

Primary Reading." Reading is the first and most important subject that the child is taught, and it is one of the main sources from which it is to gain knowledge. It is also very important, because it is the first presentation of school life to the child. Reading is his first and only subject of study for a time. Very competent teachers are necessary to meet the requirements of the young beginner. This is not the popular idea. An inexperienced governess is often a child's first tutor. The rudiments require a strong teacher. Let the poorer quality come later. Mr. Rexford gave brief practical illustrations of the methods specified for promoting the advancement of the child in primary reading. Three choruses were rendered at appropriate intervals during the evening by the students of the Normal School.

—The Canadian National League of Montreal has already achieved some success in its main purpose of giving an annual entertainment of a patriotic Canadian character, but it remains to be seen what it will accomplish in the way of educating our people to an appreciation of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship, which, according to the constitution of the society, is one of its aims. The first step to be taken in this direction will be an endeavor to secure a good text-book on civics and have it introduced in the public schools. The proposal was first made by Mr. William Patterson, M.A., as President of the Montreal Teachers' Association, in an address entitled "Citizenship in the Schools," delivered in November, 1892, and the Principal of the High School was so taken with the proposal that he undertook to bring it before the Canadian National League, of which he is a member, the result being that the League has adopted Mr. Patterson's idea and will endeavor to get it carried out. The idea is a good one, but its success largely depends upon the character of the text-book selected. Such a book would need to be short, concise, accurate, interesting and perfectly free from all partizanship. If it were otherwise, it would simply burden the minds of the children and make them leave school disgusted with politics instead of being prepared to take an intelligent interest in civic affairs.

—The Rev. Prof. Campbell lectured most entertainingly at Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, on the subject of "Old Schools." After some general prefatory remarks, he mentioned the fact that according to the Jewish rabbins, Noah was the first schoolmaster; but Irish historians go three centuries and a half further back and say that Feneusa Farsa, King of Scythia, sixty years after the building of the tower of