

The average attendance at the Whitby Collegiate Institute during April was 106. The Finance Committee report in favour of increasing the salaries of the teachers as follows:—Principal Embree, \$150; T. G. Campbell, \$50; J. T. Fotheringham, \$100; N. W. Campbell, \$50; A. G. Henderson, \$50.

The examination for admission to high schools at midsummer will be held this year on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd July. The examination in the non-professional subjects for third and second class teachers will begin Monday, 6th July. For first class grades C. on Wednesday, 15th July; for grades A. and B. on Thursday, 23rd July. The professional examination for first class will be held Wednesday, 23rd July.

Dr. McFarlane, Toronto, Mr. John King, barrister, Berlin, and Mr. S. Woods, Principal Ladue's College, Ottawa, have been re-elected by acclamation by the graduates of Toronto University to represent them in the Senate. Mr. Embree, head-master High School, Whitby, was elected to represent the High School masters. Hon. Edward Blake was re-elected Chancellor.

The annual Convocation of Wycliffe College was held on the 22nd inst. In consequence of building operations going on the usual invitation could not be extended to the friends of the college. The Report of Rev. Principal Sheraton called attention to three great advance steps which had been taken, first, affiliation with Toronto University; second, the addition to the staff of Rev. F. H. DuVernet, who takes the chair of Ethics; and Rev. Edwin Daniel, B.A., who takes Old Testament history and literature; and third, the important additions to the building now in progress. Five students had honourably completed the college course. At a meeting of the Trustees which followed the Convocation, a resolution was adopted, thanking the Hon. Edward Blake for the generous gift of \$1000 for the endowment of the "Bishop Cronyn scholarship."

The progress of the Negro race in the United States in the last twenty years is one of the marvels of the age. Ethiopia, stretching out her hands to God. No other people ever experienced such great and sudden uplifting. In two decades they have risen from a state of abject slavery to the enjoyment of all the rights and privileges of full citizenship in the freest, grandest, and most enlightened nation of the earth. And this change of outward condition is not more remarkable than their educational progress. Never before were such prodigious efforts put forth for the education of a people, and never before did an ignorant and degraded people manifest such eagerness to learn. There are to-day nearly a million Negro youths in the public schools of this country; and hundreds are attending higher institutions of learning, striving to fit themselves for the higher walks of life.

A recent number of the *Christian Advocate* contains the result of an inquiry instituted for the purpose of ascertaining the occupation of Negro graduates of certain colleges, seminaries and normal schools in the South. The whole number of graduates reported is 184, of whom 121 are young men and 63 young women. The following exhibit shows the employment of these graduates at the present time: Minister, 24; teachers, 81; principals of seminaries, 6; professors in colleges, 3; physicians and medical students, 14; attorneys and students at law, 5; editors of newspapers, 3; members of legislature, 2; in government employ, 4; music teachers, 2; wives of professional men, 10; in business, 3; not reported, 3; deceased, 8.

Remembering the condition of this people but two decades ago, one is ready to exclaim, "What hath God Wrought!"

There is a darker side to this picture, but the one we present is much more pleasing to look upon, and it is true.—*Ohio Educational Monthly*.

Native female education in India makes but slow growth, but it is nevertheless growing. In the Presidency of Madras there are at present 60,000 girls in various schools. Four years ago there were but 30,000. Still it has to be borne in mind that 60,000 is but a very small percentage of the whole female population; about one in 403. In Bombay the proportion is one in 431, whilst in Bengal it falls to one in 976, and in the districts about Hyderabad the proportion goes down to one in 3,630. The *Educational Times* which gives us the above progress, adds:—"The medical training of women is likely to give a most powerful impulse to girl education in India. Hitherto an incentive of a visible and tangible kind was needed to awaken the interest of the natives. The native women who had education were apparently no better off than those who had it not. But, when the Indian female doctor is not uncommon in the towns and villages, education will be relieved of the reproach

of practical inutility in the minds of the most conservative of the natives. It bodes well also for the cause of female education that perhaps at no time in the past were there a greater number of English men and English women of influence in India capable of giving wise direction to the movement. The marvellous success also of the effort for the higher education of women in England will not fail to have an effect in England's distant dependency."

Literary Chat.

Mr. Fargus (Hugh Conway) the author of "Called Back," is dead.

Prince Ibrahim Hilmy, son of the ex-Khedive, is about to publish a work on "The Literature of Egypt."

John B. Alden & Co. of New York, have undertaken to publish a complete American Edition of Ruskin's Works.

Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston, have just published "a New Collection of College Songs," compiled by Henry Randolph Waite.

A Chinese military attaché in Paris has lately written a book about his own country, entitled "The Chinese Painted by Themselves."

Professor A. H. Sayer has just published an "Introduction to the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther," in which he gives an account of the writers themselves, and a history of the times which produced them.

Educators will be glad to learn that Macmillan & Co. purpose issuing immediately an American Edition of Fitch's admirable Lectures on Teaching, with an Introductory Preface by President Hunter of the Normal College, New York.

Lord Tennyson's latest production, his poem reproaching the British Ministry for their neglect of the Navy, is said by some of the critics to be "the most atrocious piece of verse that has appeared over any poet's name for many a day."

The six numbers of the "Century Magazine," between November and April, reached collectively the astonishing total of more than a million and a quarter of copies. This wonderful success is largely due to the series of war articles.

Professor David Swing, in *The Current* of May 23, has a paper entitled "Daniel Webster's Education," in which he very forcibly urges the attention of teachers to the development of the powers of expression and the sensibilities of pupils. He holds that these qualities are of the highest importance to the citizen.

Music.

Mr. Gladstone is to read a paper on Music at the Church Congress in England.

Bishop Gross, of Savannah, Ga., is earnest in his condemnation of open music in church.

The Duke of Edinburgh will play a violin solo at a charity concert to be given at the Mansion House.

Miss Ida Clark, the young cornetist of Chicago, is said to be only thirteen years old, and quite a marvel in her way.

Miss Cleveland, the sister of the President, is, it is said, an excellent amateur pianist and an educated musician.

Gounod dedicates his new work—*Mors et Vita*, which is to be produced next October in Birmingham—to the Pope.

The United Richard Wagner Society has already 181 branches and agencies in Europe and America, with a total of 5,124 members.

During the recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Ireland the degree of Mus. Doc. was conferred upon the Princess by the University of Dublin.

A sale recently took place at Leipzig at which were sold autographs and scores of Beethoven, Schuman, Schubert, Weber, Cherubini, Spohr, Haydn, and Mendelssohn.

The Queen has settled the vexed question of pitch in England by the adoption of the "French Diapason Normal Pitch," the equivalent of that adopted by Boston musicians two years ago.—*The Musical Herald*.

In "Observations on Music in America" Mr. Joseph Bennett, in the *Musical Times*, says of Theodore Thomas the great orches-