

—The advisability of requiring a certain amount of literary culture as a qualification for the position of School Trustee is being discussed in Scotland. We fear that legislation could not in this case effect the needed reform. What is most required in a school trustee is sufficient common sense to prevent his intermeddling with work of which he knows nothing. The worst man for the position is he who in some obscure place taught school for a year or two while he was studying for a "higher" (?) position. The only thing such a man generally retains to show that he was a teacher is insufferable conceit, because he did not remain long enough in the profession to learn by experience how little he knew about its elementary principles. It is refreshing to see such a man spread his wings, and hear him begin with "When I was a teacher," and proceed to utter opinions calculated to make Comenius, Locke, Pestalozzi and Froebel roll over in their graves.

—We have previously called attention to the fact that the question of temperance was receiving a considerable amount of recognition on the part of School Boards in England. At the last quarterly meeting of the National Union of Elementary Teachers, at Norwich, Mr. J. H. Tench read a capital paper on "Temperance," closing with the following resolution: "Having regard to the great evils of intemperance, it behoves all teachers to use their influence, not merely to promote temperance, but to encourage teetotalism among their pupils by example as well as precept." Mr. W. H. Wilson seconded, and Mr. Cox supported, the resolution, which was carried with one dissident.

—The complaint is often made, and with too much justice that teachers are not awarded the social recognition to which they are entitled. We are glad to notice, that in at least one English town they have been handsomely entertained at the expense of the Mayor. His Worship the Mayor of Warrington gave a conversazione in honor of the elementary teachers of the town and neighborhood. The occasion was one of great interest, and the *elite* of the town conferred honor alike on the teachers and themselves by attending in large numbers.

—Mr. J. E. Bryant, M.A., has accepted the position of Principal of Galt Collegiate Institute. For some years he has been the Principal of Pickering College, where his high scholarly attainments and admirable management of that establishment won golden opinions and secured many valuable friends. We congratulate the people of Galt in having obtained his professional services, and we wish him success and prosperity in his new sphere.

—Mr. A. Purslow, M.A., Head Master of Port Hope High School, was the first on whom the degree of LL.D. was conferred by the faculty of Victoria University, Cobourg. Dr. Purslow gained his degree by meritoriously passing the

necessary examinations, and the event was marked by two teachers and pupils of the High School as worthy of a presentation in the shape of an address. We heartily congratulate Dr. Purslow on the success he has so well and honorably earned.

—From the Ninth Annual Address to the English Philological Society, at their Anniversary Meeting, London, May 21, 1880, by the President, Dr. J. H. Murray, we make the following extract:—

"The use of double consonants ought to be regulated, and such bad spellings as *traveller*, and *reveller*, which seem to rhyme with *propeller*, corrected to Shakspeare's *traveler*, *reveler*. The termination of the agent *our*, should be uniformly leveled to *or*, as already done in so many words like *author*, *doctor*, *senator*, *orator*."

—The Senate of the University of London has decided to grant "Teachers' Diplomas" to those who successfully pass examinations in the Theory and Practice of Teaching. They are to be granted only to graduates of the University, and are to include a test of practical skill.

—There are in England and Wales alone 36,382 elementary teachers, and 36,803 students and pupil teachers. This army of instruction is in charge of 3,122,672 pupils.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Association meets this year in Atlanta, Ga. Among the distinguished men who will take part in the programme may be mentioned:

Dr. Wm. T. Harris, of Concord; Prof. N. A. Calkins, of New York; Dr. A. W. Calhoun, of Atlanta; Hon. D. F. De Wolf, State School Commissioner of Ohio; Hon. J. W. Patterson, of New Hampshire; Wm. I. Marshall, Esq.; Hon. M. A. Newell, State Superintendent of Maryland; Prof. John B. Peaslee, of Cincinnati; Gov. Alfred H. Colquitt, of Georgia; Hon. John Eaton, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Hon. Wm. C. P. Breckinridge, of Lexington, Ky.; Prof. James Johonnot, of Ithaca, N.Y.; Prof. J. C. Gilchrist, President Iowa State Normal School; Prof. John Kennedy, of New York; Rev. Lemuel Moss, President Indiana State University; President J. W. Andrews, Marietta, Ohio; Hon. D. P. Baldwin, of Indiana; Rev. H. H. Tucker, of Atlanta; Lewis Soldan, Principal Normal School, St. Louis; Hon. J. P. Wickersham, of Pennsylvania; and C. C. Rounds, Pres. of Maine Normal School.

Some of the subjects which have been announced are:

"A Proposed Revision of the Common School Curriculum," "The Teacher's Work in the Development of Mental Power," "The Effects of Student Life on the Eyesight," "An Evening in Wonderland," "Reflections on the Brussels Congress