

the lines of railway, naming the towns and who occupy them, and what is being done at the moment. Centres of interest! The boy is all the evening, drawing pictures of the soldiers, of battle scenes, where the British are always victorious. He even attempts cartoons on the war and is with difficulty induced to go to bed.

The best British thought from all quarters of the globe is being evoked on the war question, and finding an outlet through the newspapers, magazines, etc. The editorials in some of the leading papers are so good, from every point of view, that they might be used as reading lessons in the higher classes. From a literary standpoint, as well as from the grasp of affairs they indicate, they would have a fair showing beside the standard essayists, and a decided advantage in that they deal with questions of the hour, and, in consequence, have an interest in themselves which would appeal to the sympathy of the children.

Current Events.

IN the month of March the McGill Normal School lost by death two of the members of its staff, Mr. R. J. Fowler and Dr. T. D. Reed.

Prof. Fowler, who for over forty years had been instructor in instrumental and vocal music at the McGill Normal School, passed away at his residence on McGill College Avenue, Montreal, early in the month. Mr. Fowler was born at Weymouth, England. He received an excellent musical education, which he made use of at first in instructing members of titled families in England. Early in his married life he came out to Canada as tutor to the children of Sir Ben. Durban, commander of the forces, and settled in Montreal, after a year's residence at Sorel in the capacity of musical instructor to the children of the officers. Prof. Fowler was for some years organist of leading churches in Montreal, being sometimes organist of two at once. He was leader of the Oratorio Society, when the "Creation" and "Messiah" were first rendered there. Mr. Fowler had a decided taste for painting as well as for music. He was most faithful in the performance of his duties, and has been an inspiration to many teachers by his punctuality and diligence. Mr. Fowler had been absent from his school duties for about two months previous to his decease, though he had been very seldom absent before his last illness.