

I do not need to remind you of the fact that at Beulah last summer we organized our school visitors. We trust that those bodies will get together at the proper time and organize for the work for which they were created.

I have already trespassed on your time longer than I intended, and will now take this opportunity to thank you for your cordial assistance, your kindly forbearance and your hearty good will which you have shown to me during the time you honored me by allowing me to act as your president, and I only

ask you to extend the same to my successor. I also want to say before sitting down that towering above everything else at the present moment is the winning of the war. But no matter what sacrifices we may be called on to make financially, let us not neglect our schools. Let us keep our school finances up to the high mark. Let us follow old France, where we are told their schools are in operation within sound if not within range of the big guns, always remembering that the chief business of a democracy is its education.

MINIOTA ASSOCIATION

The eighth annual convention of the Miniota, Hamiota and Blanchard Trustees' Association was held in the Hamiota school on Tuesday, November 20th.

Mr. W. Iverach, Isabella, presided, and about 35 trustees attended. The morning session was devoted to routine business, and a visit of the delegates to the Hamiota class rooms.

The afternoon's programme consisted of the President's address, address of welcome by Mayor Bennett, reply by Mr. R. Lynch, Arrow River, and an address by J. H. McConnell, M. P. P. The speakers touched on many of the important problems of educational work.

After discussion the following resolutions were passed:—

That, in the opinion of this convention, the efficiency and general usefulness of the Manitoba Agricultural College would be vastly increased by having the affairs of the college administered under the Department of Education, rather than under the Department of Agriculture, both in regard to the college work proper, but more particularly the college extension work.

That this convention warmly approves the policy of the Department of Education in the direction of consolidating the educational facilities of the province, and disapproves of the forma-

tion of further rural school districts, excepting in territory where no other course is open.

That the Secretary of the Provincial Association be requested to write all trustees, advising them to take advantage of the special rates for the Western School Journal.

Resolved, that it is expedient for the general good of the community, and especially the children attending the schools, that the study of the Bible become a part of the public school education, and that definite portions be set for examination, in which it will be necessary for each student to secure a pass.

The following officers were elected:
Hon. Presidents, J. Murray, W. Iverach.

President, W. C. Fraser, Hamiota.

Vice-President, R. Lynch, Arrow River.

Secretary, J. B. Morrison, Hamiota.

Directors: E. Vance, Crandall; R. F. Middleton, Viola Dale; P. W. Thompson, Hyndman; R. Warren, Isabella; W. W. Hayes, Oak River; Jas. Fraser, Beulah; R. W. Cochrane, Lavinia.

Auditor, A. Atkinson, Hamiota.

The first lady member of the association attended in the person of Mrs. Shier, Crandall, who was warmly greeted by the delegates.