

THE EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

revision of the common school curriculum for the coming year, this committee being asked to make special report (1) on the question of military drill (2) on the study of Scripture history.

Reports of attendance for the month of December were submitted, showing a slight increase of numbers in the High schools, but a decrease of 51 in the total enrolment.

Mr. Stephens was appointed to superintend the seating in the new building.

The motion to discontinue the subsidy now granted to the St. George's Model School was discussed, but decision postponed to a subsequent meeting.

The Board was met by a deputation of ladies from the Christian Temperance Union with a request that it would introduce into the schools Dr. Richardson's "Temperance Lesson Book." The consideration of this request naturally falls to the Committee on revision of curriculum.—*Gazette.*

OUR NEIGHBOURS.

During the past six months very important changes have taken place in the Education Departments of our Sister Provinces.

Manitoba has lost the hand that has guided her educational affairs for the past twelve years. During these years Archdeacon Pinkham "initiated and nursed into healthy and prosperous existence the most excellent and successful system of education of Manitoba." On the occasion of his retiring to devote himself to church work he received several complimentary addresses and substantial testimonials, the Provincial Secretary presenting in the name of the Government of the Province the sum of \$1,000 to the retiring Superintendent as a small recognition of his services to the country.

John B. Somerset, Esq., late Inspector of Schools for Winnipeg, is the new Superintendent.

New Brunswick has also changed Superintendents; Dr. Rand has retired after twelve years of active service to become Professor of the Principles and Practice of Education in Acadia College.

Ontario, following the example of the two other Provinces, begins the new year under a new Minister of Education in the person of G. H. Ross, LL.B. This appointment, which places a practical teacher at the head of the educational affairs of Ontario, seems to have been received with great favor by those interested in education.

Massachusetts.—Our practical cousins appear to make use of the Christmas holidays for teachers' conventions.

The State Teachers' Association assembled in Boston, December 27th, for their 39th annual meeting. Among the subjects receiving attention we notice: The Recess Question; Practical Work in the School-room;