

At the meeting of the Separate School Board, Perth, the Rev. J. S. O'Connor was appointed Chairman of the Board for 1882, and the Rev. James Morrison, Secretary.

Members of the Whitby School Board and Mr. Brown, teacher at the Model School there, have expressed an opinion quite favorable to Gage's new series of school-books. The school boards and teachers generally, we see, agree in this opinion. The question is being constantly asked:—Can an option not be given in the matter of readers as is given in the case of other text-books?—*Mail*.

To secure the carrying out of their order, that non-resident pupils desiring admission to the High School, must pay in advance a non-resident fee, the Belleville Board of Education has left the collection of these fees to the Teachers, stating "that any loss the Board may sustain by their non-attention to it, will be deducted from their salaries."

Unquestionably the reason why so much difficulty is experienced in securing Teachers for so many of the County Schools, is the salaries. The miserable pittance offered is not what the head boot-black in an ordinary hotel would accept, and consequently is not even sufficient for the class of Teachers they do get, that is, "permits" and "extensions." Moreover on such salaries it is all but impossible for the Teachers to improve themselves or their position. Once located they must in most cases remain, through sheer want of funds. A pleasing contrast to this state of things exists in the County of Wentworth. From statistics in our possession we find that three are paid \$550, others \$525, and quite a number \$500; the average for male teachers being \$420. We are unable to say how the salaries of the female teachers compare with these. The farsightedness of those in authority in thus giving a fair remuneration, is securing good teachers who remain, and good results in the schools. Only 24 changes took place in this County at the commencement of this year.

Mr. J. Cousins has been elected Chairman of the London School Board. An application was made by the Public School Teachers for an increase of salary. Recommendations by Dr. Fraser were received and adopted, as also were favorable reports from Mr. Boyle the Inspector, and the Rev. F. L. Checkley, Head Master of the Collegiate Institute.

Mr. J. Diamond is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Belleville School Board.

Mr. Irving had great difficulty in evading his election as Chairman of the Kingston School Board, for 1882. By persistently voting for his opponent, Dr. Fee, however, he succeeded in securing Dr. Fee's election.

No efforts are being spared to make the great play of "Antigone" a splendid success at University College. The Choruses are in full rehearsal, and subscriptions are pouring in to defray expenses. Admission will be one and two dollars each.

Mr. D. Ormston, Chairman of the Whitby School Board, has a method of lubricating the wheels of business and smoothing down those acerbities which so often detract from the dignity of such august bodies as Educational Boards, in a manner we believe peculiar to himself. A supper at his house, to which the members of the board and press are invited, has now become an annual institution. The harmony and mutual good feeling thus generated must have a powerful effect in smoothing away differences, and rendering the intercourse through the year of a more agreeable nature.

The schools in Windsor remained closed till February on account of scarlet fever.

Dr. Agnew, Esq., Inspector of Frontenac County, makes a rather startling comparison between the County and City Schools. He believes that were the two fairly tested, the 4th class of the County Schools would equal or surpass the 5th in the City of Kingston. This rather upsets the pronounced notions of the smartness of city children.

It is proposed to issue debentures to extend over five years to raise from \$1000 to \$1500, to erect a school on Manitoulin Island.

The Lindsay Post appears inconsistent in entering such a strong protest against the School Board for requiring \$3000 to render habitable the High School, and then stating that the buildings on the north of the Town Hall are not fit for pig styes.

Jesse Ryerson, B.A., Head Master of the Orillia High School, is a connection of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson.

The Sarnia Board of High and Public School Trustees, at their late meeting unanimously conferred the Chairmanship for the en-

uing year, on Mr. C. Saunders. Subsequently with equal unanimity, a resolution to raise the salary of Mr. Brebner, P.S.I., by \$200 per annum, was carried. Highly satisfactory reports on both the High and Public Schools, were received and adopted.

Mr. A. D. Griffin, of Port Hope, will succeed Mr. Nugent, at Woodstock. Mr. Griffin holds a First Class Provincial Certificate, and is an undergraduate of the Second Year in Civil Engineering. We wish him every success in his new sphere of labour.

The Minister of Education in his circular of instructions to Inspectors, has directed them to ensure the keeping of books of accounts in conformity with the form prescribed by him, by the Trustees of every rural Section, and the Public School Board of every town. The prescribed book of account is furnished by the trade at 25 cents per copy.

The Stratford Advertiser editorially takes the ground that the work of the four Model Schools in the County of Perth could be better done and more economically with one school. The same idea was advanced by members of the County Council in regard to the Lambton Model Schools. The same staff that is required to run one school could do the work in the two schools, and, of course, at a great saving of cost. We trust that it will not be found that this so-called economical policy will result in a great diminution of efficiency, if it be put into practice.

At a meeting of the London East School Board, J. Dearness, Esq., I.P.S., was appointed Inspector of the Schools in London East, for which he is to receive no equivalent in extra salary.

Mr. Hall was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Napanee School Board, at their late meeting.

From the London Advertiser we learn that:—The Kingsville Public school is crowded with pupils. The teachers, Mr. A. Ross, Miss Wigle, and Miss Hennis, have charge of sixty pupils each, and it is proposed to lighten their labors by the employment of an additional teacher and the bringing into use of another room, there being an unemployed room in the school building. At present, in order to lighten the labors of the over-burdened teachers, the plan is adopted of dismissing a part of the pupils at the forenoon and afternoon recesses respectively.

At a special meeting of the Stratford High School board on Friday evening, Mr. D. K. Clark, B.A., of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, was chosen as classical master of the High School in the place of Mr. Samuel Woods, M.A., who resigned the position. Mr. Clark is said to be a good teacher of considerable experience. —*Beacon*.

We congratulate the trustees of S. S. No. 3 in securing the services of Miss Nellie Whyte, of Blandford, as teacher for the ensuing year. —*Woodstock Sentinel and Review*.

We regret to record the fact that A. Nugent, B.A., who has been for three years mathematical master in the High School here, left town this week for Dunnville, in the High School of which town he has secured the position of head teacher. Mr. N. is a graduate of Queen's University, and a most progressive and successful educationalist. During his stay here he has proved himself both competent and energetic; and his departure is deeply regretted by all his pupils and their friends, as well as by others who have known him personally. On Monday morning, previous to his leaving, his class presented him with an address and ten volumes of the poets, beautifully bound, as an expression of their esteem and gratitude. We hope to hear of Mr. Nugent's success in Dunnville, and trust that our High School Board will engage none but a really first-class man to fill his place. —*Woodstock Sentinel and Review*.

Alexander McQueen, Esq., Head Master of London South School, presented his report to the School Trustees at their late meeting, from which, we cull the following particulars:—The School was open 21 days, and the attendance in the different divisions was as follows:—

	NO. ON ROLL.	AV. ATT'S.
4th Div. Head Master's	63	55
3rd " Miss Walker's	63	52
2nd " Miss Westland's	65	51
1st " Miss Lewis'	102	70

Considering that many were absent from Miss Lewis' department owing to the severity of the weather, the crowded state of this room will be very serious as the weather improves. In view of this the Board are seriously considering means of providing increased accommodation.

We are sorry to find that a great decrease in the attendance has taken place in the London Schools, owing to the prevalence of Scarlet Fever.