CONCERNING THE COUNTY HIGH lieve they wish to adopt harsh mea-SCHOOL QUESTION.

He Gives Facts to the Frontenac Electors-A Clear Presentation of Difficulty.

Cataraqui, Dec. - 21 .- (To the Editor; :- Because of recent letters in the press and with the view to having the matter of secondary education of county pupils earnestly considered at the nomination proceedings throughout the county, I beg permission to place some facts before your readers.

The Kingston Collegiate Institute has thirteen teachers and some four hundred pupils on the roll, of whom over sixty are from the county.

The Untario government will not class as an. "approved senoul" a collegiate where the average attendance is greater than thirty to each teacher. One of three courses is, therefore, open to the city, viz.: (1) Allow the county pupils to attend and have the collegiate rated as non-approved, or below the standard required by the education department; (2) build an addition at great expense to the city taxpayers, or (3) exclude the county pupils, in which case the average attendance would be about twenty-six per teacher and 'the collegiate would amended to meet their wishes. rank as an "approved school," and possess certain privileges not at pres-

tober, notified the parents of county brooke, from which nearly all the pupupils, by circular, that unless- the pils come who attend the county high county council decided to meet the full school, is about one-third of the total cost of tuition (about \$17 per annum) it would be obliged to exclude children from the county. The fees at present are \$25 for the first two years and \$30 thereafter. Allow me to add, that the city board did not ask the parents if they would be willing to pay an increased fee, and, therefore, I assume the board has something more than fees in mind. As the board has not laid any definite proposition before the county council, it is up to us to consider the position of the county pupils of the front townships if they are debarred from the collegiate.

Position of Front Townships, Without previous warning the parents of over sixty pupils were suddenly faced with the prospect of their chil dren being refused at the collegiate. tendered and were courteously declin ed. I drove to Sydenham and interthe principal of the high scarcely sufficient accommodation the present attendance of 107, and that it would be utterly impossible to take in the 60 pupils from the from townships if they were excluded from the collegiate. I wrote to the minister of education, setting forth th facts and asking him to endeavor arrange matters with the city board so that our children might continue their studies at the collegiate, at least ty had an opportunity to increase the ecommodation at Sydenham, or pro vide in some way for the sixty pupils affected. J. S. Gallagher, M.P.P., and W. F. Nickle, M.P.P., with commendable energy, made a special trip to Toronto, and interviewed the minister of education along the same line.

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til next summer at least. Those gen lemen have their duty to perform to the people of the city, and it is only just to them to say that I do not be-

appealed to me and I called a meeting to talk the matter over. I was ap; pointed chairman of that meeting and the Kingston Collegiate Institute a resolution was passed, asking me to name a committee to wait on the county council. I selected five gentle men, who I believe, represented the parts of the county interested as well as the different views advanced, I went with that committee to interview the county council and we simply laid the facts before the council much as I have given them in this letter.

Neither I nor any member of that. committee asked the council to donat \$10,000 or ten cents to the collegiate. and when "J.H.S.," of Harrowsmith. says that I supported anything of the terly unwarranted and so entirely contrary to the facts, that I wonder nim even signing his initials to, his

Inspector Seath, who had been sent down by the minister of education to Then follows the line in large letconfer with the county council, informed that body that as the law now of the needle." A second morality stands, the county could not legally printed below the picture refers to contribute any sum to the collegiale, Dr. Johnson's views on the value of but that if the county desired it the Bible reading. law could and, no doubt, would be The moral pocket handkerchief idea

The city board of education, last Oc- Loughboro, Storrington and Hinchin-

The townships of Kingston, Pittsburg, Portsmouth and the three is lands, from which the sixty pupils ome who attend the collegiate, have as assessment within \$100,000 of half of the total for the county.

These statements indicate the respective proportion of taxes borne by each of the two groups. I would very sorry indeed to se e anything done to injure Sydenham high school All of the townships of the county were formed into a high school district and all are in honor bound to support it. The trustees of the high school have not had sufficient force to to his mind, a continuation of animpress on the county council the ne- cient civilization in South Africa, says cessity for providing accommodation The London Express. "I was fortun-for all, and sixty county pupils have ate enough," he said, "to discover a had to go elsewhere. We cannot have tablet which, so far as I know cona high school at every man's door! tained the first actual inscription What we have to consider now is not found in South Africa: Formerly, disonly how to improve conditions at | coveries have been not of proved acour county high school, but how to tual inscriptions, but of stones bearmost thoroughly and economically ing marks strongly resembling anprovide for the secondary education cient Semitic writings. the county as well. No money spent the south of Inyanga, north of Umvested in education, and to no class of these pits from twenty to twentyin this country will the benefits be so great as to the agriculturists.

I have a very warm feeling for Sydenham high school and many pleasant recollections of the days I spent there when a boy. The building is the same now as thirty years ago. When we our county high school has been, have every reason to be proud of the do something more than draw on imagination before he undertakes misrepresent and assail those who are earnestly and honestly endeavoring to ing Greek influence in South Africa, improve educational conditions in the

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this privilege,I remain, yours sincerely, J.

Chance for the Lawyer.

Montreal Gazette. An interesting suit involving the duties of banks towards their depositors and the powers of a legislature over property within its jurisdiction has been begun in Alberta. That province guaranteed the bonds of the Great Waterways Railway company, which were sold, the proceeds being deposited in the banks. Then there was trouble over the bargain between the province life. As far as we know there is only and the company, followed by an inone remedy that is guaranteed to cure vestigation and a political upheaval, and a decision not to build the railrefunded. 25c. a box, at all leading, feit the company's rights and authordrug stores, at Mahood's Drug Store, ize the government to take possession of the money designed for the company and held by the banks. With fair reason the banks hesitate to regard a statute of the province as a receipt in full for money another may claim. The Alberta people are in the way of quiring knowledge of law and banks by the process of paying for it.

14th Regt. Christmas Souvenir. The historical booklet of the 14th regiment, of Kingston, makes a Christmas souvenir that would be appreciated by former members iends of the regiment who are living elsewhere. The publishers offer the balance of the edition at ten cents a the first cotton goods were imported copy. The booklet may be had at the into England bearing the word calico. Whig office business counter, McAuley's bookstore, W. J. Paul's and Ug-

Choice in Children.

New York Times, Representative Olcott, of New York, has a neighbor who has two children, a boy and a girl. This same neighbor recently adopted a little girl. & The sister and brother looked the adopted sister over carefully and made some disparaging remarks about their

"Well," sniffed the little adopted girl, "your papa and mamma had to take you, but they choosed me."

Truth Cheaper Than Fiction.

Dr. Cook, when he wrote a lie about an excellent voice, and on one occathe pole, made \$100,000. Now when sion (when he was Sir Richard Webhe is prepared to tell the truth—per-haps—he gets but \$1,000. Which by singing a sacred solo. At the close proves that while truth is stranger a gaunt spinster rose at the back of than fiction, it is also cheaper, this being one case where the price is not governed by the law of supply and de-

The government has let the contract for a new lighthouse stenmer for the Pacific coast service to the Colling wood Shipbuilding company. Claude Dickout, the young man who

LETTER NG ON HANDKERCHIEF.

Advising Womanly Industry and Bible Reading.

Mr. C. Van Noorden declares that Several of the county parents had he has fought for ten years for one of these articles in vain, but he has recently been rewarded by receiving a specimen of the true moral pockethandkerchief from a lady collector of such things, who had picked up this article in a curio shop at Hammersmith. The specimen is not of Pickwickian date, but is some 60 years

The lettering on this handkerchief is as follows: "Famous queens of England have worked with their own yands. Mary, queen of William III., when not better employed, wrought so constant diligence as if she had been compelled to earn her bread by it. She looked on idleness as the great corrupter of human nature, and that if the men had no employment given it it would create some of the worst sort to itself. Some persons have worked to give away to others; Dorcas was a woman of this character, as is shown in the Bible; Acts

"Female industry in the use

is an old one, as several passages in our seventeenth century drama show. Sydenham High School. Thus, in Jasper Mayne's "City The assessed value of Portland, March," played before royalty at Whitehall in 1639, these lines occur: She works religious petticoats; for

She'll make church histories; her So santify my cushionets! Besides My smock sleeves have such holy

And are so learned that I fear, All my apparel will be quoted by Political handkerchiefs have, of course, long been common, and were issued as lately as the time of the

Pan In South Africa.

Boer war.-London Globe.

Dr. Carl Peters, the famous explorer, in London, reported some extremely interesting discoveries which prove,

"The tablet in question was found five feet deep, in which the ancients kept their slaves. The tablet was evidently made of cement, and had been cut in two, clearly while it was soft, the letters on it being in no way damaged. The characters look to me like Greek letters, but other experts say they are Graeco-Phoenician. I take port, one portion of which was retained by the master and the other

"I also discovered near Zimbabwe a brass figure of Pan, six and a half inches in length, very similar to the figures found at Pompeii, thus provapparently at a later period than the tablet I have mentioned.

Hunt for a Rare Bird.

A final attempt is being made by the New Zealand Government to obtain specimens of the huia, a bird | STATION NEW YORK CITY which has been practically exterminated by the vogue for its feathers, which obtains among the Maoris.

The huia is a jet black bird with a white band at the extreme end of its tail feathers. The male has a short, strong beak, and the female a long, slender, incurved beak; the male breaks the bark off dead trees and the female then dips her beak into the holes of the big grubs which attack dead timber. She presents one grub to her spouse and then has one herself, alternating most con-

The Maoris say that when one dies the other must necessarily die of starvation because nature has so arranged that each is dependent on the other.—London Daily Mail.

The Word Calico.

The word "calico" has a queer origin. Many centuries ago the first monarch of the province of Malabar, in Hindustan, gave to one of his chiefs as a reward for distinguished services his sword and all the land within the limit of which a cock crowing at a certain temple could be beard. From this circumstance the little town which grew up in the centre of this territory was called Calicoda, or "the cock crowing." After it was called Calicut, and from this place

Your Troubles.

John Wesley was once walking with a brother, who related to him his troubles, saying he did not know what he should do. They were at that moment passing a stone wall, over which a cow was looking. "Do you know," asked Wesley,

"why that cow looks over that wall?" "I will tell you," said Wesley. "It is because she cannot look through it. And that is, what you must do with your troubles look over and above them."

What He Ought To Have Done. Lord Alverstone is the possessor of the audience and said: "With your face and your voice, Sir Richard, you ought to be teaching the Gospel truth to the poor heathen, instead of telling honest folk to be political."

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