THE CONTINUATION SCHOOL PROPOSITION

(Written for The Standard.)

There are several misconceptions going around about the proposed Continuatian School that in all fairness should be met.

It is said that the Continuation School will only be an apology and waste of money, and it is absurd to suppose it can be as good as a High School.

What about the official returns?

In 1909, 36 per cent of pupils passed the examination in High Schools, while 34 per cent passed the same examination from Continuation Schools. In 1908, 51 per cent passed from High Schools and 49 per cent from Continuation Schools.

"It is quite a remarkable testimony for the efficiency of Continuation Schools that a larger number of Continuation School pupils took honors than the pupils from High Schools."

Are you willing to have something almost as good—only one per cent different? Do you refuse to believe facts? If these figures do not carry any conviction, then the presumption againt the proposed school must only be a prejudice. Another reason urged by some is, that two teachers cannot possibly do as good work as a High School, where there are specialists. We will try and forget the official figures which disprove this. Apparently the feeling is abroad that a man can be a genius in Language and an idiot in Mathematics, and incapable of teaching Science, or English Literature, vice versa.

Would you kindly examine the records of all our schools—High schools and Universities—and find out the men who take the highest marks, or the medium pass, or the failures? The medalists take a high stand in every subject. The average student takes an average stand in every subject. The failures do not usually make any good stand in any subject. We are of the opinion that a good man can learn any subject. It is true he may give up his time to one subject, and even have a preference for some particular subject, but it is not true to say he might be proficient in any subject.

Students in a High School, or in a Continuation Class School, do not require the services of a Specialist. These students are only taking elementary work, comparatively speaking, and a good average man can do the work well, as the official figures abundantly prove. Take the ordinary Rural Public School, where the one teacher is a specialist in every department.

How does the one teacher school compare with the Graded School? Is the Graded School very far ahead of the one-room school? There are some who think so, but the many believe that where you have a first class teacher, whether in the Graded School or in the Rural School, ability counts for everything, and the one-roomed school is no handicap—or the graded school no advantage. Very many argue that the small class in the Rural School, along with the personal touch of the teacher, makes it better than the Graded School. But we will leave this question for the reader to think over. You all know the popular belief on this question.

Is it impossible to expect that a graduate of a University or a teacher with a first class professional certificate, cannot successfully teach the half dozen or more subjects necessary in a Continuation School? They are doing it elsewhere successfully; why not here? How is it that the number of High Schools are not multiplying, while the Continuation Schools are increasing rapidly every year? What other towns are finding beneficial and eagerly adopting, should be beneficial to Markdale. Is not this argument familiar? Why should it not be convincing in this question?

Another objection raised is: We cannot possibly expect to secure good teachers here for the salary proposed, when the High Schools in the towns and cities pay more. Kindly remember this, however: All the good teachers are not getting good salaries. There are only a few sugared plums, and only a few can get them. All the good professional men are not at the top. There is only room for a few at the top,—the common aphorism notwithstanding—and men have to work their way up. Why can they not begin in Continuation Schools?

Is it not true that the most of people are nearly alike in the depth and contents of their brain-pan? It is true some people, like canal-boats, carry most of their cargo on deck, but the generality of teachers and other people are nearly alike. It is personality and ability to impart knowledge to others that makes them successful teachers. Specialists are estimated by their capacity to absorb, not by their teaching ability.

We human beings are conservative—full of prejudices—unwilling to be persuaded. Consider the whole situation, all the facts of the case, and vote the right and rational way.

EASTER ODE.

(By Rev. John May.)

Past, the Garden agony:
Past, the anguish on the Tree:
Past, the spitting; buffetting:
Past, the mocking of the King:
Past, the taste of mortal doom:
Past, the sealing of the tomb:
Past, the ebon banner furled:
Past, the Winter of the World:
Evermore acclaimed, adored
Christ is risen! Christ is Lord!

Lo! she comes, celestial Spring!
Hear the hills and valleys sing!
Reeling, Death gives up the strife,
Pierced through by the sword of Life!
Tyrant Grave the Key has passed
To his Vanquisher, at last!
See! the stone is rolled away!
See step out the Lord of Day!
Up the East a spear of Light
Rushing, scatters Ancient Night!
Death deceased and Night dispersed,
Light and Life in grand outburst,
Hear the fields and deserts sing:
"Christ is risen! Christ is King!"

Winter ended, Spring begun,
Dancing with the Easter Sun:
Full his genial warmth is shed
O'er the barrens cold and dead
See the verdure bursting forth
From the arid sands of Earth!
See the Rose of Sharon bow!
Lillies white the vale below!
Rarest blossoms rise and bloom
Round about the empty tomb!
Flower and fruitage passing fair:
Sweet their perfume on the air:
Sweet the very names they bear:—
Love, and Truth, and Gentleness,
Justice, Righteousness, Redress,
Praise, and Prayer, and Purity
Faith, and Hope, and Charity,
Mercy, Pity, Tenderness,
Self-suppression, Helpfulness,
Joy and Patience, Peace and Rest,
From the Gardens of the Blest!
Rare exotics from the Shore
Where they bloom forevermore!
All that sweeten and adorn
Owe we to blest Easter morn!

Angels roll away the stone:
Doubt would roll away the Tomb,
Making life a dismal moan,
Man the shuttlecock of doom!
Roll away that world of bliss!
Roll away the best of this!
Vain the task, Unfelt the shock,
Stands it "hewn-out in the rock!"
Stands it in the heart of man
Grounded, fixed, Since Time began,
What so rooted in his soul
Mind, and heart, entrenched, and whole?

Roll away the Human Race:
Roll away Man's dwelling-place:
Toss the mountains; drain the sea:
Pluck stars from the Galaxy:
Easier than dislodge the tomb
Whence his hopes immortal bloom!
Till the final child is born,
Earth shall hail the Easter Morn!
Till the sleepers wake at last
To that awful trumpet blast,
Round the world the shout shall ring,
"Christ is risen! Christ is King!"

Easter Sunday Program

Programme of the services in the Markdale Methodist Church, on Easter Sunday.

MORNING.

1. Organ Voluntary. Offetoire, by Batiste.
2. Hymn 174, "Christ the Lord is Risen To-day."
3. Prayer.
4. Anthem, "Hail the day," by Adams; soloist, Mrs. W. S. Perkins.
5. Scripture Lesson.
6. Offetory. Solo, "Hosanna," by Granier. Miss Maud Bowers.
7. Anthem, "Sanctus," by Gounod. Soloist, Mrs. H. J. Armstrong.
8. Sermon, subject, "The Lord's Resurrection."
9. Hymn, No. 175.
10. Organ, "Marche Pontificale," by Lemmens.

EVENING.

1. Organ Volnntary, "Chant Du Pason," by Rendano.
2. Hymn, 178, "God is gone up on high."
3. Prayer.
4. Anthem, "Christ our Passover" by Dudley Buck, Soloists, Mrs. H. J. Armstrong, Mr. H. J. Armstrong.
5. Scripture Lesson.
6. Solo, "On the Cross," by Barnby." Mrs. C. E. Armstrong.
7. Offetory Anthem, "Calvary," by Rodney.
8. Sermon, subject, "The Lord's Ascension."
9. Solo, "The Resurrection," by Pinsuti. J. H. Dundas.
10. Hymn, No. 179.
11. Organ, "Tannhauser Marche," by Wagner.

Ricketts--House.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, March 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. House, Euphrasia, when their only child, Ethel, was united in marriage to Mr. T. W. Ricketts, of Markdale. The bride looked pretty in suit of pale blue with net blouse and hat to match and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Doris Ricketts was maid of honor and Mrs. J. Eagle played the wedding march. The happy young couple left mid showers of rice and confetti for a short honeymoon in Toronto and Meaford. On their return they will take up their residence here.—Com.

HOLLAND CENTRE

Mr. Thos. Erwin, who has been visiting his parents since January, returned home to Innisfail, Alta., last Friday.

The employees of the mill presented Mr. John Mitchell with a fine morris chair last Thursday, it being the anniversary of his birthday.

A grand rally of all the Epworth Leagues in Owen Sound district will be held in the Methodist church at Holland Centre Wednesday night.

Miss Jessie Williams visited in Markdale last week.

Mr. Robt. King, Walters Falls, left for Edmonton, Alta., on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. C. Carney and children left for Halbrite, Sask., Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Bethune is in Toronto this week.

Miss Beatrice McKinley won 1st prize at Chatsworth carnival last week, as best dressed lady skater.

Mr. John Hamilton is in Dundalk this week.

Messrs. Frank J. and Charley Hamilton are in Hanover this week.

WESTERN FARM FOR SALE.

One of the finest half-sections in the Armstrong colony for sale at a snap price. Seventy-five acres last summer breaking. A couple of second class homesteads available close to farm. G. W. Armstrong, Fort William, Ont., or Mark Armstrong, Markdale, Ont.

WODEHOUSE

Quite a number of people from this part attended the auction sale of Mr. Thos. Wright's.

Messrs. George Irwin and Joe Boyd, of Riverdale, were pleasant callers in our burg one day last week.

Mr. John Hicks and his sister, Miss Adeline, of Markdale, spent Sunday the guests of Miss Nancy Wiley. Come again, John.

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. Guess the eggs will suffer that day.

We are informed that the mayor of Wodehouse intends putting in waterworks in our village. We hope it will be soon.

A sleigh load of young people spent an enjoyable evening in the rink at Markdale last Thursday.

From the talk that is going around, Wodehouse is going to have one of the finest skating rinks in the country.

The heavy rain which fell Sunday last has swept the snow away pretty lively the last few days.

Once more we hear the sweet songs of the robin.

"Why are you not going to vote for the new High School?"

Bill—"Because it will raise the taxes."

"It won't raise the taxes one cent."

Bill—"Can it be run for nothing?"

"No, but the debentures of the public school are paid up this year and the new high school will take the place of them, and you won't know any difference. Remember, the taxes will not be raised one cent."

Bill is going to vote all right.

REMINDER

THOSE WHO READ last week's notice about "ASAYA-NEURALL," the new medicinal preparation for the relief of conditions of nervous exhaustion, and who *meant* to ask for the free sample offered, may still obtain same upon request to the undersigned.

The sample contains sufficient to definitely establish the value of this preparation in your case.

ASAYA-NEURALL

(TRADE MARK)

IS RECOMMENDED

when a person, young or old, through overwork, worry, intense excitement, grief, alcoholic or other excesses, or from other recent or known causes, has overstrained and exhausted the nervous system, and as the result does not sleep well, wakes up tired, is depressed, tearful, inclined to perspire at the least irritation, has indigestion, lack of appetite, and is, to sum up in a phrase, *entirely unstrung*. Such conditions are evident to everyone, and are common in every family, and can by early treatment of brief duration by this preparation, with its threefold effect of feeding the nerve tissue, enabling sleep to be obtained and food to be desired and digested, be quickly overcome.

LARGE BOTTLES, $1.50

One bottle, taken three times a day according to directions, affords treatment for about 40 days, all that is usually required for ordinary derangements of the nervous system.

Samples and regular size bottles may be obtained from the following:

W. TURNER & CO.

Prepared by DAVIS & LAWRENCE CO., Manufacturing Chemists, New York, Montreal and Shanghai.

Christ Church.

Service in Christ Church this Wednesday evening at 7.30.

The surpliced choir will appear for the first time next Sunday (Easter Day). There will be special music at both services.

On Good Friday there will be service in Christ Church at 10.30 and in St. Matthias Church, Berkeley, at 3 o'clock.

The Sunday School scholars will meet in the basement on Sunday at 10 a.m., when they will adjourn to the church for their Easter service, at which they will present their contributions for Foreign Missions.

The members of the executive and programme committees of the A.Y.P.A. are requested to meet in the basement of the church on Tuesday evening, March 29, at 8 o'clock sharp. As there are important matters to be discussed a full attendance is required. F. J. Beighton, Sec.

Port Arthur Dry Dock

Contract Awarded to the Canadian Stewart Co.—Ships to be Built.

Port Arthur, March 13.—The Canadian Stewart Co. has secured a contract for building a big dry-dock here at a figure in the neighborhood of one million dollars. The company is already assured of considerable work, as two big steel freighters will be built here as soon as there are facilities for proceeding with the work. The keel of the first of them will likely be laid next year.

The Port Arthur Steel & Wagon Works, said to be the finest plant of the kind in Canada, will be begun as soon as the building season opens.

It was an editor "out west" who received a letter from an indignant subscriber saying, "I don't want my paper any longer." To which the editor replied, "That is all right. I wouldn't make it any longer if you did, because in that case I would have to buy a new press. The present length just suits me and I am glad it suits you."

Fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism is simply rheumatism of the muscles, due to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism, neither of which require any internal treatment. All that is needed to afford relief is the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. Give it a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the quick relief which it affords. Sold by R. L. Stephen.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of John F. Sullivan, late of the Township of Artemesia, in the County of Grey, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 129, that creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said John F. Sullivan, who died on or about the twenty-first day of November, A.D. 1909, are required, on or before the Twenty-sixth day of March, 1910, to send by post prepaid or deliver to Lucas, Raney & Wallace, of the Village of Markdale, Solicitors for Edward J. Sullivan and Margaret A. Sullivan, administrators of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said administrators will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated the 5th day of March, 1910.

Lucas, Raney & Wallace,
Solicitors for the said Administrators.

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Additional Locals

If you want clean clover or timothy seed call and see our stock. We have only one grade and that is the best. W. Turner & Co.

Fifty-seven carloads of household effects and farm implements left London last week for the west.

If you are in need of a good spring tonic or blood medicine, take Turner's Iron, Blood and Nerve Pills. 25c. per box at Turner's.

Single fare on the C.P.R. for Easter begins on Thursday, the 24th, is good going the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, good to return up to and on Wednesday, the 30th March.

M. Oliver, undertaker, having engaged W. A. Roadhouse, formerly of Baxter & Roadhouse, Collingwood, who is a practical embalmer, the public may rely on first class service.

Butterick Fashion sheets (free) are in for April. Call and get one at Turner's drug store. We also keep the following in stock: Weldon's, Harper's Dressmaker, New Idea, Delineator, Designer, McCall's Fashions, Woman's Home Companion, etc.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Grey, in the matter of the Estate of Thomas Louis Walter, late of the Village of Walters Falls, in the County of Grey, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 129, Section 38 and amendments thereto, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Thomas Louis Walter, deceased, who died on or about the fifteenth day of January, A.D. 1910, at Walters Falls, Ontario, are hereby required to send by post prepaid or otherwise deliver to the undersigned, of Markdale post office, Ontario, solicitors for the executor of the said estate, on or before the twentieth day of April, A.D. 1910, their full names and addresses with full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities held by them. And notice is hereby given that after the said twentieth day of April, A.D. 1910, the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof distributed to any person of whose claim notice shall not have been received at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Markdale this 16th day of March, A.D. 1910.

J. P. McCullough, Solicitor for Margaret Campbell, Walter William Bonnell, Executors of said estate.

G. T. R. TIME TABLE

MARKDALE STATION.

Going South	7.44 a.m.	4.17 p.m.
Going North	11.59 a.m.	8.46 p.m.

MARKDALE MARKETS.

(Corrected each Wednesday.)

Fall Wheat	96	1 00
Spring wheat	92	94
Peas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Butter	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eggs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beef	5 00	6 00
Pork	[illegible]	12
Potatoes	[illegible]	12
Geese, per lb	10	12
Ducks	10	12
Chickens	10	12
Turkeys	15	17
Hay, per ton	12 00	15 00
Apples, dried, per lb	5	5
Flour, per bbl	5 10	5 60
Flour, Manitoba	6 00	6 50
Bran, per cwt	[illegible]	1
Shorts, per cwt	1 25	1 25
Chop Oats, per cwt	1 25	1 35
Sheep Skins	1 65	2
Wool, washed	10	14
Wool, unwashed	12	14
Apples, per bag	50	75
Potatoes	25	35