The people of Hamilton have promised over \$2,000 towards the debt on the Stan-stead Wesleyan College.

It is expected that the new High School building at Seaforth will be ready for occupation on the 7th January. Mr. J. Cruickshanks, of Wardsville High ool, was entertained at a public supper that village on the 13th ult.

The new public school building in Wingham is now finished and ready for occupancy. It is said to be a very handsome building.

Mr. Metzler, assistant High School teacher in Listowel, has been presented by his pupils with a beautiful inkstand ime-piece combined, and a gold pen. At the close of the public examination of the Mitchell High School, the pupils pre-sented Mr. Sinclair, assistant teacher, with three elegantly bound volumes of standard hree elegantly bound volumes of stan

works. Mr. Clarkson, now Principal of the Sea-forth High School, received an elegant silver syrup pitcher and tray, from his pupils in Brockville, prior to his leaving

that town. The Huron Expositor says that at an examination recently held in Section No. 10, Goderich Township, the teacher, Mr. Davidson, received a very handsome writing case, paints and gold ring.

A meeting of the West Huron Teachers'

Association will be held in Exeter on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24th and 25th. A good programme will be provided, and every effort will be made to make the

every enort will be made to make the meeting interesting and instructive.

At the quarterly examinations of the Canada Business College, at Chatham, held last month, the first prize for general proficiency was awarded to Jas. Haliday, of Merlin; the prize in the 2nd form was won by Jas. Delmage of Chatham by Jas. Delmage, of Chatham.

Mr. G. W. Field, the second master of the Seaforth High School, received at Christmas a present of handsomely bound volumes of the poetical werks of Scott, Cowper, Longfellow, Burns, Tennyson, Shakespeare and Wordsworth.

The Christmas examinations of the public school in the township are described by a school in the township are described by a correspondent of the Uxbridge Journal as being most satisfactory. Mr. Crosby, the teacher, was presented by his pupils with a valuable book, and on behalf of the

trustees with a testimonial, in recognition and appreciation of his services. Professor Montgomery, of the Woodstock Collegiate Institute, has gone to New York to purchase the telescope for the observa-tory which is shortly to be built in connection with the institute. The telescope will cost \$800, but is worth considerable more? it is sold at a sacrifice as a part gift to the

institute. The observatory when will be the best in the Dominion. An exhibition was recently held in the new school house, Sec. No. 13, Norwich. new school house, Sec. No. 13, Norwich.
The meeting was very largely attended,
and a carefully prepared programme kept
the audience interested till a late hour.
The building, which has only been occupied since vacation, is probably the best
fitted for school purposes in Oxford county.
From the slated roof to the furnace in the pasement no expense has been spared to make the structure neat, durable

The attendance at the Christmas enterainment and distribution of prizes of the London East schools was so large that many had to go away, being unable to yain admittance. The chair was occupied by Mr. McLeod, chairman of the Board. Speeches were made by Reeve Waterman, ex-Reeves Anderson and Ross, Inspector Dearness, Messrs. McLeod, Short, Toll, Decow, Giles, Eckert and Stock. Miss Stratton was presented by her pupils with a beautiful silver cake basket. Votes of thanks were passed to the organist, the chairman and the School Board, after which the pleasant entertainment came to an end by singing "God Save the Queen."

The following extract from the paper, read by Mr. Alexander McMillan before the East Middlesex Teachers' Association on "Incentives to Study" is worthy the n "Incentives to Study" is worthy the onsideration of teachers. He says:— Praise and censure are powerful weapons in the hands of the, skilful teacher. Theordinary child will do much to gain the approbation of those whom he respects, while on the other hand he will be cautious about incurring censure. Praise should never be withheld when it is fairly due. and censure should not be employed merely because the teacher happens ensuring mood. Punishment of any kind is no proper incentive to study. Study does. Cases may arise where it will appear necessary to inflict some penalty for failure to do prescribed work; but as such cases generally imply the want of interest in work, we should address ourselves to the duty of curing this. defect in a more rational way. For depend on it, when this want of interest exists to any extent in the school-room, the fault does not lie wholly with the pupils. There is somehing wrong in the tone of the school when ess is not felt to be a disgrace, and is ot frowned down even by the pupils

The school fund of Indiana has increa \$40,000 within a year, and is now \$8,007, < 995, the largest held by any State. The Minister of Education has determined on establishing two female uni-versities in Italy—one at Rome and one at

The trustees of the Peabody fund have appropriated \$77,000 to the Southern States for educational purposes during the ming year.

The Leicester (Eng.) School Board has received the sanction of the Education Department to erect an industrial school in eicester to accommodate 100 boys.

A law school has been added to the University of California by the gitt of \$100,000 from C. Clinton Hastings, one of its alumni. It will be called the Hastings Law School.

The trustees of Rutgers' College, N.Y., have decided that after June, 1891, the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Science shall only be granted after a special

The Czar has ordered eight bursaries to be founded at the St. Petersburg Technical Institute, four for students from the newly-annexed province in Asiatic Tur-key, two for Bulgarians, one for a Servian, and one for a Montenegrin.

Mrs. James Smith, a native of Franklin, N.H., and widow of a philanthropic millionaire of St. Louis, has notified the Franklin Library Association of her wish to add \$3,000 to its endowment.

The State of Virginia, until last year, had been losing her school funds by the diversion of them to other purposes at the rate of \$80,000 annually, and last year she lost the surprisingly large sum of \$250,000, or about half the proceeds of taxation for

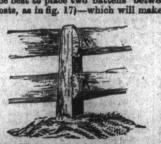
hool purposes. The Unitarians of the State of New Hampshire are putting forth efforts to establish a school to be under the care of that denomination. It is reported that they will take possession of the Academy at Andover, which hitherto has been under he patronage of the Christian deno

Several reunions of teachers were held during the Paris Exposition at the Sorbonne. At one of these M. Bergér, in spector of primary schools in Paris, delivered a lecture, in which he praised the American reading books. M. Bergér was one of the delegates sent by the French Government to examine the educational departments at the Centennial Exposition.

Reports from the fruit section of Florida

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