

## Correspondence.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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**No. 1. Q.**—Could a teacher, holding a Second Class "B" obtained 15th March, 1883, and getting over 70% in the aggregate and over 70% for teaching (in the Normal course) have a right to ask for a Second Class "A"?—F. M. H.

**A.**—He certainly has the right to ask for it. But the practice of raising the grades of certificates on account of excellence during the Normal School course has been in vogue for only a short time; and as in future Second Class certificates are to be of one grade only, it is not likely that the question would be considered at all. However, write to Education Department.—ED. E. W.

**No. 2. Q.**—I should like to have your opinion of the relation of—"of its own birth"—in the following quotation, ll. 56-58, *Dejection*:—

"And from the soul itself must there be sent  
A sweet and potent voice, of its own birth,  
Of all sweet sounds the life and element!"  
Should the phrase be taken with "soul," "voice," or "life and element"?

By answering the above you will oblige.—A SUBSCRIBER.

**A.**—The phrase relates to "voice," but "its" refers to "soul."—ED. E. W.

**No. 3. Q.**—Can you keep a boy from school, or rather, dare you punish a boy whom you have promised to punish, in November of 1885, if he comes back to school at the beginning of the following year? The boy committed an offence in November. I went to punish him and he ran from school. On leaving I told him I would punish him when he came back. He came back in December but ran away before I got the chance to give the punishment. Since then I have been engaged for another year. If the boy comes back next January dare I give the punishment? If not, what steps might be taken with him?—A TEACHER.

**A.**—You have the same right to punish the pupil that you ever had. But as the case is a difficult one we should advise you to see the boy's parents, and make confession of wrong-doing and promise of amendment conditions of his return. Then receive him with pardon.—ED. E. W.

**No. 4. Q.**—A gives B 150 lbs. of wool to card and spin on the following terms: B is to spin it at 11c. per lb. of yarn, and take his pay in wool from the 150 lbs. at 35c. per lb. How many lbs. of yarn should A receive and how many lbs. of wool should B keep in payment, there being a waste of 13½ lbs. of wool on every 12 lbs. of yarn manufactured?—C. P. C.

**No. 5. Q.**—How can a teacher, preparing for the First "C" examination, pursue the study of experimental chemistry profitably if he does not attend a high school?—MIDDLESEX.

**A.**—We know no way. It is intended that a First Class teacher shall attend some school where chemistry is properly taught before he shall receive his certificate.—ED. E. W.

**No. 6. Q.**—Required the simplification of:  

$$16 \left( \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5^3} - \frac{1}{5^5} + \frac{1}{5^7} - \dots \right) - \frac{4}{239}$$
 —L. K.

**A.**—In the statement of this question our correspondent made two errors. In its corrected form we leave it to our readers.—ED. E. W.

## Educational Intelligence.

THE Aylmer High School teachers are all re-engaged.

A TWO-STOREY wing is to be added to the Chesley Public School.

MR. J. W. SILLI has been appointed head master of the Vittoria School.

MR. ROBERT GRANDY, teacher in Lifford, has been re-engaged.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

WALKERTON High School is to be raised to the rank of a collegiate institute.—*Paisley Advocate*.

MR. NELSON SMITH, of Calton, succeeds Mr. D. J. Hunter as principal of Port Burwell Public School.

THE services of Mr. Archer have been secured for the Smith's Falls School.—*Smith's Falls Independent*.

MISS MARY R. SPRINGER has been appointed third assistant teacher in the Goderich High School.—*Huron Signal*.

MR. HOPPER, head master of Brighton High School, has been re-engaged at same salary.—*Brighton Ensign*.

MR. W. M. LOGAN, B.A., Toronto University, is to be classical master of Aylmer High School at a salary of \$800.

MR. A. W. WRAY, who taught in Dalrymple during 1885, has been engaged for Dunsford School.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

MR. ALLEN THOMPSON, of Granton, has been engaged as mathematical master in Hamilton Collegiate Institute at \$800.

MISS J. ABEL, of the Windsor High School, won the gold medal presented by Mr. Donald Cameron.—*Amherstburg Echo*.

MR. W. J. CHISHOLM, B.A., medallist of Toronto University, is to be modern languages master of Ingersoll High School at a salary of \$800.

MR. R. A. THOMPSON, B.A., medallist of Toronto University, is to be mathematical master in Hamilton Collegiate Institute at a salary of \$800.

MISS MAGGIE GILLIES has been appointed to the vacancy in the Galt Central School staff, caused by the resignation of Miss Linton.—*Galt Reformer*.

MISS JENNIE L. ROSS, late of Gananoque Model School, has been appointed to the position of mistress in English and Mathematics, Brantford Ladies' College.

MISS FITZGERALD, retiring from Dundas High School, was presented by her pupils with an address and a magnificent jewelled ring.—*Dundas True Banner*.

MR. N. KELLET, of Vigo, County of Simcoe, is engaged as second assistant teacher of the Petrolia High School. Mr. Brebner is appointed first assistant.—*Petrolia Advertiser*.

MR. SIMPSON, of Vienna, has been appointed assistant in Dundas High School and Miss Clark has been engaged to fill a vacancy in the public school staff.—*Dundas True Banner*.

THE pupils of the model school, at the close of the term, presented their teacher, Mr. George Sharman, with an address and a photograph of the class, taken in a group.—*Norfolk Reformer*.

MR. W. J. HAMILTON, teacher of the senior division of the model school, has been presented with a handsome inkstand and pen-rack, surmounted by a beautiful calendar clock.—*Cobourg World*.

MR. S. NEILLY, principal of Hanover Public School, has resigned. His pupils presented him with a silver-headed cane. Miss Barthrop, who is also leaving, was the recipient of a jewel case.—*Hanover Post*.

MR. M. N. ARMSTRONG, principal of Orangeville Model School, was, at the close of the late session, presented with a valuable set of Dickens' works and a framed photograph of the students.—*Dufferin Advertiser*.

MR. C. W. WILLIAMS, of the Ridgeway High School staff, has resigned, to take a position as general agent for the British American Insurance Co. Mr. J. H. Little, of Smith's Falls, will succeed him.—*Chatham Planet*.

THE following have been re-engaged for the Omemece Schools, viz.: J. A. Tanner, H. M., H. S., \$850; Miss Moore, assistant, \$400; J. H. Sheppard, H. M., P. S., \$525; Miss Blewett, assistant, \$275.—*Omemece Herald*.

MR. R. MOIR writes to say that he has been classical master of Caledonia High School, during the last term, and not modern languages' master as has been stated in these columns. Mr. Moir's present address is Rochester, N. Y.

THE St. Catharines Collegiate Institute Board at their last meeting voted the necessary funds to put up a suitable gymnasium, to equip the physical department, also \$100 as a nucleus of a library. Mr. Gamble's salary was increased to \$900.

THE Minister of Education has decided to continue the Vienna High School until next midsummer to give the people of Bayham another opportunity to ask the county council to withdraw their order.—*Correspondent of St. Thomas Times*.

MR. J. B. GANTON, who has been teaching in Nassagaweya, was recently offered an increase to remain for another term, but thinking the offer not large enough he declined. Mr. G. has accepted a salary of \$450 to teach in an adjacent section.—*Milton Champion*.

MULVEY School, Winnipeg, was in danger of being destroyed by fire lately. The floor under one of the stoves became ignited and the fire would soon have been beyond control, had it not been discovered. It was extinguished without aid from the fire brigade.

MR. A. G. HENDERSON, of Whitby Collegiate Institute, lately received an offer from the Collingwood Collegiate Institute Board, of the position of commercial master at a salary of \$900—but has