

part of physical education has been long neglected, and Inspectors would do well to see that the teachers in their districts pay strict attention to all the details, which go to make school life less destructive of vital energy, and less injurious to the physical organization of pupils generally.

—During a recent visit to Lindsay, we had the pleasure of gaining a knowledge of its scholastic institutions, and we came away with the conviction that foreigners who wished to get in a single day a view of well-conducted Canadian schools of all grades, Public, High, Separate, and Private, should be sent to Lindsay. Education is the one public work which its citizens seem to have united in promoting, and the result is that from being one of the most turbulent towns in the province as it once was, it is now peaceable and prosperous.

—Much of the active interest shown by all classes in Lindsay in the cause of popular education can be directly traced to one man, Father Stafford. When appointed to his present charge, he found educational affairs at a very low ebb. He at once began to direct the attention of the people both in the town and its vicinity to the necessity for giving their children a good education. By a long course of encouragement and exhortation, which would have wearied the patience of a less persistent man, he at length succeeded in leading all classes to exhibit a proper degree of enthusiasm in regard to their schools. He taught the parents to respect the rights of their children, and convinced them that a good brick school-house was the best investment for the money they intended to devote to the welfare of their sons and daughters. They have found that it pays to take a deep interest in education, and there is no portion of Ontario where more attention is paid to the subject than in Lindsay and the portion of Father Stafford's parish outside of it. He still gives a great deal of attention to the subject, and has lately returned from a tour in Europe, where he made a special study of recent improvements in the systems and methods of teaching. We were pleased to find him so hearty and vigorous after his holiday trip, and hope he may long be spared to be the educational as well as the spiritual guide of his people.

The closing exercises of Hellmuth Ladies' College were extremely interesting and attractive. A well-arranged and creditably executed concert brought together a large party of friends, who greatly enjoyed the annual treat. At the conclusion of the concert, the Bishop of Huron presented the Governor-General's silver medal to Miss E. Roberts, for general proficiency, and a diploma to Miss A. Seaborne. The teaching staff of the College and the pupils availed of the occasion to present the Lady Principal, Miss Clinton, with an address, which was read by Rev. G. O. Troop, and to which His Lordship the Bishop responded.

The Lindsay Public Schools form the Model School for training the teachers of Victoria County. From what we were able to see of them, we judge that young teachers would be able to learn much that would direct and inspire them in the performance of their work from Mr. McFaul and his able associate teachers. While no part of the programme of school-work is

neglected, the strongest special features of the School seem to be the excellence of the drawing, penmanship, and primary reading, and the attention very properly paid to school drill. It is a pity that on account of heavy outlay in other departments of school expenditure, the School Board has this year reduced the salaries of some of their teachers. We hope the reduction may be only for a short time.

The most rapid development that has been made by any of the Lindsay schools has taken place in its High School during the time that Mr. W. E. Tilley has been its Headmaster. It is expected that the school will be recognized as a Collegiate Institute at the beginning of next year. There are already five teachers employed in the school. The Trustees are anxious to enlarge the High School next year, but they find themselves already face to face with the progress-throttling 29th Clause. Let us hope that it may be removed from the Statute Book before the building season opens in the spring.

A large assemblage met at Alma College last month to witness the inauguration of the Faculty. Bishop Carman took the chair at 8 o'clock, and near him were Judge Hughes, Registrar McLachlin, Colin Macdougall, Esq., Revs. A. E. Griffith and W. G. Prown, members of the Board of Management. After the declaration by His Lordship, the Registrar presented Principal Austin as President of the institution; Rev. R. J. Warner, B.A., Professor of Modern Languages and English Literature, Miss Maggie Baker, perceptress; Mrs. Margaret Capsey, governess, and assistant in English studies; Miss S. E. Sisk, assistant in instrumental music; Prof. F. M. Bell Smith, professor of painting, drawing, and elocution; Miss E. Gibbord, teacher of fancy work, Miss A. Brotherhood, assistant in painting and academic teacher. The members of the faculty having taken the usual obligation, the Bishop invoked the Divine blessing on the institution, after which Principal Austin gave an impressive lecture on "The Higher Christian Education of Women: its Mission and Methods." The Rev. A. E. Griffith pronounced the benediction, which concluded the proceedings.

—Mr. C. L. Crassweller, one of the Assistant Masters of the Goderich High School and a third year Undergraduate of the University of Toronto, has been appointed, out of a large number of applicants, to the Commercial Mastership of Pickering College. Mr. Crassweller's record as a student is a brilliant one—Second Class A. Dec, 1878 with 79 marks out of a possible 80 in Bookkeeping, a First Class in Mathematics and the General Proficiency scholarship at the Senior Matriculation Examination in 1881. This shows good work for one who was teaching nearly all the time. At the Second Year Examination he also won the Second Proficiency Scholarship. As a teacher Mr. Crassweller's success has been equally pronounced.

—We are pleased to observe that Mr. A. L. Parker's high merits and ability have been recognized by the educational authorities and that he has been appointed to the Inspectorship of Algoma and Parry Sound during the absence of Mr. P. A. Switzer through illness.