

## Educational Notes and News.

**NOTICE.** Through a blunder in the mailing department of the JOURNAL, a few copies of No. 39, Oct. 29th, were mixed with the issue of last week and sent out. Those who have suffered in consequence, will confer a favor by notifying this office.

Mr. C. T. Burdick is to remain in the Grovesend school next year.

Mr. Jesse Mills, of Orwell, has engaged in the school east of Sparta for next year, at a salary of \$390.

Miss Armstrong is engaged to teach the Mount Brydges school, and Miss Anderson has been re-engaged for the same school.

Mr. McDiarmid, lately head master of the Cobourg Model School, has been appointed to a position in the Ingersoll school.

Mr. G. M. Robinson has been appointed headmaster of Tottenham school for next year at a salary of \$475.

Mr. J. Kilty, of Belfast, Huron Co., is engaged at Summerhill, in the same county, for next year. Salary \$450.

Mr. McKeelme, of Saugeen, is engaged to teach at Lockerby during 1886. Salary \$340.

Miss Hutchinson, assistant teacher at Rodney, is to teach the school at Centreville for 1886.

Rodney is going ahead in educational affairs. A debating school and literary society is to be started there shortly. So says the *Dutton Enterprise*.

Miss M. Smith, of Dorchester, has charge of the Dunboyne school for the remainder of the present year, *vice* Mr. G. B. Martin, resigned.

Miss Mary Simpson, who has the Centreville school for this year, has been engaged to teach the Frome school next year at a salary of \$375.

Mr. Murray, who has been teaching in No. 5, Kinloss, returned to Toronto 1st Nov., to continue his studies at the Toronto Medical School.

Mr. K. McKenzie, now attending Clinton Model School, has been engaged to teach No. 3, Kinloss, county of Bruce, at a salary of \$350.

Mr. T. R. Hogg has been re-engaged to teach on the 4th of Elderslie for next year. Mr. J. T. Wilson, the present teacher, leaves for Ottawa after the New Year to obtain his professional.

Mr. J. C. McGillivray has been re-engaged in Vesta School for next year at an increased salary. Mr. McGillivray has proved himself a good teacher, and the people of the section are well pleased at the decision of the trustees in keeping him.—*Parsley Advocate*.

One hundred and forty-two applications were received from teachers for positions in the Glencoe school. The board engaged as principal Mr. Ritchie, of Port Stanley. Miss McTavish and Mrs. Kerr were re-engaged for the junior department.

There are now sixteen educational institutions in the United States in want of presidents. "This is one of the results of the policy of giving inferior wages for superior teaching ability," says the *Current*.

Mr. George Blackwell, of Lindsay, has been engaged as teacher of Islay Public School for the ensuing year. Miss Lillie Gilchrist is to be the teacher of S. S. No. 2, Mariposa, Grant's Section, next year.

We understand Miss Larkworthy, the assistant teacher at Gormith, will resign at the end of the year to accept a similar position in the Brownville school. The head teacher, Mr. Amoss, who has taught in Corinth for nine years, will remain next year.

Miss Esty, of Port Burwell; Miss Wildern, of Vienna; Miss Harris, of Dorchester; Miss McColl, of Aldborough; Miss Mulholland, of Bismarck; and Mr. Smith, of Calton, are making arrangements to attend the Normal next term.

The Tonic Sol-fa system of singing is making rapid progress in the western part of this province. Mr. J. Bracken is instructing the teachers in training at the Model School, Chatham. Prof. Freeland, of London, is organizing classes in several of the western towns and villages, and Rev. J. Thomson is giving lessons in it to the children of Ayr Public School. We should like to receive reports of progress from teachers and others on this subject.

The close of the year is again going to be marked by a number of changes among the teaching fraternity in the locality of New Ham-

burg. Mr. Graybell, teacher east of that place, has already left for Detroit Medical College. We understand Dundee and S. S. No. 4 and No. 5, Wilnot, will make changes. At a meeting of the New Hamburg School Board about a month ago, a motion was passed that the present staff of teachers be re-engaged. As the teachers have accepted, there will be no change there at the advent end of the ensuing year.

School teachers get small salaries, not because trustees are parsimonious, but because they themselves would rather be poor than comfortably off. At least this is the conclusion to which the conduct of a Guelph teacher leads. A school was to be vacant at Christmas, and a new teacher had been engaged to take charge of it. Another teacher, hearing of the coming vacancy and the appointment, interviewed the trustees. "What salary are you paying?" "Five hundred dollars." "I will teach your school for \$475." The offer was not accepted. Schools and pastorates are not being put up at auction just now.—*St. Thomas Journal*.

High School masters and publishers of School Books would do well to make a note of the fact that the matriculation work in English for 1887, in Toronto University, has not yet been finally fixed. There is at present before the Senate a statute which proposes the following as the poetry for literary study:—Thomson, *The Seasons* (Winter and Hymn), *Castle of Indolence* (Canto 1.), *Britannia, Rule Britannia, Happiness, The Happy Man, Solitude*. Until this statute is disposed of the work for 1887 cannot safely be entered upon in schools. The matter will be dealt with at an early day, and we shall promptly advise our readers of the result.

The *Educational News* says:—"The elementary teachers of England have chosen three parliamentary candidates from their body, and these three gentlemen will be supported by the money and interest of some twelve thousand subscribers. Mr. Heller, secretary of the Teachers' Union, appears as an Independent Liberal-Conservative, Dr. George Collins, editor of the *Schoolmaster*, and founder of the National Club, is an advanced Radical, and Mr. Clarkson, a National schoolmaster, is a Conservative. The weight of money behind the three candidates will probably secure their return, and even the "Independent Liberal-Conservative" is considered to be safe. At present there is only one man, Mr. Storey, in the House who has any practical acquaintance with the minute work of elementary schools; yet complicated directions for the guidance of teachers are cheerfully framed by philosophic amateurs."

The following question was discussed in Woodstock High School Literary Society, Friday evening, Oct. 30th.—"*Resolved*, that mathematics should receive more attention in High Schools than classics." Messrs. Davidson and Dixon supported the affirmative, and Messrs. Lyster and R. S. Weaver the negative. The debate was interesting to the audience, but, if an opinion may be expressed here, the argument did not bear directly enough upon the question. Rev. W. T. McMullen kindly consented to act as judge, and, after summing up the arguments, gave his decision in favor of the affirmative. At the close of the meeting the rev. gentleman addressed the audience, expressing himself as pleased with the programme of the evening, and assuring the students that the trustees were highly gratified with the progress of the school in all its departments and enterprises. The following programme was presented:—Reading by Miss Rose Revell, an excellent essay on music by Miss Eva Hill, an instrumental by Miss Emily Ball, and a vocal duet by Messrs. Bartlette and Parr, accompanied on the piano by Prof. Parker.—*The Sentinel-Review*.

The correspondence between the Minister of Education and the Peterborough Board of Education has been published. It shows that the latter, when placing restrictions on the teachers, had no other intention than "to prevent teachers from absenting themselves from their duties whenever and as often as they pleased." In the secretary's letter to the Minister he states that "the Board knew nothing about the Teachers' Association until the resolution had been adopted." It further states that "now that the matter has been forced upon them, they (the Board) fail to see the right the teachers have to disorganize a school of nearly a thousand pupils for any purpose without consulting them or even the chairman of the Board." In the reply, the secretary of the Education Department writes:—"The Minister desires me to state that the explanations of the chairman of the Management Committee respecting the resolutions passed by the Board, imposing penalties upon teachers absenting themselves from duty, etc., are quite satisfactory."

The following text-books are proscribed by the regulations for