

Doctors Dawson, Robins, Stephens, Sullivan, McVicar, Messrs. Lunn, Peter Redpath, and others. There was a large attendance of pupils with their parents and friends, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings.

The Rev. Canon Norman, M. A., D. C. L., examined lately the pupils in the Mackay Institute for deaf mutes, and reported most favorably on the system of teaching pursued and on the diligence and success of the pupils. The most advanced pupil, Master John Macnaughton, Quebec, can write English accurately and with taste, is a very good draughtsman in more than one style, and possesses a very creditable acquaintance with Scripture, English History and Geography. The proceedings wound up with a touching parting address by Master Macnaughton, by means of the sign alphabet, and by the hymn "Rock of Ages," given in signs by all.

The annual meeting of the Teachers' Association in connection with McGill College Normal School, was held lately in the Normal School Hall, Dr. Kelly in the Chair. There was a large attendance of city teachers. The secretary reported that over thirty additions had been made to the roll of membership, and referred to the very great interest manifested during the year in educational work. Reference was also made to the grand gathering of teachers in Quebec and to the very successful conversazione held in the month of March. The treasurer reported all debts paid and a balance in the treasury. The election of Officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows: President—Dr. Robins; Vice-Presidents—Dr. McGregor, Principal Hicks, the Rev. E. J. Rexford, and Miss Carmichael; Secretary—Mr. Campbell; Treasurer, Mr. Parsons; Council—Dr. Kelly, Professor Hicks, Messrs. Rowell, Keeland, McKeocher, Pierson, Mrs. Fuller, and Misses Clarke, Derrick and Richardson.

Mr. Frank W. Hicks, Secretary to the Association of Protestant Teachers, has issued a circular announcing that the 17th annual convention of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers of Quebec Province will be held in Montreal on the 21st and 22nd of October next. Those who intend to read papers or to propose subjects of discussion are requested to notify the secretary as soon as possible, in order that the programme of proceedings may be arranged a short time before the meeting.

Copies of the report of the convention held at Quebec, in October last, may be procured, price twenty-five cents, from the secretary, and from Dawson Bros., Drysdale & Co., and J. O'Loughlin, booksellers, Montreal. The report extends to 135 pages, and contains the record of proceedings and all the papers read at the last meeting.

A grant of \$500 per annum has just been made by the Provincial Government for the support of an English Journal of Education.

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The Public Schools of the Province have just closed for the summer vacation. During the past week the examinations of the city schools have been in progress. They have been entirely in writing. The examiners were S. C. Biggs, B.A., Inspector of city schools, and Rev. Professor Hart, M.A., and the results reflect the highest credit upon teachers and scholars. Winnipeg has every reason to feel proud of her public school system. Her first public school was opened in 1871. It was held in a log building with a thatched roof; the teacher was W. F. Luxton, the present editor of the *Manitoba Free Press*, and the number of scholars about twenty-six. Now there are three public schools, two of them handsome buildings, and the third is being replaced by a building, now in course of erection, which will be quite equal to the other two. There are ten classes, and an average attendance of about 500 pupils.

On July 15th the school children and their friends assembled at the City Hall, to hear the results of the recent examinations, and to witness the distribution of prizes. The chair was taken at 8 p.m. by Mr. Malory, acting chairman of the Public Board of School Trustees. The Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, Superintendent of Education, Rev. Prof. Hart, Rev. J. Robertson, Mr. Biggs, and several members of the Trustee Board, occupied seats on the platform. The Chairman having made a brief introductory speech, Mr. Biggs, assisted by Mr. Ferguson, Principal, then presented the prizes. W. Agnew received the following special prizes:

Chambers' Miscellany in ten volumes, from Messrs Parsons & Richardson, for the best essay on "The Advantages of Education."

Mr. C. R. Tuttle's gold medal for general proficiency, and a prize from Mr. Ferguson, the Principal, for map and linear drawing.

Miss Wright, the senior teacher of the North Ward School, received from her pupils a very handsome silver card basket.

After the presentation, brief and appropriate speeches were made by the Superintendent, the Inspector, the Principal, and Revs. Professor Hart and J. Robertson, and the last named gentleman brought the meeting to a close by pronouncing the benediction.

The examination of teachers commences on 10th August. The Board of Education has recently decided to have only one examination a year, viz.: the August examination, and to hold it for the present in Winnipeg.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Inspectors for the current year:

The Rev. W. R. Ross, M.A., Rev. A. Matheson, Rev. J. Douglas, Rev. Mark Jukes, Wm. Hespeler, for Mennonite schools, and A. M. Sutherland, B.A.

The Superintendent of Education for Protestant schools inspects the schools in the immediate vicinity of Winnipeg.

W. H. Culver, B.A., has been placed on the Board of Examiners, instead of the Rev. J. F. German, M.A., who has left the Province.

Readings and Recitations.

THE SCHOOL-ROOM.

FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOONS.

THE FARMER WHO BECAME DRUM-MAJOR.

Peggy and Meggy tell the Story in their own way.

By JOEL STACY.

NOTE.—The success of the following recitation will depend upon the vivacity and piquancy with which the two little girls tell the story. If they narrate and supplement and confirm and contradict and agree as if they really meant it, they will gratify their audience.

- Peggy*: Our father worked upon a farm,
He wore a linen smock;
- Meggy*: 'Twas gathered to a yoke on top,
And hung down like a frock.
- Peggy*: Oh, he was very meek,
And mother used to scold him,
- Meggy*: And he would always do,
Exactly what we told him,—
- Peggy*: *Ex-actly* what we told him.
- Meggy*: His shoulders had a little stoop
Which mother tried to cure;
- Peggy*: She used to say his shambling walk
She scarcely could endure.
- Meggy*: But he played the fiddle well,
And sang on Sunday sweetly;
- Peggy*: He beat the time for all,
And knew the tune completely,—
- Meggy*: Yes, knew the tune *com-pletely!*
- Peggy*: When mother called, "Come, John!" he came,
And smiling chopped the wood;
- Meggy*: He drew the water, swept the path,
And helped her all he could.
- Peggy*: He used to romp with Meg and me,
Meggy: Yes, and with Polly Wentels,
- Peggy*: But oh, my sakes! That was before
He put on regimentals!
- Meggy*: Yes, put on regimentals!
- Peggy*: For, oh, a big militia man,
One evening after tea,
- Meggy*: Came in and coaxed our father dear
To join his company.
- Peggy*: For men were very scarce
That summer in our village,
- Meggy*: And so they all prepared
They said for war and pillage.
- Peggy*: Just think! for war and pillage!