

Correspondence.

LACHINE:—It is pleasant to learn that you have been so far successful in your plans in organizing your class in manual labour. As an inception of the movement in our province; it will certainly attract attention to your work at Lachine.

D. M. G. writes to say that Arbor Day was commemorated by the planting of forty-five elms around the Sutton School-house. The play-ground has all been levelled. The library is also receiving additional volumes from week to week. "Altogether," he says, "should the present condition of things be followed up for a few years, I see no reason why this should not become a first-class school."

GRUBE METHOD IN ARITHMETIC.—It consists of training beginners from five to six years of age on combination of numbers, not exceeding ten, in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Begin with counters, such as small blocks of wood, shells, corn, beans, or pebbles, and use them for two or three months, until the pupils can make the combinations without the aid of objects.

Official Department.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

QUEBEC, 14th May, 1889.

Which day the quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held. Present:—R. W. Heneker, Esq., LL.D., in the chair; Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D.; the Rev. John Cook, D.D.; the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A.; George L. Masten, Esq.; the Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D.; Dr. Cameron, M.P.P.; A. W. Kneeland, Esq., M.A.; E. J. Hemming, Esq., D.C.L.; the Very Rev. Dean Norman, D.D.; the Rev. George Weir, LL.D.; the Rev. George Cornish, LL.D.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was received from the Hon. Judge Church, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting of the Committee, on account of official engagements.

The following correspondence was submitted for the consideration of the Committee:—

1. From Miss Mary E. Egg, Montreal, applying for exemptions in the examination for a teacher's diploma under Regulation 40, and presenting certificates. The Committee agreed that Miss