

influences, partly in response to the trend of modern thought. Out here we have a chance to see the training of young Canada tested severely enough to show all the flaws and weak spots in the fabric. I think the greatest weakness so far shown in the moral training, which in its widest sense is the real ultimate test, is the failure of our schools to train the young folks up in the idea of individual responsibility. They do too much pattern work; that is to say, the work of one pupil is the same as that of any other in the class. If one has neglected his work, no matter, the class goes on; he

is not essential to it. What we need is some sort of correlation of parts, each pupil to be responsible for one, all of which should be essential to the whole; his work really matters; it must be done, or society (the class) will be the losers. Out here we find that the lack of such training has made the war a very expensive and often a disappointing business. A few millions rightly used for the proper training of our youth during the past years would have reduced the war bill of Canada so as to yield 1,000 per cent. financially and even more in more vital costs, on the investment.

### \*RUSSELL TRUSTEES' CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the above Association was held in Russell on the 30th January last. On account of the extremely cold weather the attendance was small, but notwithstanding this, a very pleasant and successful session was held. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. The financial statement showed a satisfactory balance on hand. The matter of the employment of district nurses for the schools was fully discussed and the meeting was in hearty approval of the idea and a resolution was passed "requesting the Secretary to communicate with the different Councils the desirability of employing a district nurse for schools in all municipalities."

The idea of holding a summer meeting was fully discussed and it was de-

cided to hold two meetings a year, one in the winter and one in the summer during the month of June. The Provincial Association was represented by Mr. I. A. Glenn, of the Executive.

The election of officers for 1918 resulted as follows:

President—J. Allison, Glenn-Russell School.

Vice-President—R. A. Coulter, Stratford School.

Executive—J. A. Collin, Silver Creek School; Jas. Stevens, Boulton School; H. R. Barry, Endcliffe School; F. McPherson, Binscarth School; P. H. Spencer, Millwood School.

Auditor — C. W. Thom, Russell School.

Secretary-Treasurer — H. V. Bailey, Crescent Ridge, School.

H. V. BAILEY, Secretary.

### BIRTLE AND ELLICE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Birtle and Ellice Trustees' Association was held on February 12th. There were about 200 adults present and about 50 children. The convention did not open until 5:00 p.m., to accommodate delegates and

visitors who arrived from the west-bound train.

Registration of delegates gave impulse to the interest people are now taking in Education, Consolidation of Schools, Co-operation, by Extension

You will miss much if you miss the Convention.