

ever evinced an active interest in the education of the country, regularly attended all meetings of this Board, and whether as examiner of candidates, convener of committees, or Chairman of this Board, won the regard and esteem of not only the members of the Board, but of the public at large. This Board is free to admit that Dr. Bayne's death is a public loss to the cause of education, and they desire to put upon record the deep sense they entertain of the value of his services in the above named capacities. This Board further desire a copy of this minute to be sent to Mrs. Dr. Bayne, with an expression of their condolence, and a commendation of her and her family to the care and kindness of the Great Head of the Church in their bereavement.

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John Mitchell, Esq., M. D., a member of the South District Board, was also removed. Though he did not manifest the same energy and enthusiasm as Rev. Dr. Bayne, he was a judicious and very useful member.

Four of our teachers have been called away. Mr. John Stewart of grade B, teacher of some experience, fell a victim to pulmonary consumption in May last. He was an amiable and pious young man, a devoted and successful teacher. Miss Annie C. McDonald, by the same malady in October last. A most successful teacher, esteemed by the people and beloved by her pupils. Miss Ella McKay, just entered upon her first term in the service, and bade fair to be successful, fell a victim to diphtheria contracted by a visit to one of her pupils laboring under that malady. And lastly Mr. David Hynde a grade B teacher of 10 years and 9 months service in the Albion Mines Section, who was accidentally drowned. He was a most energetic and faithful teacher. His widow and large family of little children merit the sympathy of the public.

Let these dispensations stimulate us all, from Superintendent to Scholar, to increased activity and fidelity.

Cupid's intrigues carried off *seven* of our female teachers.

The teachers entitled to the bonus are greatly dissatisfied with its having been discontinued without timely notice. They have a right to expect its continuance until the end of the school year. Many entered upon the Summer Term and made their calculations depending upon it for that term, and supposing that the act "cutting it off" would not take effect until the end of the term. They regard it as a direct and unexpected loss.

In conclusion I would say, that notwithstanding the hindrances and trials experienced, the work has been progressive, and the measure of success fair. We trust that the effects of the epidemic will soon pass away—that our schools will resume their wonted vigor, that by the blessing of God the year upon which we have entered may be marked with still greater success.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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