

On the evening of November 25th, the teachers of Brock Avenue School met for the purpose of presenting Mr. J. W. Narraway with a gold watch, suitably engraved, as a token of the high esteem in which they held their former principal.

At their commencement exercises in December, the ex-pupils of Jarvis Collegiate presented the school with a portrait of Dr. L. E. Embree, the former principal. The official presentation was made by Mr. R. H. Greer, County Crown Attorney.

Mr. Everton A. Miller, M.A., of Winnipeg, has been appointed principal of the academic department of Brandon College, Brandon, Man.

The Minister of Education has decided that the schools of the Province shall devote attention during the present year to the causes of hostilities among the nations, and the reasons why the British Empire is taking part. The study will take the form of part of the history course in all grades of every school where it can be intelligently studied. Examination questions will be set on the study not only for school promotions but for departmental standing. Each school is being forwarded a copy of the British diplomatic despatches issued by the Federal authorities at Ottawa. It has been strongly urged by the Minister of Education that generously disposed citizens should, under suitable conditions, offer prizes and scholarships for essays on phases of the struggle.

The new Plains Road School, Hamilton, one of the most modern in Ontario, was formally opened on November 26th. Col. the Hon. John S. Hendrie, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, was asked to officiate. Inspector of Schools J. H. Smith, Dr. S. A. Morgan, principal of the Hamilton Normal School, and A. A. Vining, district representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, were among the speakers.

The first award of scholarships to students in Ontario Collegiates under the bequest of J. J. Carter of Sarnia has been announced. These scholarships, valued at \$100, \$60, and \$40, respectively, for first, second and third, are awarded to the three candidates who obtained the highest aggregate of marks on the Upper School Examinations in the City of Toronto, and in twenty-four counties in Ontario.

The successful teaching of the Isaac Pitman Shorthand in the New York Public Schools during the last fifteen years has been emphasized by its re-adoption for a further term of five years beginning January 1915. In addition to the shorthand and typewriting works published by Isaac Pitman & Sons, New York, a number of other publications, issued by this concern, have been adopted for the Day and Evening High and Elementary Schools for 1915-1919, which include the following subjects: