

it is easy to believe that the flower season still endures. There is the very pretty "Maiden's Flower Song" by Pinsuti, and "Maiden May" by Gatty, both charming songs. Then there is a comic quartette, "Caw! Caw!" as sung by the Crow family, which would suit admirably for school exhibitions. For the piano, we are favoured with the "Domino Grand Waltz" by Carl Bohm, one of half a dozen fine pieces, "Minnesota March" by Carrie Varney, and a very "Irrepressible Polka" by Johnston.

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—Lectures begin in the Toronto School of Medicine on Tuesday, October 1st.

—In Parry Sound District the number of pupils registered is 171, with an average attendance of 88.

—A correspondent of the *New England Journal of Education* writes that "the jurors of the Paris Universal Exposition have awarded a diploma of the first class to the Educational Department of Ontario, for the excellence of its system and exhibit of Apparatus and Appliances, while a diploma has been awarded to the Province of Quebec for its exhibit of pupils' work. A diploma has also been awarded to the Ontario Educational Department for excellence of departmental maps; and a diploma has also been granted to the Provincial Government of Ontario in respect of the University of Toronto."

—The following are extracts from the report of Inspector Scarlett, of Northumberland: The total number of children residing in the County, between the ages of 5 and 16, on the 31st December, 1877, 9,753.—Total number of children in the County, between the ages of 5 and 16, entered on the daily school register, 8,938. The percentage of children, between the ages of 5 and 16, entered on the daily registers of the schools is 91, nearly.—The total number of pupils of all ages, entered on the registers of the schools, 9,441. Number of boys, 5,081; of girls, 4,360. Average attendance of all the pupils of the County for the year 1877, 8,091. Percentage of attendance of all ages, 84.

Of the 108 teachers who acted as masters of the Schools of this County during 1877, with the fifteen assistant teachers, there were 2 first class Provincial Certificates, 7 first class old County Board certificates, 24 second class Provincial certificates, 3 old County Board second class certificates, 69 third class certificates, under the new arrangements for the examination of teachers, and 3 permits from the County Board of Examiners.

—The English language is full of paradoxes. "Show me a fire, for I am wet," said a traveller, "and bring me also a jug of ale, for I am dry." "You walk very slow," said a man to a consumptive. "Yes," he replied, "but I am going very fast." Breaking both wings of an army is sure to make it fly. A general may win the day, in a battle fought at night, and a man detained an hour, may be able to make a minute of it. A fire goes out, and yet it does not leave the room; and a man killed in a duel may have a second to live after he is dead. Figures, it is said, will never lie; this is not true of words.—*Barnes' Ed. Monthly.*

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