

taken by students from Goderich High School. Mr. T. M. Higgins of Seaforth, gained first class in Classics and the same in English (Both these branches are taught by E. W. Hagarty, B.A.) Mr. W. Prendergast, of Seaforth, gained first class in Mathematics and the scholarship in that department. Mr. J. D. Swanson, of Goderich, gained the classical scholarship. In a competition of that nature Huron may well be proud of her boys. The teachers of the respective High Schools must also feel gratified at such a practical record of their good work.

By request we re-publish the following corrected list of successful candidates for first class certificates at the recent examinations :

NON-PROFESSIONAL.

Grade C.

Jennie Louise Cuzner, David A. Nesbitt, Allan C. Smith, Alex. Wheeny, Guy Ambrose Andrews, Albert Barber, Martha Boddy, Herbert H. Burgess, Harry Boseley, Thomas James Collins, Elizabeth J. Cox, James B. Davidson, Chas. S. Falcover, Lewis K. Fallis, Thos. T. Guardhouse, Fannie L. Gillespie, Albert E. Jewett, Jesse B. Kaiser, Edwin Loftus, William E. Long, Edwin Longman, Jessie McLae, Wilson S. Morden, James W. Morgan, James Norris, Henry R. A. O'Malley, Sidney Philp, John Ritchie, Samuel B. Sinclair, Wilson R. Smith, Fred L. Sawyer, Joseph A. Snell, Jas. R. Stuart, David R. Weir, David J. Wright, Robert B. Watson, David Young.

Grade B.

George Baird, sr., Neil W. Campbell, William W. Ireland, Hugh S. McLean, David Robb, Robert K. Row.

Grade A.

William H. Harlton, William Irwin, Joseph A. Snell.

Correspondence.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Although it is uncertain that a perfunctory reading of the Scriptures anywhere is attended with spiritual advantage, yet, there is, just now, a need for fixing the habit of reading them in private families. The Book may be found in almost every house, yet, strange though true, it is comparatively an unknown book.

To correct this state of things was, I suppose, the primary motive in introducing it into Common Schools.

I like the motive better than the place, for the good Book is very irreverently read and handled in many of them. Veneration not being innate must be taught and insisted upon; few things are more desirable and as few rarer. It is positively painful to see, almost everywhere, the rapid growth of juvenile impudence. This is an excrescence on the "Tree of Liberty" that should be lopped off close to the trunk. This necessity, together with the poverty both mental and financial, incident to all new countries, in which one thing is made to serve several purposes, should be received as a sufficient apology for bringing the Volume at all into schools of secular learning. These disabilities under which we have so long labored and do yet labor, will certainly disappear before the march of time and successful industry, but it would be unwise as well as ungrateful to endanger that certainty by our remissness in enforcing a becoming veneration for that Being upon whom it depends.

JOHN IRELAND, Fergus.

Question Drawer.

QUESTIONS.

A teacher engaged with a Board of Trustees (October 1st, 1884), for 1885, at the rate of \$500 per annum. The following clauses are inserted in the agreement:—

"The trustees and the teacher may at their option respectively terminate this agreement by giving notice in writing to the other of them, at least three calendar months previous to the 31st day of December, 1885."

"This agreement shall also be construed to continue in force from year to year, unless and until it is terminated by the notice herein before prescribed."

(a) If neither party gives required notice is the teacher legally hired for 1886 at the same salary (\$500)?

(b) Would it affect the force of the agreement if only one of the three trustees, who signed said agreement is a member of the board for this year, the other two being elected since the said agreement was signed?

A SUBSCRIBER.

Two straight railroads make an angle of 30°; 100 miles from the angle the "Samson" is scudding past the mile post at the rate of 40 miles an hour, towards the angle or depot. At the same moment the "Elk" is sweeping past the depot on the other track at the speed of 30 miles an hour. Now, as the trains will, for a while, approach one another, what is the shortest line between them as they pass? What is the area of the triangle made by the trains and the depot when they are on the minimum line? Where are the trains when the area is a maximum?

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ANSWERS.

A SUBSCRIBER.—(a) Yes, most clearly so, we should say, so far as the terms of the agreement are concerned.

(b) No, surely not. The agreement is with the Board not with the individual members who may happen to compose it. A School Board, like any other corporation, must be bound by the action of its predecessors until it has annulled that action in the regular way.

We assume, however, in the above answer, that the first Board had legal power to make such a contract as that quoted. If they exceeded their legitimate authority the validity of the engagement might be affected. That is a question on which a legal opinion might be desirable.

Literary Chit-Chat.

The Wisconsin Journal of Education comes to us this month in an entirely new dress, and is greatly improved in appearance.

The volume of James Russell Lowell's poems—the duodecimo edition of 1869—from which Thomas Hughes reads his selections in his lectures, was a present from the author, and is well-thumbed and worn. The fly-leaf bears the lines in Mr. Lowell's hand, "To Thomas Hughes, with all possible everything, from the author."

The "Journals of Jonathan Swift," edited by Mr. Poor, for the Parchment Library, will soon be published.

Lady Brassey is about to publish an account of Mr. Gladstone's recent trip to Norway, in the yacht "Sunbeam."

Lovers of Oriental poetry will be glad to note the announcement by Dodd, Mead & Co., of an American edition of the "Sakountala."

"The Greek Archipelago, with a Look at Turkey after the War," by Dr. Henry M. Field, will be welcomed by students of Eastern affairs. It is now in the press of Charles Scribner's Sons.

Mr. Swinton is about to publish a "Victor Hugo." This will be the third biography of the great Frenchman, that has appeared in England since his death.

We anticipate with pleasure the forthcoming New Princeton Review which is to succeed the old, and bids fair to surpass even it in ability and interest. The new review is to be a bi-monthly, devoted to the interests of literature and scholarship in their higher departments. There is a grand field for such a magazine, prepared to treat all literary, social and moral topics with breadth of view and from the highest standpoint.

Electra, published at Louisville, Kentucky, and edited by ladies, is a bright, readable magazine for the home circle. Its editors only ask for its further success that the interest, especially of women, be enlisted. The Electra has no corporation, no capital stock to back it. It has been, until this juncture, based entirely upon the individual labor and enterprise of two women, though not especially for women. The October number contains among other interesting papers the last instalment of "Canadian Land and Water," which has given its readers a pleasant summer trip, at small expense of time and money.

A true story, "The Professor's Last Skate," by J. Macdonald Oxley, will appear among the attractions of Wide Awake, the bright Boston magazine for 1886. Mr. J. E. Collins, of Ottawa, will appear in the same monthly with his "Saved by a Kite,"—also a true story of adventure. In the August number of this favorite magazine for young folks, Mr. Collins has a delightful tale entitled "Hunted by a Wild Stallion," which treats in a thrilling way of an exciting episode at Island Head, Newfoundland. Mr. Charles G. D. Roberts, of New Brunswick, has also been levied on for a story for the same publication. He will write "Bear versus Birch-bark," and judging from this writer's well-known reputation in fiction, we may be sure that he will present a pleasant and readable tale. Mr. Roberts has a poem in the current Century magazine, which may be ranked among his best verses.—Quebec Chronicle.