

X. Educational Intelligence.

—E. MIDDLESEX TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The 12th meeting of this Association was held in London on the 21st ult., J. Dearness, Esq., Inspector, in the chair.—The following subjects were introduced and ably discussed: Map Drawing, by Mr. Scott; Grammar and Measurer and Multiplier, by Mr. Dearness; Spelling, by Mr. Sutherland; Use of Globes, by Mr. Mc. Queen; Writing, by Mr. Stilwell; Art of Questioning, by Mr. Maxwell. During the Session Prof. Goldwin Smith, delivered an address on the Thirty Years' War; subsequently he addressed the Teachers on the work of the Council of Public Instruction. The Professor spoke of several subjects, but dwelt particularly on "text-books," showing the difficulties encountered in selecting suitable text-books, and referred at considerable length to those on grammar, geography, and history, concluding his remarks on the last named subject by treating of the philosophical method of teaching it, comparing the learning of dry condensed details and drier dates to "eating sawdust," and reviewing and criticising the theories of Comte and Buckle. Other subjects were discussed, such as: The establishment of optional text-books—the Book Depository—the standard for third class certificates, which, to a certain extent, leads to the injustice of a teacher being obliged to leave a school, after having taught three years, on account of inability to show enough book knowledge to entitle him to a second class certificate, the vacated place being supplied by one of his pupils; the advisability of granting all provincial certificates by one examining board, quarterly examinations, etc. The following resolution was unanimously passed. "That we, the Public School Teachers of the Association, express our entire confidence in Prof. Goldwin Smith as our representative, having noticed with pleasure the manner in which he has identified himself with the teaching profession, and so thoroughly studied our interests and requirements."

On motion, Mr. Smith was petitioned to represent to the Council the necessity of a Normal School in the West, with a view of their urging the Legislature to action in the matter.—*Communicated.*

—OTTAWA TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—Inspector Borthwick, has kindly forwarded to us a copy of the proceedings of an interesting Teachers' Institute which was recently held in the City of Ottawa. From these proceedings we hope to make several extracts in our next. Want of space has prevented us doing so in this number.

XI. Departmental Notices.

SUMMER VACATION.

The Statute requires that for Public Schools, the vacation shall be from the 15th July to 15th August, inclusive; and for High Schools, from the 1st July to 15th August, inclusive.

The Regulations provide that where the High Schools and Public Schools are united, the High School vacations shall be observed in both.

The Council of Public Instruction have resolved to ask the Government to recommend the Legislature to legalize the same vacation for Public Schools as for High Schools, but until a change in the law takes place, the vacations remain as above stated.

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Chief Superintendent of Education hereby gives notice, that an election of a member of the Council of Public Instruction, by the legally qualified Masters and Teachers of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, will take place on Tuesday, the 17th day of August next.

The Chief Superintendent also gives notice that the election of a member in place of S. C. Wood, Esq., M.P.P., representative of the Public School Inspectors, who has resigned his seat in the Council, will take place on the same day.

The members then elected will continue in office for two years, to be reckoned from the time of their election, and until their successors are elected.

COUNTY EXAMINATIONS FOR GRANTING CERTIFICATES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ONTARIO, JULY, 1875.

In accordance with the Statute, and the General Regulations adopted by the Council of Public Instruction, the Annual examination of Candidates for Public School Teachers' Second and Third Class Certificates, for the year 1875, will be held (D. V.) in each County Town of Ontario, commencing on

Monday, 19th July, at 1.30 P. M., for Second Class; and on Tuesday, 20th July, at 9 A. M., for Third Class.

The Examination of Candidates for First Class Certificates, will be held at the same place, commencing on

Monday, 26th July, at 1.30 P. M.

Forms of the notice to be previously given by the Candidates, can be obtained on application to any Inspector.

Candidates should notify the Inspectors not later than 23rd June, of their intention to present themselves for examination.

OTTAWA NORMAL SCHOOL.

APPOINTMENT OF MASTERS.

The Council of Public Instruction hereby gives notice, that application will be received until the 1st of July next, from Candidates for Mastership in the Normal School at Ottawa, which will be opened (D. V.) in September of the current year.

The applications, with testimonials, must be addressed to the Chief Superintendent of Education, Toronto.

PRICES OF PRIZE AND LIBRARY BOOKS REVISED.

After the First of March, and until further notice, it has been decided.

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enumerated in the two Official Catalogues of Prize and Library Books issued last year by the Education Department at the rate of EIGHTEEN CENTS on the shilling sterling of retail cost (being also at the rate of NINETY CENTS for a five shilling sterling book, at retail cost), instead of the rate of Nineteen and Ninety-five cents respectively, as mentioned in these Catalogues.

After that date, therefore (1st March, 1875), and until further notice, the Books enumerated in the two Catalogues named will be supplied from the

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XII. Advertisements.

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