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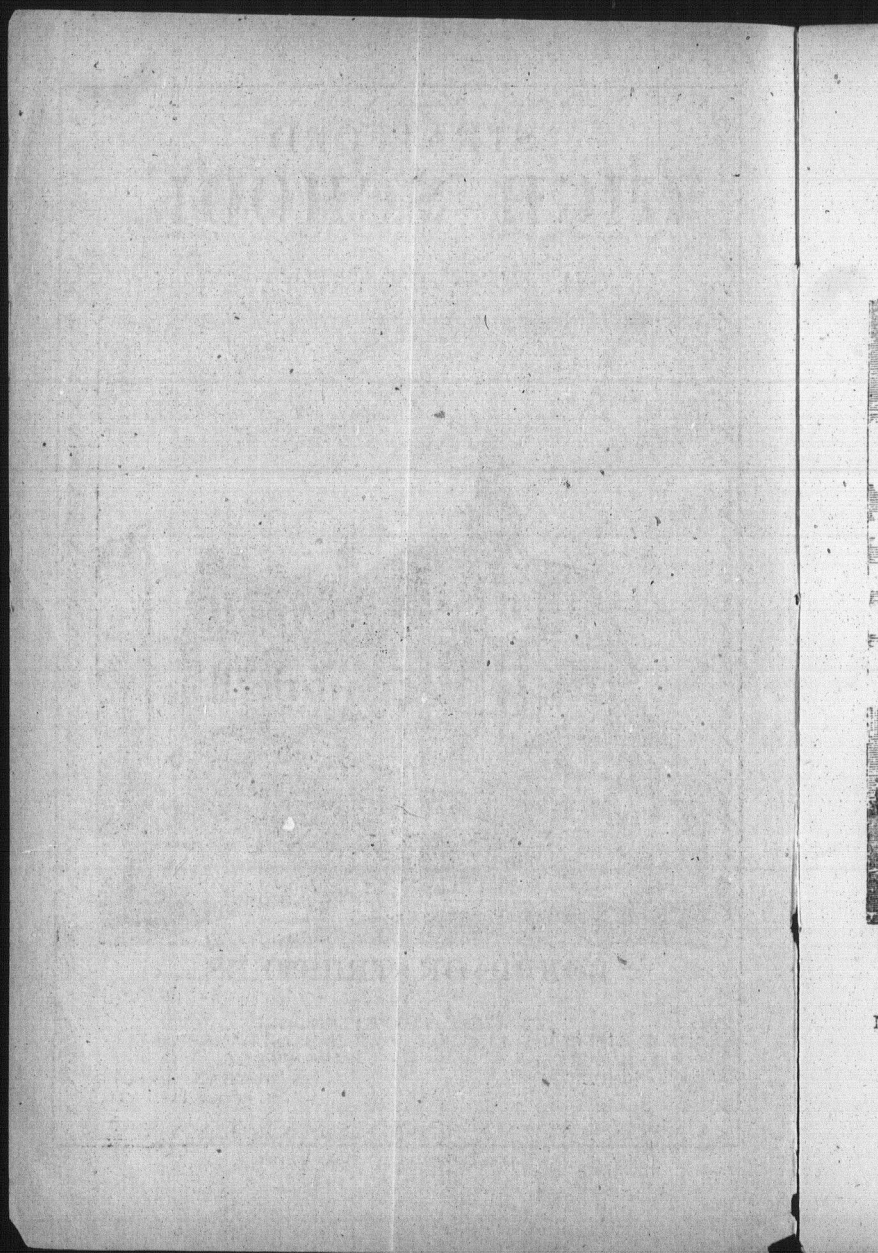
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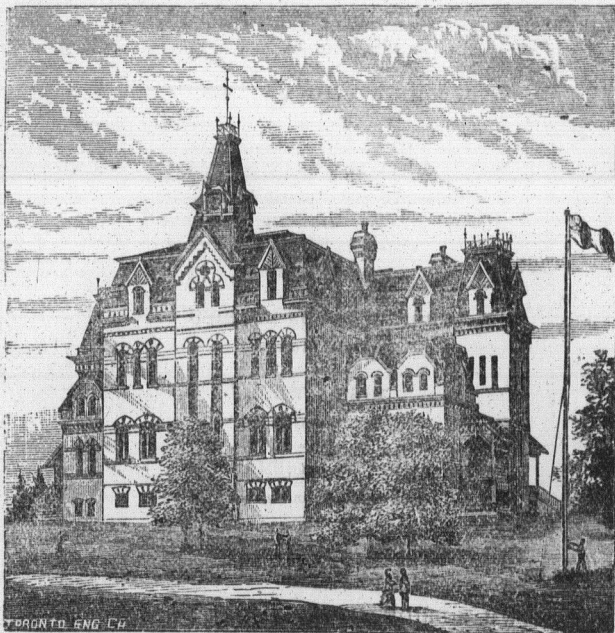
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TEACHING STAFF.

WM. McBRIDE, M.A.,
Mathematics and French.

C. A. MAYBERRY, B.A.,
Classics.

JOHN WILSON, B.A., 1st A.,
English.

JOHN M. MORAN, 1st A.,
German and Natural Science.

A. DEGUERRE, B.A.,
Mathematics.

PROF. JOHNSON MORRIS,
Vocal Music.

MISS J. WEIR,
Instrumental Music.

MISS M. FREEMAN,
Drawing, Painting, &c.

DRILL, GYMNASTICS, ETC.

WM. McBRIDE, (PRIZEMAN Q. O. R., TORONTO),
Military Drill Instructor.

A. DEGUERRE, (PUPIL OF PROF. ANDREWS),
Gymnastics and Calisthenics.

BUILDINGS AND TOWN.

The following is a description of the school from "*Picturesque Canada*":

"The High School, perched on a noble elevation, and with its spire rising to an altitude of 120 feet, is especially worthy of note. It is built of white brick, with bands and enrichments of red. At a point on the opposite side of the lower bridge its massive bulk and graceful outlines appear to great advantage. The bluff on which it stands slopes abruptly upwards from the river to a height of about 50 feet. Masses of willows, maples and elms clothe its sides, whose soft foliage and various shades of green are in fine contrast to the rich cream color of the building and the sharp angles of its pinnacled roof. From the cupola the spectator looks on a splendid expanse of cultivated fields and pastures, with dark forests stretching to the horizon. At its foot is the stirring town, irregularly shaped, partly concealed among trees, clasping its five townships in a helpful bond, the silver stream of the river adding life and beauty to the picture."

The following is from "*The School*," a journal published by the Literary and Musical Society of Stratford High School.

"The Stratford High School building is the finest in the Province. It was erected in 1878 at a cost of \$30,000. It has eight forms, two laboratories, an excellent assembly hall, principal's and Board room.

Stratford is a town with a population of 9,000 beautifully situated in a rich agricultural and fruit bearing country on the river Avon. Its situation makes it a pleasant and healthy place to live in, being the highest town in the Province. Its elevation is 1,190 feet above the sea.

It has splendid railway facilities, the Grand Trunk, Buffalo and Lake Huron, and Port Dover passing through the town.

It has eleven churches,—three Methodist, two Presbyterian, two Episcopal, one Congregational, one Baptist, one Roman Catholic, one German Lutheran, and one Gospel hall. There are also a Mechanics' Institute, a gymnasium and a skating rink."

CLASSES.

Classes are arranged for and every facility is afforded to those who are preparing for :

- I.—The Intermediate Examination.
 - II.—The Non-Professional Examinations for Third Class Certificates.
 - III.—The Non-Professional Examinations for Second Class Certificates.
 - IV.—The Non-Professional Examinations for First Class Certificates.
 - V.—Matriculation into the Law Society.
 - VI.—Matriculation into Medicine.
 - VII.—Junior or Senior Matriculation into any of the Provincial Universities, with Honors in Classics, Mathematics, English, French, German, History and Geography.
 - VIII.—Local Examinations for Women in connection with the University of Toronto, which examinations will be held in this school next June and for which about 40 of the girls are now reading.
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FINE ARTS COURSE.

Music.

In this department under the care of Prof. Morriss and Miss Weir, is provided a thorough instruction in Vocal and Instrumental Music, theoretical and practical.

In addition to the individual instruction thus afforded, there are two large Choral Societies, conducted by Prof. Morriss, which meet for practice after 4 p.m. twice a week.

Drawing and Painting.

Under the supervision of Miss Freeman, a thorough course of instruction is given in Free-Hand, Linear, and Perspective Drawing; in Painting in Oils or Water Colors.

There are four classes in Drawing and Painting, and pupils may join any or all of these.

NOTES ON THE TEACHING STAFF.

The Head Master, Wm. McBride, M.A., (Tor.), Prize-man in University College, Toronto, who is a 'teacher of ten years' experience, was for some years a sub-examiner on the Intermediate and Second Class Examinations in the Education Department, and examiner in Latin for the Woodstock College. His experience as examiner is of great service to him in preparing candidates for the Departmental and the University Examinations, which is attested by the fact that not one whom he ever sent up for Matriculation Examinations has failed. During his college course he obtained First Class honors in Classics and Mathematics at Toronto University. He subsequently attended lectures at University College, London, England, for three terms, and stood fourth in First Class Honors in Classics at the 1st B. A. Examinations and obtained an Honor Diploma. During this time he was one of the readers at the British Museum. He studied French in Paris, France, under a distinguished Professor. During the past two years he passed no less than 19 pupils at University Examinations, who won 17 honors at Matriculation and \$290 in Scholarships.

The Classical Master, C. A. Mayberry, B.A., (Tor.), who is a master of five years experience (and who has taught under Principal Mills and Inspector Hodgson), obtained 1st Class Honors in Classics, Mathematics and English during his course at Toronto University. The teachers in the county have expressed their high appreciation of him by electing him President of the "Perth Teachers' Association."

The English Master, John Wilson, B.A., (Tor.), formerly a master in Port Hope High School, is a teacher of eight years' experience in High School work, who before entering upon his University course, received a thorough and practical training in the Normal School, where he obtained a 1st A.

The Science and German Master, John M. Moran, is a successful teacher of many years' experience. He received a thorough training in the Normal School where, after his examinations, he obtained an "Honor A," the only one ever granted by the Department. For five years he was the popular Inspector of Public Schools in South Perth. In addition to his theoretical knowledge of the grammatical and idiomatic peculiarities of German he has the advantage of being able to speak it almost as fluently as English.

The Mathematical Assistant, A. DeGuerre, B.A., (Tor.), who is a teacher of three years' experience, obtained 1st class honors in Mathematics and Physics at Toronto University, and at his final examination was all but equal with the silver medalist of his Department.

The Musical Director, Prof. Johnson Morriss, is a late pupil of Signor Vincent Restivo, Royal Academy of Music, Palermo, and of the Italian Opera.

Library of Reference.

The Library contains many volumes, nearly all of which have been selected with special reference to the wants of the school. Pupils have daily access to it, and are allowed to take books of reference out over night for private perusal. There are several good English and Classical Lexicons, and two sets of Encyclopædias in this library. Pupils will find the books of the library an invaluable aid in preparing for the Departmental and the University examinations.

Reading Room.

It is expected that after Easter there will be a Reading Room in the school in which will be found daily and weekly papers, educational magazines, illustrated papers, &c.

Musical and Literary Society.

One of the prominent features of this School is a flourishing *Musical and Literary Society*, which meets every Friday night at 7.30. Its pleasing and instructive programmes have made the society so popular that the rooms are filled to overflowing every evening. The programme consists of songs, readings, orations, recitations, debates, vocal and instrumental music.

The following are the officers for the present year:

WM. McBRIDE, M.A., PRESIDENT.
 C. A. MAYBERRY, B.A., 1st VICE-PRESIDENT.
 SAMUEL R. ROBB, 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT.
 A. DeGUERRE, B.A., CRITIC.
 MISS JENNIE MARSHALL, LADY CRITIC.
 HENRY GADSBY, RECORDING SECRETARY.
 MISS MABEL WRIGHT, TREASURER.
 MISS JEANETTE NESBIT, FINANCIAL SEC'Y.

Metrological Observatory.

OBSERVER, WM. McBRIDE, M.A.

Observations are made thrice daily in the following:—
Pressure and Relative Humidity of the Atmosphere; Depth of Rain and Sun; Direction and Rate of the Wind; Nature and Direction of Clouds; Mean, Maximum, and Minimum Temperature; amount of Sunshine each hour, &c. As Stratford High School is one of the Dominion Metrological Stations, first-class instruments have been provided by the Government. Students wishing it are afforded ample opportunities of becoming practically acquainted with the details of reading instruments, preparing daily, weekly and monthly reports, &c., &c.

Military Drill.

“THE STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL RIFLE CO.”

On Tuesday and Thursday of each week, during the summer and autumn terms, this company will parade in military uniform from the High School Armory for Field Exercise and Squad Drill with rifles.

Having complied with the Government regulations, each of the fifty members of this company is provided with rifle, bayonet, belt, frog, &c.

The tunics, trousers and caps are provided by the individual members.

The following are the officers for 1884:

WM. McBRIDE, CAPTAIN.

C. A. MAYBERRY, } LIEUTENANTS.

A. DEGUERRE, }

R. KENNEDY, } SERGEANTS.

R. HUSTON, }

WM. McBRIDE, DRILL SERGEANT.

J. MORRISS, ASSISTANT DRILL SERGEANT.

Late Sergeant Prince Alfred Guards, South Africa.

Gymnasium.

A first-class Gymnasium has just been fitted up at considerable expense and is second to no Collegiate Gymnasium in the Province. In it will be found vaulting bars, sloping and horizontal ladders, parallel bars, rowing apparatus, a trapeze, chest machines, dumb-bells, swings, Indian clubs, boxing gloves, &c., &c.

Calisthenics.

A very large room has been fitted up for Calisthenics, in which there are 75 Indian clubs and 200 wooden dumb-bells and other appliances. In the summer months girls will have opportunities of playing croquet, lawn-tennis, &c., on the school grounds.

Boarding Houses.

Good board and accommodation for pupils can be had at from \$2.25 to \$3.00 a week in either regular boarding houses or private homes. Those wishing to go home for Saturday and Sunday can get board at still lower rates. The Head Master will furnish those wishing it a printed list of approved boarding-houses and will, when requested, see that young pupils from a distance are located where a strict supervision will be exercised.

Notes.

Students preparing for any examination are required to take only the subjects embodied in such examination.

The School is well equipped with maps, chemicals and other apparatus; the Instruction in Botany, Chemistry and Natural Philosophy is made as practical as possible.

Written examinations are held every Friday afternoon, and the results are put on the bulletin board the following Monday. Monthly reports are prepared and the names of the first ten pupils in each Form are published every month in local papers.

Though no less than 214 names have been enrolled within the past three months, and though the average attendance during these months has been 181, yet there is plenty of room for other pupils.

Though pupils may be enrolled any time during the term, yet it is very advisable that they should come immediately after Easter and Midsummer and commence work with the classes beginning then.

Pupils in county are admitted free.

For further particulars in regard to the school please apply to

WM. McBRIDE,
HEAD MASTER.

STRATFORD, APRIL 9TH, 1884.