

before 1870, only a single special school, that at Steinschöenau; at the present time all those who desire to learn the art, commence with the appropriate studies of industrial design, and apply themselves later to the technical work of making crystals, manufacturing glass, and decorating enameled and porcelain. They are now organizing in Bohemia several schools of modelling, in view of the ceramic industries.

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Copy of Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction held on Wednesday February 27th, 1878.

Education Office, Quebec,
Feby. 27th, 1878.

Present: Dr. Cook, The Lord Bishop of Quebec, Dr. Dawson, R. W. Heneker, Esq., Hon. Jas. Ferrier, Dr. Cameron, M. P. P., W. W. Lynch, Esq., M. P. P., and the Hon. G. Ouimet, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Cook was requested to take the chair.

The Minutes of the former quarterly meeting of the 28th November 1877, and of the special Meeting of the 16th January 1878, were read and confirmed.

The Secretary stated that, as directed by the Committee at its last meeting he had made out a notice regarding the Examinations of Protestant Candidates for Teachers' Diplomas for insertion in the 'Journal of Education,' and had given the same to Dr. Miles, but that through some inadvertency it had not been published in said 'Journal of Education'. The Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction undertook to have the notice in question inserted in an early issue of the 'Journal of Education.

The forms of Returns for Boards of Examiners approved of at the last meeting, and ordered to be sent to the department with the request that they be printed and circulated among said Boards of Examiners, had been returned to the Secretary by Dr. Miles with an intimation from the Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction—that he had no means at his disposal to cover the cost of such printing. Said Forms of Returns for Boards of Examiners were put into the hands of the Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction with the request that they be printed—the expense, if necessary, to be defrayed from the Committee's Contingent Fund.

The Hon. the Superintendent of Public Instruction stated—that the vacancies in the Quebec and Bonaventure Boards of Examiners had been filled up as recommended in the Minutes of last meeting.

A letter from Mr. Thom, Teacher, was ordered to be returned to him, as the Committee has no jurisdiction in the matter to which it refers.

Two communications from the Corresponding Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society, Montreal, having been read, asking for the continuance of the Grant from the Superior Education Fund, it was moved, and resolved:—

"That the letter of the Rev. Dean Bond and others in reference to the claim of the Colonial and Church Society School, Montreal, to a grant from the Superior Education Fund, be referred to the Hon. Judge May, the Hon. Mr. Ferrier, and Dr. Dawson, to confer with the parties interested and report."

A letter from Robert Cowling, Esq., Secretary Treasurer to the School Commissioners of Bury Model School, P. Q., was read complaining of the withdrawal of the grant from the Superior Education Fund to the said Bury Model School. The Secretary was instructed to say in reply—that the Committee had no return from said Bury Model School, when the moneys from the Superior Education fund were last apportioned; that Mr. Emberson had visited and examined said Model School at Bury on the 26th June 1875, and that claim of the School Commissioners of the Bury Model School would be considered at the next annual distribution of the moneys from the Superior Education Fund on the last Wednesday of August 1878, provided the Returns from said Model School were then before the Committee.

The Secretary was requested to prepare an Abstract of the Committee's Minutes for publication in the Journal of Education.

A letter was read from Mr. W. I. Gage agent for Adam Miller

& Co.—Publisher, Toronto, urging on the Committee the claims of "The Canada School Journal" as a professional paper for the use of Teacher, stating the relation it sustains to Education in Ontario, Nova Scotia &c., and offering it through the Department at a low figure to Teachers. The Committee recommended Teachers to avail themselves of the advantages offered by this Journal.

A letter was read from Messrs. J. Thornton and William Sawyer in regard to the filling of the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. Judge Sanborn. It was agreed to postpone the consideration of this matter till next meeting.

The Publications of Adam Miller & Co., publishers, Toronto, were next considered, and the Committee agreed to add Hamblin Smith's Mathematical and Arithmetical works to the List of Schools-Books sanctioned by the Committee.

It was moved and resolved: "That the Superintendent be requested to furnish Professor Weir and Mr. Emberson with forms of returns similar to those employed in a former examination by Mr. Emberson."

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet on the 29th May, or sooner on the call of Chairman if necessary.

Notice regarding the Examinations of Protestant Candidates for Teachers' Diplomas.

The next Examinations of Protestant Candidates for Teachers' Diplomas will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 7th and 8th of May 1878.

The Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction have decided; 1st. That these examinations shall take place semi-annually and not quarterly as heretofore, beginning for the present on the first Tuesday of May and November; 2nd. That to secure as far possible uniformity, examination papers prepared by a joint committee of examiners shall be printed and forwarded under seal to the several Presidents of Protestant and Mixed Boards of examiners; 3rd. That the answers shall be read and decided on by the Local Boards and thereafter sent with Report thereon duly filled in to the Secretary of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction.

It appears from the Returns from the examining Boards in November last, the first under the amended Regulation, that there existed in the minds of several candidates some misapprehension as to the subjects of examination Owing to these misapprehensions irregularities were then allowed to pass, as it was the first examination under the new Regulations. In future the schedule of subjects is required to be strictly adhered to. This schedule of subjects together with full particulars regarding these examinations will be found in the last September number of the Journal of Education, but that none may plead ignorance of them in future they are here repeated.

1. PRELIMINARY.

All candidates for any grade of Diploma must pass in the following subjects:

1. English Dictation (including Hand-Writing).
2. English Reading.
3. English Grammar.
4. Arithmetic (ordinary rules).
5. Geography (4 Continents and British North America).
6. Sacred History (An Epitome of the Old Testament and one of the Gospels).

2. SPECIAL.

(a) Elementary Diploma.

1. Art of Teaching.
2. History of England and of Canada.
3. French, Dictation, Grammar and Reading in the case of those who desire a certificate in that language.

(b) Model School Diploma.

1. English Composition (a short essay).
2. Advanced Arithmetic and Mensuration.
3. Geometry, Euclid, Books I, II, III.