

Rev. Lee Holmes, the former Principal. The following letter from that gentleman to the *Witness* explains how matters stand.

A METHODIST.

"The total number of students enrolled this session," says Mr. Holmes, "is about one hundred and sixty, not quite half of whom are 'boarders.' Four thousand or five thousand dollars, in addition to the subscriptions already obtained, would amply provide for the extinguishment of the \$18,000 debt. The beautiful mansion 'just across the road from the college,' may have cost \$40,000 or upwards, but it is difficult to place a value upon it, as there is no local demand for such costly residences. The splendid example of the residents of Stanstead and vicinity in subscribing more than half the entire debt upon condition that the whole be raised by July 1, is meeting with a fairly prompt and liberal response from the Methodists of the Montreal Conference, so far as canvassed. If the remaining fields do as well, the debt can be paid off in a few months."

To the Editor of the EDUCATIONAL RECORD :

SIR,—I have found a small collection of minerals very useful for "special" lessons, illustrating physical geography, etc. The pupils also take considerable interest in making a collection of the rocks of the neighborhood. If any of your readers are interested in making or enlarging such a collection, I should be very glad to make an exchange with them of typical minerals, rocks or fossils of the locality. Small specimens could be cheaply transmitted by mail and larger ones or greater quantities by express.

Yours, etc., J. A. DRESSER.

AYLMER, QUE., April 14, 1894.

Official Department.

PROTESTANT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

REPORT CONCERNING FUNDS FOR SUPERIOR EDUCATION.

Report of the Sub-Committee of inquiry appointed 25th May, 1893, with instructions "to examine and report upon all matters or questions connected with the motion of Professor Kneeland," which is as follows, viz. :

"That hereafter, in making grants to all institutions entitled to share in the money available for the encouragement of Superior Education, the work and needs of such institutions be made the basis for determining said grants, due respect being paid to all existing legal rights."

The Sub-Committee were also authorized to print their report for confidential distribution among members of the Committee.

In accordance with these instructions, the Sub-Committee have