

It was thought at one time that the Provincial Treasury might be able to supplement such library funds. But it was found, 1st, that on any principle of distribution discussed the amount would at least be very small ; and 2nd, that the library under such conditions would require to be regularly examined and reported upon by an official of the Province, which would absorb more money. But as the school section has self government, and has full ownership of its books, it can be well trusted to look carefully after them. It would be specially interested in doing so, and the experience of the management would be a sufficiently good training to pay the teacher or other party taking charge for the time being. But when public money is to be used for library purposes, there should be some check upon it, so that the majority can not tax the minority, for instance, to pay for sectarian treatises hostile to the creed or denomination of the ratepayers. With this object in view, the Council of Public Instruction proposes to publish a list of the books likely to be of the greatest use or interest to people generally, from which trustees can select. In the meantime, however, if the trustees should make out a list of books, it should be sent to the Council for examination and approval, before applying public funds for their purchase.

LANTERN LECTURES.

The attention of teachers desirous of giving edifying illustrated lectures in connection with their educational work, is directed to the intimation on pages 186 and 187 of this JOURNAL.

SUPPLEMENTARY READERS.

Teachers and Trustees are cautioned against the introduction of books into the school which are not authorized. If additional reading books are desirable in any schools, the Council of Public Instruction should be acquainted with the facts. If there should be a general demand for supplementary readers, it is very probable the Council would gladly consider the propriety of prescribing some, especially on the condition that such extra readers would be supplied by the school section and not be required to be bought by the individual pupils using them or by their parents.

SCHOOL GROUNDS.

On the opposite page will be found a reproduction of the photograph of the best rural school house and grounds sent in to the Education Office since the April JOURNAL was issued.

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