

impart information ; and the third is to re-enforce the other two by making the results of them the basis for instruction in language, drawing, number, modeling, and other handiwork. There are, however, other important uses of good object teaching. It makes the lives of children more happy and interesting by opening an easily accessible and attractive field for the exercise of the brain, hand and eye ; it gives the children an opportunity of learning the simplest natural facts ; and directs their attention to external objects, making them less bookish. It further develops a love of nature and an interest in living things, and corrects the tendency which exists in many children to destructiveness and thoughtless unkindness to animals, and shows the ignorance and cruelty of such conduct. The value of the services which many animals render to man should be dwelt upon, and the importance of kindly treating them should be pointed out. By these means, and in other ways, good object-teaching may lay the foundation for the right direction of the activity and intelligence of the children throughout the whole school.

—The routine teacher becomes eventually a teacher of routine rather than of Latin.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

QUEBEC, September 27th, 1895.

On which day the regular quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held.

Present : R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., in the chair ; Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D. ; George L. Masten, Esq. ; the Reverend W. I. Shaw, LL.D. ; A. Cameron Esq., M.D., ; Professor A. W. Kneeland, M.A. ; the Reverend A. T. Love, B.A. ; the Right Reverend A. H. Dunn, D.D., Lord Bishop of Quebec ; Samuel Finley, Esq. ; E. J. Hemming, Esq., D.C.L., Q.C. ; the Very Reverend Dean Norman, D.D., D.C.L. ; Peter McArthur, Esq. ; the Reverend E. I. Rexford, B.A. ; and N. T. Truell, Esq.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Very Reverend Dean Norman moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Sir William Dawson :

“ The Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction take this, the earliest opportunity, of expressing as a body, their great and real sorrow at the decease of one of the ablest of their members, the Reverend Dr. Cornish, late Professor of Classics at the University of McGill College, Montreal.

“ His devoted and conscientious labors, pursued during the greater part of his active life, not seldom when hampered by delicate health,