

B. W. R.—In the January number the following statement is made: "No contract is legal except the prescribed one which bases salary at the rate of so much per year." Is that not according to the old contract? Does not the amendments to the contract passed 1897 base salary so much per term as per year?

A teacher can enter into a contract for so much for the term, and if notice be given this may be continued indefinitely; but if the contract continues in force in the absence of notice, then his salary is based upon the rate it would be per year.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Hugh Graham Creelman, B.A. (Dal.), who studied for some years at Edinburgh and Berlin, has received an appointment to the Physical Laboratory of Purdue University.

According to the report of the Minister of Education for Ontario, which has been just issued, the pupils attending all the public schools in 1896 decreased by 3,676. In the Roman Catholic separate schools there was an increase of 1,073. In the public schools were 441,102 pupils; R. C. schools, 40,846.

Mr. A. F. Haché, principal of the graded schools at Salmon River, Digby Co., fell upon the ice on his way to school on the 26th January and broke both bones of his left fore-arm.

A school concert at Rothesay, N. B., under the management of the teacher, Miss L. Ingraham, has raised upwards of \$12 for a school library.

Miss Minerva Murphy, teacher at Crocker Hill, Charlotte Co., has raised the sum of \$25, with which it is proposed to purchase new furniture.

Inspector Carter will, during February and March, be engaged with country districts of Charlotte, St. John and Kings Counties in the order named.

The school at Upper Letang, Charlotte Co., has been supplied with some slate blackboard surface, through the exertions of the teacher, Miss Jennie McIntire.

A Yaggy's astronomical chart, a globe, new blinds, and chemical apparatus have recently been purchased for the school in Union District, Springfield, Kings Co. Miss W. A. Toole is the teacher.

Miss Mabel Morrell, former teacher at McMinn, Charlotte Co., has provided the school at McMinn, Charlotte Co., with two excellent slates and a map of the world.

Through the efforts of Miss Nellie McCann, former teacher, enough money has been raised to paint the house and provide a fence for the school grounds at Greenoch, Charlotte Co.

Miss A. M. Waldron, teacher at Waweig, Charlotte Co., has raised, by means of a school entertainment, enough money to start a school library.

Liverpool (N. S.) academy was destroyed by fire last week. The building cost about \$10,000 and was insured for only \$5,000. Other rooms will be at once secured until a larger and better building replaces the old one.

The trustees of No. 12, Sussex (Erb), N. B., have placed in their school-house a set of new furniture and a blackboard.

Through the zealous efforts of Miss Annie M. Hayter, teacher at Holderville, Kings Co., N. B., by school entertainments, a complete suite of new furniture has been obtained,—cost, \$45.

By means of a concert Mr. Samuel Worrell, teacher at Bay-side, Charlotte Co., has begun an excellent school library, which will no doubt be appreciated and added to by that fine district.

Miss Mercy Murray, teacher at the Ledge, Charlotte Co., has, by means of a school concert, raised an amount sufficient to paint the interior of her school-room, varnish the furniture, and supply blinds.

Miss Ruth A. Ryan, the efficient and popular teacher at Model Farm, Kings Co., N. B., has greatly improved the appearance of her school-room. New furniture has also been provided—the whole at a cost of \$43.

The death of Miss Sara Curran removes one of the best primary teachers of Chatham, N. B. She was much beloved by her pupils and in the social circle. Her place in the Wellington Ward schools has been filled by her sister, Miss Maria Curran.

Mr. Geo. M. Huggins, principal of the graded schools at Granville Ferry, Annapolis Co., has resigned his position, and has started for the Klondike gold fields. He has been succeeded in the principalship by Mr. Faulkner, a student of Acadia College.

The heavy snow storms have interfered very much with the work of inspectors during the early part of the month of February. Inspector Mersereau intends to take Alnwick and Shippegan this month, and the graded schools of Restigouche and Gloucester in March.

Mr. J. L. Allingham, teacher at Round Hill, Greenwich, Kings Co., recently held a very successful concert, the proceeds of which will be devoted to slate blackboard surface and other apparatus. Through the exertions of Mr. Allingham and former teachers, Round Hill school is one of the best equipped to be found in any country district.

We extend to Inspector McIsaac, of Antigonish, our congratulations, wishing for him and his bride a long and happy life.

Science Notes.

W. F. Ganong, Ph.D., Professor of Botany at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., published, in a recent number of *Garden and Forest*, a plan and map of the college botanic garden, of which he is the director. The plan is, as far as possible, educational, aiming to group and present for study those forms of plants best suited for the purpose.

At the suggestion of Prof. O. A. Derby, now chief of the State Geological Survey of Sao Paulo, Brazil, the Para Natural History Museum has undertaken to publish the unpublished papers of the defunct Geological Survey of Brazil relating to the geology and physical geography of the lower Amazon. The October number of the *Boletine* contains the first instalment of these papers. Among them is one on "The Rio Tocantens," by Prof. Chas. Fred. Hartt. Others, including a paper by Prof. Hartt, on "Monte Alegre and Erere," are to follow.