

I am anxious to know the best methods pursued in teaching Map Geography. Will you kindly assign it for next time?

Very truly,

Port Union, Jan. 4th, 1886.

JONATHAN.

A. Tovell, Ospringe, wishes for some hints on the teaching of Orthoëpy to pupils preparing for the Entrance Examination. He and several others state that they appreciate the value of this department.

DEAR SIR,—I would like to hear the opinions of our teachers on the "drawing craze." As it has to be taught now, it is rather a hindrance than a help. We have no time to teach it; all the time we have to prepare the work is scarcely enough to copy the work without giving explanation.

Yours, &c.,

GRACIE.

We leave these matters to our readers, viz., "Teaching Map Geography," the "Drawing Craze," etc., and hope we shall be able to give a few opinions thereon in our issue of March 15th next.

Now is the time to subscribe for the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL—the Teachers' Friend.

### Educational Notes and News.

Mr. Orlando White will remain at Delmer.

Mr. Geo. Bennett is again at Eden. His remuneration is \$450.

Mr. John Lade is teaching in No. 12, Woodhouse.

Mr. W. E. Martin is in charge of No. 5, Walsingham.

All the teachers in the Tilsonburg Public Schools have been re-engaged for 1886.

Mr. Harry L. Boroy will again take charge of Tilsonburg Junction School, at a salary of \$400.

Mr. Swanton has been re-engaged for the Ostrander School, north of Tilsonburg.

Mr. A. J. McMullen, teacher of No. 4, Southwold is lying dangerously ill, Mr. Walter Burns has charge of his school.

Mr. John Malone who taught the Separate School in Breechin has been engaged to teach the Separate School in Merriton.

Mr. George Koyes is teacher of the Cargill School; his predecessor was Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Hutson has been re-engaged in S.S. No. 8, Greenock; and Miss Jennie McFarlane south of Glamis.

Mr. E. T. Overend is teaching in No. 3, Glanford, at a salary of \$470 per annum.

Mr. W. Hill has given up his situation in Seneca and is now attending Toronto Normal School. He is succeeded by Miss Bessie Brown.

Twenty-one pupils were in attendance at the last session of the Caledonia Model School. It is very creditable to the Principal, Mr. Rowat, that all were successful at the closing examination.

Port Dover High School is prospering under Mr. Barron as Principal and Mr. McKenzie as assistant. The attendance at present is 45.

Mr. R. B. Seabornes formerly of Huron County, is now teaching in the county of Norfolk, near Waterford. He receives a salary of \$475.

Mr. J. L. Buck continues in charge of the Public School at St. Williams. As usual he is preparing several candidates for the teacher's examination.

On Thursday, January 28th, the County Council elected Mr. John E. Tom of Strathroy, School Inspector for West Huron, in the room of Mr. J. R. Miller, resigned.—*Huron Signal*.

In connection with the above we may state that Mr. Miller goes to Toronto, to follow the legal profession. During his career as inspector he succeeded by private study in working up so as to attain the standing of barrister.

Miss Ella Husband, of Hagersville, County of Haldimand, has given up her school in order to study for a first-class certificate in the Ingersoll Collegiate Institute.

Mr. Fleming May, teacher of the Dunkeld School, gave up his position, last Christmas, because of ill-health. He taught there several years, and was a hard worker.

Mr. James C. Hay, at one time a pupil of S.S. No. 7, Greenock has been re-engaged at Davisville, near Toronto, where he is giving the best satisfaction.

By an order in Council, approved 9th January, it is provided that in all Public and High Schools in which any authorized Fifth Reader was used on the 31st December last, the said Reader shall continue to be authorized until the 1st day of July, 1886.

Mr. J. B. Davidson, of Burns, County of Perth, late of Woodstock Model School, who attended the Ingersoll High School last year and obtained a first-class Certificate, grade C, at the midsummer examination, has returned to the school to study for first 'A'—*Ingersoll Sun*.

Our (Thamesford) school was re-opened on Tuesday last and we bespeak for our painstaking Principal, Mr. W. F. Kennedy, and his assistant, Miss Ida Bardwell, a prosperous year. We have much to congratulate our Trustees for in their selection of teachers, which is a sufficient guarantee for the prosperity of the school's future.—*Ingersoll Sun*.

The newspaper is a powerful auxiliary of our Public Schools. During a discussion on "Teaching Reading" at a recent meeting of a teachers' association, several teachers bore testimony to the fact that the best readers among their pupils belonged, as a rule, to families that took newspapers; and that the children of parents who took no newspapers appeared at a disadvantage when compared with their more privileged companions.—*Mercury*.

What Ontario wants is a High School system, such as we now have, improved so that farmers' sons may there find a thoroughly practical education, and go home to the farm with proper notions. Now too many young fellows go to school, simply to become top-lofty, and to feel above farming. Were school children taught the names and distinctions of various grades of cattle, sheep, grain, etc., instead of much now on school curriculums, the country would be the gainer.—*Victoria Warder*.

Mr. Alvin Orton has been re-engaged for the sixth time as Principal of Angus Public School. Salary \$600 per annum, payable quarterly. He holds a first class certificate (prof.) obtained last July. He is Secretary to the School Board of S.S. No. 10, Essa. Miss Nicol is assistant in Angus School, at a salary of \$250. A gold medal has been given for the pupil in the senior department who, next July, shows the best record.

Mr. David F. Ritchie, who has been Principal of Southampton Public School for the past fourteen years has been re-engaged for the current year. At the last Entrance Examination, four of his pupils, the eldest of whom was only 13 years of age, passed. One of them was only seven marks lower than the one who obtained the highest marks in East Bruce. Mr. Ritchie has succeeded in passing many third-class teachers and a large number of Entrance pupils during the time he has occupied that school.

The attendance at the Caledonia High School has so increased that it has been necessary to place 18 additional desks in the senior class rooms. The number of pupils is 129. R. V. Fowler, B.A., who has been attending the training institute at Kingston, has again been appointed second assistant. The reference library has been increased by the addition of a collection of valuable works. The literary society numbers over 100 members. Dr. Burns has been re-elected Chairman of the Board.

During the past year the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute made its best annual record. Three matriculated in arts in the University of Toronto, taking four first-class, and four received class honors; 3 matriculated in medicine and 8 in law; 14 passed the second-class teachers' examination and thirty that for third-class; 9 ladies passed the local examination in Toronto University; 12 obtained first-class and 22 second-class in the Commercial Department, and of the cadet corps 6 obtained the first-class, and 16 second-class certificates.

Ingersoll now possesses a Collegiate Institute, the High School having been raised to that dignified position. Following are the names and credentials of the teachers:—W. Briden, B.A., (Queen's),—first-class honors and Gold Medal in Classics, Prince of Wales' prizeman in English, Chemistry and Mathematics. W. Taylor, (first "A")—Normal School Gold Medalist and Bronze Medalist of the Ontario School of Art. C. A. Scott, B.A., (Queen's)—first-class honors in Natural Science, Gold Medal in Chemistry and Mineralogy. W. J. Chisholm, B.A., (Victoria),—first-class honors and Silver Medal in English and Modern Languages.