

Educational Notes and News.

Mr. S. Hughes, late of the Collegiate Institute, Toronto, has taken financial and editorial control of the *Victoria Warbler*.

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle now numbers over 60,000 paying members.

Mr. Thos. Gregory, of Exeter Public Schools, has been more than ordinarily successful in passing students through the examination for teachers certificates. Last year Mr. Gregory sent up six candidates for 2nd class. Not one of the six failed. One of the candidates was only thirteen years old. A pretty good record for both teachers and pupils.

Mr. James E. Stewart is evidently doing good work as principal of the Woodburn Public School. Report says the school has not for years been in so good condition.

At the last examination 54 students of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute obtained teachers' certificates, viz., Second A 11, Second B 29, Third Class 14. Thirty-two of its pupils passed the Intermediate.

On Decoration Day the teacher and pupils of S.S. No. 9, Howich, planted about 70 shade trees. They have also laid out the school grounds with gravelled walk, flower pot, etc.

Mr. Jno E. Tom, a graduate and medallist of Toronto Normal School, and for nine years past a master in St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, has been appointed Science Master in Strathroy Collegiate Institute.

Mr. M. S. Clark, B.A., (Tor.), who was for six years Master of Residence and Teacher of Modern Languages in the Canadian Literary Institute (now Woodstock College), and who has just returned from the University of Berlin, has been appointed Modern Language Master in Strathroy Collegiate Institute.

NOVA SCOTIA.

From our own Correspondent

Much interest attached to the recent Encoena at King's College, which was held on the 25th ult. The Associated Alumni met on the 24th for the purpose of electing four gentlemen as members of the University Board, partly in regular rotation of office, partly to fill vacancies caused by death and resignation. The following were elected. — Rev. C. E. Willett, D. C. L., Windsor, Dr. Moody Windsor, Rev. H. How, A.B., Newport, L. Auen Jack, Esq., D. C. L., St. John, N. B. The election of these gentlemen is claimed as a triumph for the party opposed to union with Dalhousie College, though it was evidently secured by a large influx of new voters, the most of them non-college men from the immediate vicinity of the University. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese and many of the most influential of the clergy present declared themselves in favor of prosecuting the pending negotiations with Dalhousie. The following are the terms of the "basis of union" to which the Boards of the two Universities have personally agreed. —

MEMO.

- "University to be established at Halifax under new name"
- "Dalhousie to sell present buildings and erect university buildings so far as funds permit supplemented by subscription"
- "Alumni of Kings and Dalhousie to be alumni of new university"
- "Election of governors to be provided for, either election by joint alumni or as may be agreed, but parties endowing a chair to have a right to appoint a governor for each chair"
- "All the bursaries and exhibitions (not divinity) belonging to King's and Dalhousie to belong to the university."
- "King's to endow a chair in the university."
- "King's to remove college to Halifax to be a divinity college, but if desired to have students in residence attending university under the control of the authorities of that college."
- "King's may retain charter, but to be confined to degrees in Divinity; no arts degrees to be given by King's."
- "All graduates in arts in Kings and Dalhousie to be graduates of the university."

It is apparent that the recent action of the Associated Alumni must fail to seriously obstruct the movement for union. The new governors, though elected on an anti-union ticket, are moderate men, and on investigation will be sure to feel the force of reasons which have induced the venerable Bishop, the visitor of the

College, to adopt the policy of union. The election of Governors was followed by a spirited debate, at the close of which a motion indirectly condemning union was carried by a narrow majority of three. This motion was supported by Mr. Dewolf, of Windsor; Mr. Jack, of St. John; and Senator Almon, of Halifax, and opposed by the Lord Bishop, Rev. Canon Partridge, Rev. Mr. Murray, W. C. Siler, Esq., of Halifax; Rev. Canon Brigstocke, of St. John; Dr. Corrie, of Halifax, and others.

The regular Encoenial services on the 25th were largely attended. Divine service was celebrated in the Parish Church. The Encoenial Oration was pronounced and degrees conferred in the Collegial Hall in presence of a brilliant assemblage. The President, Dr. Dart, directed attention in his opening remarks to the study of "History" and discussed various theories that have been propounded respecting the claims of that branch of study and literature to be regarded as a science. He alluded feelingly to the approaching severance of the ties which bound him to the University. Dr. Dart was followed by Bishop Burney, whose remarks on the Federation question will be of interest to the Ontario readers of *THE SCHOOL JOURNAL*. His Lordship spoke in substance as follows:—He had found, when he came to Windsor this time, that there was a feeling of alarm over a rumor that arrangements had been made to take the University up, to carry it away by force and violence to another place. Some had since told him that they had understood the case wrongly had thought the whole business had been settled, and King's was handed over to the Presbyterians. Now he wanted it understood that nothing had been done whatever. Those who thought that because negotiations had commenced the whole matter was completed, knew very little of the difficulties of such an undertaking. A basis for negotiations had been laid down with the view of submitting it to the alumni and other parties concerned, but many things had only been touched on which would require to be gone into fully. There was the endowment. The King's men insisted, Dr. Hill particularly, that the capital which Dalhousie claimed should be handed over and invested in trust funds, and made secure. The proposed university must have its endowment safe. The library matter was also discussed as to who would bear the expense of moving it. This and many other topics were left unsettled. The governors had been merely feeling their way. It was asked, "Why did we do this?" The tendency of the time was to centralize, to co-operate in educational as well as other matters. The College movement in Ontario afforded a striking example of this. Trinity College, Toronto, had entered into negotiations with the University, and that College was not inferior to King's. If Trinity could safely do this why not we? If Trinity, which was much richer, felt the need of such a departure what must be the case with us? The Methodists of Ontario were also negotiating, and the Baptists were doing the same. It had been thought from the first record of the President of Queen's College, Kingston, that this College would join the movement, but this was a mistake. The action of Trinity had been the first thing to commend the invitation of Dalhousie College to him (the Bishop.) He considered that it was impossible to carry on a College in opposition to the tendencies of the age. People may bend circumstances to their use, but must not ignore them. If students persist in patronizing only large universities, small colleges cannot be sustained. Whatever success we might have we could never be able to give our students the advantages which the proposed university would give. The bishop then repeated the details of the scheme as discussed. Thus, he said, was not a new system. There was a King's College in London and another institution called the University of London. The same thing had been done there as was proposed to be done here. He had not heard that any harm had come of the London union. He had not such an opinion of the men of the Church of England as to suppose Dalhousie would entirely rule the proposed University. He thought the King's men could look out for themselves. He would, however, help the gentlemen who were put in yesterday to carry on the business. If they thought they could keep up the College on the funds they had, they had his best wishes and warmest support. But he could not see how King's was to compete with larger universities, especially if the staff was to be still further reduced.

The following degrees were conferred:—B.D.—Rev. L. S. M.A., and O. F. Hiltz. B.C.L.—Mr J. J. Hunt. M.A.—M.A.—Rev. K. C. Hind, B.A., J. Lowry, B.A., and G. H. Butler, B.A. B.A.—Rev. G. R. Martell, A. T. Tucker, A. H. Dimock, C. A. Saunders, R. W. Hobart, M. Rattenbury, and C. T. Easton. B.E.—Mr. A. H. Dimock. Mr. Dimock graduates with first-class honors in science and second in mathematics. The following is the