

## Notes and News.

## ONTARIO.

T. O'Hagan, B.A., principal of the Chatham R. C. separate school, spends his summer vacation this year in the Philadelphia school of Elocution.

Mr. A. W. Burt, of the Perth collegiate institute, passed his second year examination at Toronto university, with first-class honors, coming out first in History, French, and third in German. Mr. J. Balderson also passed his second year examination. Mr. I. J. Birchard gained the degree of M.A.

From the new calendar of Victoria university we learn that the number of graduates in arts is 321; in law, 72; in divinity, 38. The number of students now in the arts faculty is 129; in law, 21; in science, 14; theology, 61; in medicine, 144.

The visiting committee of the Sarma board of education report being well pleased with the management and efficiency of the schools under the jurisdiction of the board.

A matter was brought before the London school board lately which presented a somewhat novel feature. A note brought by a boy from his mother asking that he be excused from attendance was marked "not satisfactory." When the boy returned to school he was not taught for three weeks, though in the room. Mr. J. B. Boyle, I.P.S., sustained the teacher's action as the boy was virtually under suspension. Mr. J. M. Wilson, a trustee, thought that every teacher had a different system as regards excuses for non-attendance, and, "that complete humbug of a thing, the city teachers' association," ought to devise some general rule on the matter. It was referred to the committee of management.

W. W. Tamblyn, M.A., principal of Oshawa high school, has accepted his appointment by the board of education to a similar position in the high school, Bowmanville. We congratulate the people of that town and vicinity on having secured the services of one who is, by sound scholarship and long experience in teaching as well as by his genial disposition and his popularity with all who are interested in educational matters, so well qualified to maintain the present high reputation of the school. Mr. Tamblyn entered Toronto university at the age of sixteen, in 1862, and after winning many distinctions in the way of honors and scholarships, he graduated in 1866, a medalist in modern languages. After graduating he was, for six years, head master of Newcastle high school, and for the last ten years of Oshawa high school. He has raised Oshawa high school to a very high position, and by his labors there has proved himself to be one of the most successful teachers in Ontario.

At the recent meeting of the Perth county council, Mr. J. M. Moran, who has become editor and proprietor of the *Stratford Herald*, submitted his resignation as public school inspector for the south riding, adding his willingness to retain the office with the council's approval. Mr. Moran's resignation was accepted and applications were read for the position and referred to the education committee, who recommended that the county be re-united for school inspection purposes, thereby saving a large amount and not prejudicing the interests of education, and that \$200 extra be allowed the inspector for travelling expenses, in addition to the statutory allowance of \$10 per school. The report was adopted. Mr. Alexander, inspector of the North Riding, signified his willingness to assume the duties for the whole county at the additional remuneration proposed, and a by-law was passed appointing him.

Public school inspector Kelly, M.D., LL.B., county of Brant, has been the recipient of a very valuable present from the teachers under his charge. It consisted of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, most handsomely bound in several volumes, and a magnificent writing-desk and bookcase combined. The address which accompanied the gift is said to have been the most beautiful that has ever been presented to anyone in Brantford. It is richly and profusely ornamented, and is a triumph of the printer's and illuminator's art. The Mayor of the city presided at the presentation.

Mr. D. Jennings, who for the past ten years has been principal of the Uxbridge public school, has accepted the charge of a mission school in British Columbia, where his work will be chiefly among the Indian population. He undertakes this position through a high sense of Christian duty, and from his practical experience, well-known ability and unimpeachable character we are sure he will be the means of doing much good by promoting civilization through education and Christian teaching. He bears with him to his new sphere the best wishes of a numerous circle of friends; and, at a late meeting of the Ontario county teachers' association, a resolution expressive of the feelings of the members was unanimously adopted.

An east Middlesex (Ont) teacher, Mr. J. D. Hunt, has taken with him to Winnipeg, where he has recently accepted a position as teacher in one of the city schools, some refining influences that are much appreciated. School music and school room decoration were successfully practised by him in his Ontario school, and we find that in Winnipeg, through his precept and example, the Tonic sol-fa system of singing, and pictures, mottoes, flowers and illustrated magazines are prominent features in the schools of the Prairie city. As a rule the teachers of Ontario who go to other provinces or countries to occupy similar positions, soon make such improvements in their social surroundings that the neighborhood cannot help expressing gratitude. We receive in this way flattering accounts from the United States, British Columbia, Quebec and other places which bear testimony to the superior training and high culture of the teachers of Ontario.

H. B. McGregor, B.A., H.M., Brockville high school has, by unanimous vote of the board of education, been offered the head mastership of the Almonte high school. Previous to removing to Brockville, Mr. McGregor was for seven years principal of Almonte high school, and it is most flattering to him that, without application, the position was offered him under more favorable circumstances than heretofore, as they wish to get back again the teacher in whom they had so much confidence. He will return to Almonte on Sept. 1st. Clare Worrell, B.A., H. M. Gananoque high school takes Mr. McGregor's place in Brockville high school.

Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Education, when on a brief visit to Ottawa recently, stated that it is his intention to modify the intermediate examinations so as to discourage cramming and make them simple examinations for promotion. The list of optional subjects will be largely extended.

The degree of M.A. has been conferred by Mount Allison university New Brunswick, on Mr. H. E. Kennedy, head master of the Cayuga high school.

For some time past there has been a local controversy going on in the Hamilton papers about the condition of the collegiate institute in that city. The matter has at length been taken up by the school board and at this writing an inquisition is in progress.

## MANITOBA.

A special meeting of the Protestant section of the board of education was held recently, when in addition to its decision regarding applicants for the position of teacher in the normal school department to be opened shortly in connection with the Winnipeg Protestant public schools, (see advertisement), the board decided that teachers for the collegiate department to be established in connection with the public schools in cities and towns must be graduates of some university in Her Majesty's dominions who furnish satisfactory evidence of their knowledge of the science of education and art of teaching and of the management and discipline of public schools together with a certificate of high moral character.

The books in French, Latin, and Greek required under standards xi & xii of the programme of studies for use in cities and towns were added to the list of authorized text books.

Mr. J. B. Somerset has been appointed a member of the board of examiners for the examination of teachers.

Mrs. Alfred Cowley has resigned the position of Lady principal of the St. John's college ladies' school, which she has filled with so much ability, and at some personal sacrifice during the last two terms. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Miss Sinclair.

The Ladies' college and the branch school connected with it are in a very satisfactory condition.

At a recent meeting of the council of the university of Manitoba the chancellor, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting, presented the following minute relating to the late Rev. John Black, D.D., which was on motion of His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, seconded by Rev. Canon O'Meara, unanimously adopted, viz:—The council of the university desires to put on record its affectionate regard for the late Dr. Black, of Kildonan. The Rev. Dr. Black was resident for many years in the country, and took a kind and active part in every public effort for education or charity. He was highly esteemed for his practical ability, sound sense, and sterling qualities, while he was beloved for his kindness of heart and courteous manner. He was a member of the council from the beginning, was constant in his attendance, and was known to take a warm interest in the welfare and progress of the university. His loss is therefore deeply regretted.