

A right education is not merely the reading of many books, but the ability of making knowledge useful to ourselves and to others.

A report of the Oxford teachers' association says: The most interesting feature of the convention to the general public was the lecture by Principal Buchan of Upper Canada college upon Poetry and Politics.

Rev. Mr. English has leased the Hellmuth ladies' college property for the next collegiate year. The year following Mrs. Russell will undertake its management. Major C. A. Armstrong, of St. Leonard-on-the-Sea, England, will act as principal.

The following yearly subscriptions have been promised to the ladies' medical school, Kingston, for five years. Dr. Jenny K. Trout, Toronto, \$200; Mr. John Carruthers, \$100; Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, \$50; Folger Bros., \$50; Principal Grant, \$100; Mr. William Hartz, \$100, and Mr. A. Gunn, M.P., \$100; altogether, \$3,500.

The legislative grant for public school purposes this year to schools in Northumberland is as follows: Cobourg, \$717; Haldimand, \$691; Hamilton, \$642; Brighton, \$504; Seymour, \$474; Murray, \$446; Cranthorpe, \$435; Percy, \$427; Campbellford, \$225; S. Monaghan, \$153; Altwick, \$152; Colborne, \$136; total, \$5,002.

At the Chatham district teachers' association, the following out of the question drawer were gravely, and it is said profitably discussed: (1) If you told a big boy to stand in the corner, and he took his hat and went home, what would you do when he came back? (2) If a scholar said, "Let me sit the books on the table," and you corrected him, and he said, "Mr. Jones told us to say 'sit,'" what would you do?

During a recent visit to the flourishing city of St. Thomas, we could not but admire the enterprise of the place in educational matters. Already the collegiate institute has acquired a front rank, and with its efficient staff of masters who are specialists in their department, progress must continue. The building is a very commodious one and the grounds are amongst the finest in the Province. A beautiful fountain has been placed in the lawn in front of the institute and this, together with the display of flowers, trees, and shrubs, shows the good taste of the citizens. The appreciation of the board of the principal's services is shown by the advancement of Mr. Millar's salary from \$1,250 to \$1,550.

During the last session of the teachers' association held in Norfolk, a communication was read from the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, inviting co-operation in their work, whereupon after discussion, it was moved by the Rev. Geo. Grant, seconded by Dr. Wadsworth, that, "This association, recognizing the evils connected with the use of intoxicating drinks, approve of the idea and advocate the introduction of books on temperance into our public and high schools, as a strong agent in uprooting the existing evil of intemperance." Carried.

The question of providing suitable teachers' residences has not apparently received the attention of trustees and ratepayers. Only two have yet been provided; one in Nassagaweya and one in Acton. As matters now stand, married teachers are almost forced out of the rural sections, from inability to get a house in which to live. Of the nineteen married teachers employed last year, five taught in the towns or incorporated villages, four in the smaller villages, two taught in rural sections but lived in the adjoining town or village, two others lived in homes of their own, and six lived in the section in which they taught. Not more than one section in ten can provide a house for a married teacher. I hope the day will soon come when in the larger and wealthier sections the erection of a teacher's residence will be regarded as favorably as the erection of a manse or parsonage. I believe the establishing of suitable residences for teachers would advance the cause of education. Experienced teachers would be retained in the profession; the evils resulting from frequent changes of teachers would be greatly diminished; and in the end the cost of education would be reduced. — *Mr. Little's Report.*

The following show the advancement of educational interests in the county of Halton: (a.) During the year a handsome and commodious brick school house, named "Lorne School House," was erected in S. S. No. 12 Esqueving. The site is an acre in extent, and is surrounded with a substantial picket fence. A good well has been provided, and the trustees purpose during the present year to erect a wood-house and outbuildings. Total cost, \$1,675.78. (b) In Milton the public school board enlarged the model school by the addition of a new stone wing. They also erected larger outbuildings, enclosed two additional lots and part of the original site with a neat picket fence, and repaired the main building. The total outlay amounted to \$3,483.82. — *Mr. Little's Report.*

In the report of the Honorable the Minister of Education for 1880-81, the percentage of average attendance, compared with the total number attending school, is given as 43 per cent. for the counties of the Province. The percentage in Halton, for the year of the report, was 45. Ten counties had a higher percentage, viz: Prince Edward, Durham, Lincoln, and Huron, each 46; Dundas, Oxford, Perth, and Middlesex, each 47; Waterloo, 49; and Lanark, 50. Two counties had the same percentage as Halton, and the remaining twenty-nine counties, including the districts, ranged from 44 down to 35 per cent. — *Mr. Little's Report.*

J. W. Acres, M.A., has, we believe, the honor of being the senior teacher in the Province of Ontario. For upwards of a quarter of a century he has held the position of principal of the Paris schools. During that time he has won affection, respect, and admiration alike from teachers, scholars, parents, managers, and all who have come in contact with him. The schools are to-day in as flourishing condition as they have ever been. There are in all ten departments, two of which form the high school. The principal building is a fine brick structure, beautifully situated, overlooking the whole of the city, and commanding a magnificent view of the valley of the Grand river and the surrounding country. In the high school Mr. Acres is ably assisted by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. C. Dodge is the senior teacher in the numerous departments of the public school. Mr. Burrows, P.S.I., of Napanee, and Mr. Tilley, P.S.I., of Bowmanville, have been conducting the examinations in the normal school in this city.

Dr. Kelley, M.A., Brantford, and D. C. Ross, M.A., Toronto, have been conducting the Ontario examinations for the Gilchrist scholarship. There was only one Ontario candidate. The Gilchrist scholarship is of the value of £100 sterling per annum and is tenable for three years.

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The regular quarterly meeting of the Council of the University of Manitoba, was held in the Education Offices, Thursday, June 7th. The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, the Bursar, Rev. Prof. Cloutier, Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, Rev. Prof. Hart, Rev. O. Fortin, Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Ven. Archdeacon Cowley, Rev. Prof. Bryce, Rev. Canon Matheson, Hon. Attorney-General Sutherland, Rev. Canon O'Meara, and Rev. D. M. Gordon were present. The Chancellor took the chair at 2:10 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Archdeacon Pinkham moved, seconded by Rev. O. Fortin, and it was resolved that the fee for the degree of M.A. be \$4.

The results of the recent examinations were then read by the Chancellor. Moved by Prof. Bryce, seconded by Archdeacon Cowley and resolved, that the report be received and adopted. Prof. Hart, on behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, reported the blank forms for the degrees of B.A. and M.A., and the purchase of three silver and three bronze medals. The report was received and adopted. A letter was read from the Registrar of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom. Moved by Prof. Bryce, seconded by Canon Matheson, and resolved, that the candidates for the previous examinations may, if they please, take the Elementary Statics and Hydrostatics of the B.A. degree.

The annual Convocation of the University of Manitoba for conferring degrees, presenting medals, etc., was held on Friday, June 8th, in the temporary Legislative Hall, in the new Court House. Besides a considerable number of ladies and gentlemen who were present as spectators, including students of the various colleges, the following gentlemen occupied seats on the floor of the House: — Hon. Jos. Royal, M.P., Vice-Chancellor, in the chair; Mr. T. A. Bernier, Registrar; Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Rev. Canon O'Meara, Rev. Canon Matheson, Rev. A. L. Parker, and Rev. R. Machray of St. John's College; Rev. Prof. Cherrier, Director, and Rev. Prof. Cloutier, St. Boniface College; Rev. Prof. Bryce, and Rev. Prof. Hart, Manitoba College; Hon. John Norquay, Premier; Hon. A. A. C. LaRiviere, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Attorney-General Sutherland, Hon. S. C. Biggs, U. S. Consul Taylor, Rev. O. Fortin, Rev. D. M. Gordon, Rev. H. T. Leslie, Mr. Rice Howard, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Jackes. The members of the University wore their distinguishing costume. The Vice-Chancellor opened the proceedings with an address, in which, after apologizing for the unavoidable absence of His Lordship the Bishop of Rupert's Land, Chancellor of the University, he said: — Ladies and gentlemen, you are witnessing an experiment of the most interesting character. We are making an experiment which was never attempted before. We are trying to build up in a mixed community, an institution on the broad basis of common sense and mutual Christian tolerance.