

**THE ENGAGEMENT OF TEACHERS.**

This is the time of the year for the engagement of teachers. A judicious selection is an important matter—more important than some think. The majority of pupils have only from five to seven years in which to gain their education. How desirable that every year should tell in the moulding of the character, the development of the mental powers, and the acquisition of useful knowledge. Trustees should realize that the cheap teacher is not the best one. When time is so precious a few dollars in salary should be a small consideration. Get the right person, and show your appreciation of his talents and education by giving him good honest pay. To get a certificate now is a matter of considerable labor and expense. Years of hard study at the public school, a term or two at a High School, and several months at the Model or Normal School are needed. Examinations are so uncertain and capricious, that candidates often have to write two or three times before they are successful. What a stimulus is the thought that all this anxiety, work, and expense will be rewarded with a salary of two or three hundred dollars a year! There is little wonder that young men of talent and education look on teaching as only a stepping stone to something else. Hence one reason for the frequent changes in sections—changes which are generally admitted to be detrimental to the best interests of our schools. What we require is to make teaching a profession—something it has never been yet. When teachers see that there is a fair remuneration for services, an appreciation of ability and education, many of them will make teaching a life work. Not until such a time will the results be entirely satisfactory.—Mirror.

**NOTE AND COMMENT.**

- The "Zoo" at Toronto is bankrupt.
- Hon. Edward Blake is in British Columbia.
- Parkdale decided on Saturday last by a majority of 126 in favor of annexation with Toronto.
- Wm. Weckelman, of Elmwood, was fined \$5 and costs recently for cruelty to animals, having abused a hired horse.
- Chas. Heise's saw mill and furniture factory, at Neustadt, was burned week before last; loss about \$5,000, insurance \$1,000.
- J. W. Morrow of Dundalk shot a fine deer recently at Proton and Chas McConnell downed another fine buck in same neighborhood.
- A second dividend of 88 1/2 per cent is now being paid depositors of the late Central Bank. It is expected that 75 cents on the \$ will be paid ultimately.
- The annual report of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church just issued shows that the total income for the year amounts to \$219,480, being an increase of \$19,278 over the previous year.
- The Ontario Provincial Board of Health have adopted a complete set of rules for the sanitation of schools, which will be issued by the Education Department for the guidance of school trustees and teachers.
- The Toronto A. O. U. W. celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Order by attending divine service at the Metropolitan church on Sunday last when Rev. Leroy Hookes preached a powerful sermon. Twelve members were represented. There are now in Toronto over 2,000 members.

**S. G. Teachers' Association.**  
The South Grey Teachers Association was held in Flesherton, Oct. 25 and 26. About 80 teachers reported present. Mr. Ramage, the president, opened the Convention by a carefully prepared address. After some routine business was transacted, Messrs. Sproule, Irwin and Allan introduced the different subjects assigned them, making some very good points. Mr. Smith's subject, "How to interest parents," was well received. He thought parents and pupils should be visited by the teacher at their home and a certain amount of home work given each pupil. Most of the teachers however were of the opinion that the best way to interest parents was to interest the children. Inspector Campbell, as usual, contributed very much to the success of the convention. Dr. McLellan, however, was a host within himself, his addresses were very much appreciated by the teachers and others present. The evening lecture was also well attended, considering the weather and roads. A matter of some interest to parents was introduced by the Inspector, promotions henceforth will be uniform, this will entirely relieve the teacher of any responsibility with regard to removing a pupil from one class to another. The teachers act as presiding examiners, changing schools or departments, but the papers will all be examined by a committee appointed for that purpose. After the election of officers by ballot the convention closed.

**Editor Standard:**  
Sir,—I notice the Flesherton Advance man has combed you a trifle on what is presumed to be an accidental in your composition, merely using a singular for a plural verb, yet without mutilation of the sense intended to be conveyed.

But what is to be thought of his editorial on Education Captioned—"Education v. Conception." The word "Education" is understood, so is the word "Conception," but their relative connection with the subject underlying them, no man in the heavens above or in the earth beneath, can discover. A grosser attempt to libel the Educational system of Ontario is seldom attempted. Look at a few of his mis-statements: "All thought, will and outward action as far as the public were concerned, their sole liberty in the matter being the production of pupils, and paying all monetary demands without murmuring." Isn't this a bit of choice composition? It is badly arranged; erroneous and vulgar. "The Teacher is now under ban and the junta at Toronto think, act and operate all the soulless automaton teachers in the Province." This young editor evidently is unacquainted with the system he criticises, evidence is abundant, as seen in Teachers' Institutes, that greater freedom of thought is exercised now than at any period in the history of the system. It is true the Department appoints, justly, the point necessary for qualification, but the manner and the processes by which teachers acquire, the desired results are matters of choice. The greatest latitude is allowed, as instance, the interchange of thought among teachers to learn the most successful methods independent of the central power.

In his second paragraph he says: "We highly approve of centralized power in the administration of public affairs, to take the initiative in any movement promotive of the public weal," before finishing it, he says, "British constitutional usage, should be towards decentralizing, by gradually remitting to the people their inherent educational rights so soon as they may become sufficiently educated to exercise those powers with even a tolerable degree of success." Parents, what do you think of this glowing tribute to your ignorance? When do you think to be better than you are for managing those little matters? He at one moment argues the necessity for centralization and before his quill is dry makes a bold strike for its opposite; his mental capacity fails to bridge the two ideas. But let me pass to another brilliant: "Those who secured the peace of the world by their valor at the Nile, Trafalgar, Talavera, Vittoria, and Waterloo, were not likely to be heavily handicapped with book learning in the race of victory; neither need any Canadian, &c., but each man fought for himself and of himself and thus each individual became a pillar of the State."

Here you have in a nut shell the man, the whole man; here you measure, with unerring certainty, the breadth, the depth and length of his brave editor. In the above quotation is mentioned a man whose name is mentioned in the Standard. Who was he? Who was he? Who was he?

education, "handicapped" the soldier or that a soldier fought without a commander! Patriotism and Education is unmercifully confounded. The natural inference is that Education is only a secondary consideration, for the sountry unimportant, and hence the miserable pleas in his editorial spread—to belittle and deary the system. I confess I have no faith in such public instructors, pretenders of criticism, themselves not understanding the first principles of logic or may be the grammatical construction of a simple sentence, evidenced more than once, in his article. Education v. Conception? If what he states be his conception of our school system and the utility of Education, then his conceptions, weighed by seven-year-old thought, fail to equipose and convince. The sentiments by this editor are not those of his constituents, and it is to be hoped that he may take a short term at intervals at our excellent school here, he would soon learn better manners in his reference to Schools and their Teachers. Many other points I omit for the present.

Yours,  
A STUDENT.  
Oct. 29, 1888.

Providence, Bay, Oct. 25th.  
MR. THOS. MATHEWS:  
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**MARRIAGES.**  
On the 24th Oct., at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. John S. Curtis, of Chatsworth, **Miss Rachel Jackson,** of Holland.

**Correspondence.**  
The convention of the South Grey Teachers' Association met in Flesherton on Thursday, the 25th Oct. at the new school house. The attendance was large and the interest in the several sessions mark it as one of the most successful meetings the association has had. Dr. McClelland, of Toronto, was present from the opening to the closing session, and by his presence attracted not only interested and talented teachers, but gave some of his own enthusiasm for the profession and which has raised to the position he now holds of master builder of that system of general education of which we as Canadians are justly proud. Several excellent papers were read and discussed with keenness and acumen. It showed that the teachers had not only a social gathering but were and to gather for themselves the knowledge and experience of the last six months and to profit as possible by the convention. One of the most noticeable interesting features of this gathering was an exhibition of the Holt's teaching music, by C. J. Sproule. He brought out a number of pupils with him ranging from 2 years and put them through a series of exercises in reading music and singing, both in unison and parts, which elicited the surprise and admiration of all present. The proficiency of his class was astonishing. The remark of Miss Anderson, Durham, who was one of the critics, fully and wittily expressed the situation. She said that Mr. Sproule had a very wonderful class of children, or that he was a wonderful teacher, or had got the most wonderful system, or was, perhaps, most nearly true. It was a wonderful combination of system, teacher and pupils to produce such results. The announcement that Dr. McClelland was to lecture in the evening at the Town Hall brought out a large audience, for the Dr. ranks high as the best lecturer that has ever visited Flesherton; indeed such is the interest in any subject he speaks on that the sessions in the school house were crowded by visitors anxious to benefit by one of his lectures. The Town Hall was crowded long before the time arranged for the lecture and many had to be unable to get seats. The lecturer brass band and popular club were in attendance and a large class of pupils of the Flesherton school sang a greeting song and the glee club made the audience happy and were anchored again.

M. Richardson, Esq., who had been appointed chairman, was invited to the platform by Mr. Ramage, president of the association. After a well chosen remarks by Mr. Ramage, the chairman who always fills the position in a very happy manner called upon Mr. Campbell, the Inspector for South Grey, who made some felicitous remarks, evidence of resources and ability on the platform which will doubtless be brought out some future day. The lecturer, Dr. McClelland, greeted with a heartiness which showed that he is a favorite here. His subject of his lecture, "English Literature and its value in culture and illustrations." For an hour and a half the Dr. held his audience in the mighty spell of his eloquence. He designated the English language as being the most perfect vehicle of expression of every shade of thought and feeling and having produced a literature the grandest and richest the world ever knew. His counsel to parents on the value of procuring good literature for their children and of guarding them from the influences of impure books was timely and pertinent. The lecture sparkled with pathos and was enriched with gems from authors and will, no doubt, have made an impression for good upon the hearts and lives of many that will last long while life endures. Dr. McClelland's seat amidst bursts of applause which Dr. Christie, in a chosen words, moved a sincere and instructive lecture, was presided over by Rev. Thomas Greenaway, minister, who closed the evening in very appropriate and instructive address. The speaker was heartily responded to and the large gathering of singing the