

Educational Notes and News.

A new Public School, costing \$4,000, is to be erected at Belmont.

In 1850 there were 99 brick school-houses in Ontario. Now there are 1,879.

There are 92 distinctively scientific schools in the United States, with 14,709 students.

There are twenty-eight different Chautauqua Assemblies in the United States, all on a good financial basis.

Mr. A. H. McKay, Principal of the Pictou Academy, has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Science and Art, London, Eng.

The Georgetown *Herald* is informed that in all probability a High School will be established in that town by the 1st of January, 1887.

There are 146 theological seminaries in America, with 5,290 students and 750 professors, an average of one professor to every seven students.

Mount Des'ert they persist in calling the island so much enjoyed by tourists; so we may as well be unanimous in it.—*N. E. Journal of Education*.

There are 236 institutions in America for the higher education of women, with 30,587 students. We fear Canada has not its fair proportion of these.

Mr. T. M. Henry has resigned his position as Head Master of Newburgh High School, and accepted that of Mathematical Master in the Whitby Collegiate Institute.

Mr. A. H. McDougall, B.A., of the Kincardine High School, has been appointed Mathematical Master in the Stratford Collegiate Institute, at a salary of \$1,000 a year.

The Alumni of the Louisville, Ky., colored High School issued during commencement week an eight-page *Alumni Journal*, mostly filled with contributions from the pens of the members of the association.

The number of candidates for admission to the colleges, scientific and technical schools of the country is phenomenally large this year. Yale alone has 301 admitted this year, with one post of examination to hear from.—*N. E. Journal of Education*.

About 170 candidates matriculated in Arts at the recent Toronto University examinations. Of these, eighteen or twenty were women. This is, of course, exclusive of the very large number of both sexes who passed in the partial examinations.

"Four Miles from Tarrytown," one of the most popular boys' books of the season, was written by Fannie H. Gallagher, wife of Rev. William Gallagher, Master of the Girls' Latin School, Boston, President-elect of Williston Seminary, Easthampton.

Mr. Frederick Wedmore, writing in *Temple Bar*, says: "The two most interesting, quite recent institutions in Boston and outside of it, are, I think, the Institute of Technology and Wellesley College." He goes on to speak in the most flattering terms of both institutions.

It is said that an official of the Turkish Ministry of Education is about to publish a Turkish translation of the Homeric poems, and in an introduction he intends to give a sketch of the influence which Homer has exercised upon the development of popular culture in this nature.

The brothers Henry, of Paris, have succeeded in photographing several thousand stars of the fourteenth and sixteenth magnitude. They have forty-two plates reproducing groups of the galaxy, and have obtained excellent photographs of Orion, Saturn, and other planets and fixed stars.

The *Canada Presbyterian* thinks that some of the questions set at the recent examinations would have been quite suitable had the candidates been such men as Dr. Wilson and Mr. Goldwin Smith. It is of opinion, moreover, that Mr. Blake or Mr. Mills might have secured a pass on some of them.

"A Puzzled One" writes to the *Globe*: "Will you please ask some old, experienced teacher to explain what the following questions, from the third class examination paper this year, means:—

1. Classify, on the basis (a) of meaning, and (b) of form, the following adjectives and adverbs: Cleanly, well, what, late, each, all, forty, always, fourthly, forward, ponderously, sideways, already, slovenly, most."

"What would be a proper answer?"

Mr. Moody has received from William McKinnon, a Scotch ship-builder, a model of Solomon's temple, made of cedar, overlaid with gold, with many of the smaller articles of solid gold. It is one-fifty-fifth the size of the original, having the court, tabernacle, altar, laver, ark, holy of holies, mercy seat, and cherubim, in proportion and relation to each other.—*Christian Union*.

The London (Eng.) *Schoolmaster*, speaking of the great excess of supply over demand in the teaching profession, says that "there were over 170 candidates sitting at St. Mark's College the other week, for only 60 of whom will the authorities be able to find room. It is probably the same in other colleges." It states further that "it is notorious even now that it is almost useless for a man or woman over fifty years of age to apply for an appointment. Even without an interview, the mere statement of the age is sufficient to close the door."

The following resolution was passed at the last regular meeting of the Board of Education of the city of Belleville: "Moved by the Rev. M. W. Maclean, and seconded by the Rev. J. W. Burke, and resolved, That we regret to learn that so many of the pupils failed to pass the recent entrance examinations to the High School. At former examinations about 40 per cent. of the applicants passed, at this last only 8 per cent. succeeded. While the Board makes all due allowance for the capacities of many of the pupils who were examined, we are of the opinion that some of the examination papers, notable those on history and orthography, are unfair, many of the questions being beyond the 'limit tables,' and couched in language not understood by the pupils. Believing from the character of some of the non-professional second and third class examination papers that the persons who prepared them seem to be more desirous to show what they know than to test the knowledge of the candidates, we enter our earnest protest against such examination papers being prepared, and hereby express our conviction that a change is absolutely needed."

"The alien who sees the French lad of about six strut about with a leaden cross, suspended from a red or blue ribbon, on his breast," says the Paris correspondent of the *London Globe*, "suspects the child's vanity led him to buy for a penny or so an imitation of the Legion of Honor at a toy-shop. Not so. The thing has been duly awarded by the authorities of the elementary schools. If the lad were to dare sport the bauble without such authority, he would expose himself to severe punishment indeed. Hence his appetite for the distinction has been whetted, and should it elude his grasp a few years later on at the annual prize distribution of his college, his own grief will be very heartfelt, though mute, while his parents' disappointment will vent itself in remarks the reverse of complimentary. Space fails to describe such a ceremony at length. It is theatrical in the extreme. The successful pupil is conducted to the platform, where sit the university professors and the delegate of the Minister of Public Education, if not that dignitary himself. The laurel wreath is set upon his young brow to a military fanfare, the dispenser of fame takes him into his arms and salutes him on both cheeks, the Swiss, resplendent in gold lace, cocked hat, and sword, escorts him back to his seat, amid the thundering applause of the audience, and the next day his name figures in all the Paris and in a good many provincial papers."

The scheme for establishing an Art School in Stratford, which Mr. McBride, Head Master of the Collegiate Institute, has been working at for months, has at last taken definite shape. The Education Department has approved of the application of the Art School Board, lately formed, and work will be begun on the 1st of October. The following officers and directors were appointed at a meeting held on Wednesday evening: President, Major Gray, C.E.; Vice-presidents, Dr. Dunsmore and H. A. Jamieson; Treasurer, John A. Davidson, B.A.; Secretary, C. A. Mayberry, B.A.; Managing Head-Master, Wm. McBride, M.A. Directors—James Trow, M.P., S. R. Hesson, M.P., Wm. Alexander, P.S.I., James O'Loane, P.M., A. A. Adair, LL.B., J. B. Wilson, B.A., John Brown, C. Neild, Chairman Public School Board, and James Steet, Chairman Collegiate Institute Board. The conditions on which the Government grant, amounting to \$700, can be had are, a minimum attendance of 50 pupils and the appointment of two teachers. Two commodious rooms have been secured from the Collegiate Institute Board for the exclusive use of the school. Lectures will be given daily and each evening, and the course will extend to May, 1887. The salary which has hitherto been paid to Miss Freeman will now be diverted to the Art School, which will in future do the teaching for the Collegiate Institute.—*Stratford Beacon*.