

struggling against uncalled-for obstacles in the hopeless endeavour to satisfactorily keep up the financial *status* under the new system. Our High School masters have expressed a conviction that some different system of grading schools and distributing legislative aid might be adopted without interfering with their efficiency. At present these teachers are so engrossed with cares *financial*, that their usefulness is interfered with, and their positions rendered in many cases precarious.

If Mr. Crooks can relieve the present system of some of its oppressive and objectionable features, he will receive the thanks of all concerned. He has wisely determined that, commencing with 1880, a more rigid adherence to legitimate duties shall characterize those of the committee whose attention to departmental work has been somewhat interfered with. This principle is susceptible of such general application that he may possibly see his way to further retrenchment, resulting, let us hope, in added resources directly available to our High Schools.

ITEMS.

COLLINGWOOD Collegiate Institute will hereafter impose a fee.

PERTH C. I. offers \$10 to each successful candidate at the Intermediate.

AT Whitby Ladies' College, they are undertaking to prepare candidates for the Intermediate.

MR. R. B. HARE, B.A., Ph.D. (Victoria and Breslau), has been appointed Science Master in Hamilton Collegiate Institute.

MR. O'CONNOR, late Mathematical Master in London Collegiate Institute, goes to Harriston High School, as Head Master.

VERY few High Schools have organized volunteer companies. The requirements entail too great expense.

MR. STEELE, of Aylmer High School, has been appointed Head Master of Orangeville High School.

MR. W. CHIPMAN, B.A., has resigned his position as Mathematical Master in Napanee High School, to accept a position connected with his intended profession, civil engineering.

COBOURG Collegiate Institute has an almost overflowing attendance. The "Lorne Medal" is to be given to the highest candidate at the next Intermediate. The young ladies of the Institute have organized a "Literary Union."

OF the 104 High School head masters in Ontario, 37 are from Toronto University; 23 from Victoria; 9 from Queen's; 4 from McGill; 1 from Albert. Who will give us a similar statement of the *assistant* masters who are graduates?

MR. A. PURSLOW, B.A., LL.B., has been appointed on the Board of Examiners for Northumberland and Durham, in place of Mr. Tilley, B.A., who goes from Bowmanville to Lindsay, as Head Master of the High School.

THE case of Miss Shenick, *vs.* the Trustees of Cobourg Collegiate Institute, has been decided adversely to the plaintiff. The Board had given her notice that after 1st of April last, her services would be dispensed with. She, however, sued for salary to the end of her year, that is, up to the date of her original engagement. There being no written agreement, the Board claimed that they had the right to terminate the engagement on giving reasonable notice. Judge Boswell decided "that by law she was entitled to nothing." He recommended the trustees, however, "to give her one month's salary"! She appealed from the decision to the Minister, who very wisely, we think, declined to interfere. Both teachers and trustees may with profit make a note of this instructive case.