical master, to \$1,200.

The trustees of S. S. No. 4, Malden, have increased the salary of their present teacher, J. T. Yorrell, in order to induce him to remain next year.

The School of Agriculture, in connection with the Normal School, Truro, N. S., was to be opened on the 4th inst.

The committee on appointments, consisting of the whole board, have appointed Miss Aldridge to the position of teacher in the West Ward school, Peterboro'. Miss Aldridge has made arrangements with the trustees of the section in which she has been teaching, which will enable her to assume her new duties as soon as the seating has been completed.—*Peterboro' Examiner*.

Mr. H. D. Dunn, late classical master in the Lindsay High School, has been elected on the Executive Committee of the Osgoode Literary Society. He stood high in the list, and must already have won many friends.—*Victoria Warrier*.

The many friends of Mr. J. Davidson, Principal of the High School, will learn with pleasure that he is rapidly recovering from his recent illness and will soon be in a position to resume his scholastic duties. In the meantime the Rev. J. Carmichael, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, is filling the position.—*Peterboro' Examiner*.

At the recent examination of teachers at Strathroy, Mr. Charlie Anderson, son of C. G. Anderson, of Caradoc, was awarded a second class grade "A" certificate. He had attended the Collegiate at Strathroy one year only, and consequently is considered to have done exceedingly well for a boy of sixteen.—*London Free Press*.

The following officers of the High School Literary Society were elected at their last meeting: D. H. Hunter, B.A., hon. president; Mr. Chas. F. Lyster, president; Miss Cummings, vice-president; Miss Allie Stuart, secretary; Miss M. Moncur, assistant secretary; Mr. J. F. McKay, treasurer; Misses Ross, Campbell, Messrs. Field and Howells, councillors. Twelve new members were entered on the register of the society. Short speeches by some of the newly elected officers and instrumental selections by Miss Pyper and Mr. Pepper concluded the programme. Judging from the good staff of officers, and the large increase in membership, the Literary Society has a prosperous course before it.—*Woodstock Sentinel-Review*.

In consequence of difficulties in the Perth High School the board is advertising for an entire new staff of teachers. A report having got into the papers that the services of Mr. Burt, of the High School in this town, are desired for the head-mastership, we are authorized to state that Mr. Burt has no intention of leaving Brockville, and would not accept the Perth position if offered him.—*Brockville Recorder*.

Mr. R. Henderson, who has for some years filled the position of Principal of Blyth Public School, and who has recently left to enter upon a course of studies at the Knox College, Toronto, for the purpose of entering the ministry, received from his pupils and fellow-laborers very hearty and valuable tokens of esteem, in the shape of a kindly-worded address and a very handsome and valuable silver cup and album.—*Presbyterian Review*.

The teachers of East Victoria have invited their confreres of the town and county of Peterboro' to their convention, which is to be held in Lindsay, 6th and 7th insts.

The executive committee of the Lennox and Addington Teachers' Association have decided not to have any convention this fall.

Reports of several conventions are held over through pressure on our space.

The paper on "History," read by Mr. McDowell at the Durham Teachers' Convention, held at Port Hope, is said to be the best ever given before that august assembly.—*Canadian Statesman*.

Mr. D. L. Campbell is engaged for 1886 as teacher of the Cole-ridge school.—*Shelburne Free Press*.

The trustees of Duart school section have engaged as senior teacher, Mr. D. Walker; as junior, Miss Jennie Cunningham, for 1886, both residents of the section, and former pupils of the school. Quite a number of teachers in the same school in the past were residents, and every one a success.—*St. Thomas Journal*.

Mr. D. A. Grout, of Sparta, has been re-engaged to teach the senior department for 1886, at \$500 per annum.

Mr. John Alexander, principal of Port Rowan schools, is seriously ill.

In addition to the scholarship in natural science which Senator Gowan has established in Queen's College, Kingston, he has sent the sum of \$400 to be invested for the purpose of paying the fees for all time of a student who intends to study law in the university.—*Brockville Recorder*.

The teachers of West Huron are "level-headed." At their Association meeting, held in Goderich, they passed, among other