

headmaster of Winchester. The Oxford chair, once filled by the Wartons, has since been occupied by the lamented Keble and by Matthew Arnold. Bret Harte was a teacher for a short time. Longfellow was appointed a professor at Harvard soon after his graduation.

The three Brontë sisters were governesses. Roger Ascham, Queen Elizabeth's tutor, not only taught the youthful idea to shoot, but also, in his "Toxophilus," instructed the public in the use of the bow. Thomas Carlyle was both a tutor and a school-teacher. Thomas Arnold, the distinguished historian of Rome, is more distinguished as "the great

headmaster." The authors of "Noctes Ambrosianæ" and "Bon Gaultier" occupied professorial chairs. Goldwin Smith, the late James De Mille, and other Canadians by adoption or birth, have a dual celebrity—in literature and education.

It would be too long a task to notice even a quarter of the teachers who have written notable books on philological, scientific, philosophical and religious topics. Naturally a large proportion of learned writers at every time have been university professors, and scores of mitred theologians have begun life as tutors in influential families, and as masters in the public schools of England.

THE SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Circular issued by the Legislative Committee of the Ontario Teachers' Association.

THE Legislative Committee of the Ontario Teachers' Association respectfully request you to bring this circular under the notice of your local Teachers' Association. As the result of several interviews we have had with the Minister of Education on the subject of amendments to the present law respecting Superannuation allowances to teachers he has expressed his willingness to consider and submit for the sanction of the Legislature at its next session such amendments as would fairly represent the views of the great majority of the teachers on the subject, and which the Legislature could reasonably be expected to approve of. If your Association has already held its first semi-annual convention for the present year, please bring the subject before the teachers in your inspectorial division by means of a special meeting, or in any other way which you think best. It is very desirable, in order that the answers to this circular may be carefully considered by the Legislative Committee before the next meeting of the Provincial Association, that the opinions of your Association be sent to the Secretary of

this Committee on or before the first day of July next.

The Minister thinks the following propositions are necessarily involved in the consideration of the basis of any new system, and that it is desirable that the opinions of the Teachers' Associations should be given specifically on each of such propositions.

1. In lieu of the present provisions of the law respecting the Superannuated Teachers' Fund, the "Teachers' Retiring Provident Fund," in this Act termed "the Fund," is hereby established, and such fund shall consist of all sums which may from time to time be appropriated by the Legislature out of the consolidated revenue of the Province, and of all sums hereinafter provided to be paid by all persons entitled to a retiring allowance as hereinafter also provided.

2. The following are entitled to a retiring allowance, namely: every male teacher of a public or separate school holding a first, second or third-class certificate of qualification under the regulations of the Education Department, or a valid county board certifi-